



Major Grants – FY19
Total: \$1,760,500

Miami-Dade Region

Camillus House, Miami, FL
Medication Management and Wellness Program
\$60,000 over 2 years

When Camillus House was founded in 1960, it provided meals and spiritual comfort to large numbers of Cuban exiles in Miami. Camillus has grown steadily into a full-service center for persons who are poor and homeless. Today, Camillus provides emergency housing; residential and outpatient behavioral health treatment; supported housing; employment training; food; and health and dental services. The people served by Camillus have chronic health needs that require regular medical interventions. These vulnerable clients' medical routines require ongoing oversight and supervision not easily provided in the traditional case management model. The new MMW program will incorporate a part-time nurse onto the Camillus House team to work with residents to develop medication management plans and will supervise and monitor these plans.

Kristi House, Miami, FL
General Operating Support
\$82,500 over 2 years

Kristi House is the state-designated Child Advocacy Center serving all of Miami-Dade County and is responsible for coordinating the systems of care for child victims of abuse including sexual abuse, physical abuse, and child sex trafficking. Founded in 1995, Kristi House is a beacon of hope for families navigating the complex services involved in the healing process. With a staff of experts and a nationally recognized record of accomplishment for restoring children's lives. As this respected organization continues to expand its reach into all corners of Miami-Dade, they have learned that access to transportation is one of the greatest barriers to their young clients and parents accessing and continuing treatment in their South-Dade County facilities.

Miami Rescue Mission Clinic, Miami, FL
General Operating Support
\$100,000 over 2 years

The Miami Rescue Mission Clinic has been serving homeless and indigent residents in Miami since 2009, opening its doors in the heart of a community, which the State of Florida designated as an "Area of Critical Medical Need." Over the past decade, the clinic has served thousands of Miami's most transient and vulnerable members of the community. All medical services are free of charge to all clients, provided by a tireless team of dedicated volunteer medical professionals. In 2018, the clinic provided over 4,300 free patient visits and medical services to the homeless.

Pediatric Alternative Treatment Care Housing & Evaluation Services, Florida City , FL

General Operating Support

\$70,000 over 1 year

Pediatric Alternative Treatment Care Housing & Evaluation Services (PATCHES) opened its doors in 2005 when its founders identified a dangerous lack of crisis health care for children and families living in poverty in Deep South Dade, marked tragically by the death of a child in a migrant camp from a sudden bout of asthma. In fact, respiratory therapy is an integral part of the health and rehabilitation program at PATCHES, with local research reporting rates of chronic respiratory issues for children under five to be significantly higher than the rest of the country, due largely to social and environmental stressors in the area.

People Acting For Community Together, Miami, FL

Gun Violence Intervention for a Healthier Community

\$100,000 over 2 years

People Acting for Community Together (PACT) is a diverse coalition, representing more than 50,000 people, holding public officials accountable for just policies and practices. PACT trains grassroots community members to identify and address social issues that affect their communities. Recently, PACT members identified gun violence in Miami-Dade as a priority. PACT organized 1500 members and local officials to embrace the nationally-recognized "Group Violence Intervention (GVI)" strategy. Successfully implemented in 30 cities across the country, GVI stops the outbreak of gun violence by focusing on the "street groups" connected to gun violence. Thus far, PACT has convinced three municipalities to fund GVI for 3 years. Funding will support the training of community members to expand the GVI program to other municipalities, and secure additional government funds for the widespread implementation of the GVI strategy.

University of Miami, Miami, FL

Creating Pathways to Wellness

\$180,000 over 2 years

The IDEA Exchange at the University of Miami's School of Medicine was founded on World AIDS Day in 2016, as Florida's first and only legal syringe exchange program, created to address the high rate of HIV transmission in Miami-Dade by providing sterile injection supplies, client education, pathways to health care and medication-assisted treatment, screenings for HIV/Hepatitis C, and wound care. The Exchange's community engagement team provides behavioral health services, addresses basic needs, and facilitates linkages to services. Funding will improve access to behavioral health services for their clients, and support advocacy at the state level to expand the model in other high needs communities throughout Florida.

Palm Beach, Martin & St. Lucie Region

Community Caring Center of Greater Boynton Beach, Boynton Beach, FL
Senior Caregiving Program
\$65,000 over 1 year

The Community Caring Center was created over 30 years ago by a local clergy association. The Senior Caregiving Program allows 300 low-income seniors to age in place with dignity while managing and mitigating nutrition-related health conditions through proper diet. VeggieMobile delivers fresh produce through volunteers who also provide general assistance when asked. Hot Meals and Chronic Condition Care Meals (diet-specific pre-packaged meals delivered to seniors with particular conditions such as those on dialysis, cancer treatment, diabetes or hypertension) are also offered. Funding will support the expansion of the program to serve more seniors in South Palm Beach County.

Community Health Center of West Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, FL
General Operating Support
\$120,000 over 2 years

The Community Health Center of West Palm Beach (CHC) was founded in 2000 as a ministry of the First Baptist Church, and provides free primary healthcare, vision care, navigation and education services (in over 4,500 visits) to over 2,000 uninsured and underinsured PBC residents living at or below 200% of the poverty level. CHC's health services increase access to primary health care and positively impact the health of individuals by offering conveniently located walk-in access without appointment and extended evening hours of service.

Families First, West Palm Beach, FL
Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Women (TOPWA)
\$31,000 over 1 year

Families First advances the well-being of children and families through high-quality programs in prevention, early intervention, child development, behavioral health, education, and advocacy. TOPWA reduces or eliminates perinatal transmission of HIV. A case manager assists HIV+ pregnant women with accessing prenatal medical care early and connects them to services that help them become more stable and economically secure. Adherence (including medication & medical visits) during pregnancy is critical to increasing the likelihood that the newborn will be HIV negative.

Florida Rural Legal Services, Lakeland, FL
Medical Legal Partnership
\$175,000 over 2 years

Since 1966, Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS) has been providing a full range of civil legal services, helping individuals and families obtain employment, safe housing, economic stability, education, healthcare, and other resources needed to live with dignity and in good health. The medical Legal Partnership between FRLS and Florida Community Health Centers will identify vulnerable patients who have unmet civil legal needs (such as those related to housing, public benefits, and educational needs) that negatively impact their ability to live healthy lives. Health workers will be trained to recognize these "health-harming legal needs" and refer them for help through a fast-track pathway

to FRLS's civil legal aid attorney who specializes in helping people get access to a broad range of benefits and services.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County, Greenacres, FL

General Operating Support

\$80,000 over 2 years

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County (HMHB) improves birth outcomes through programs for pregnant women including access to care, education, and social support. In 2018, HMHB had touch points with nearly 80% of the women who delivered in Palm Beach County. Core agency programs include prenatal risk screening and care coordination, CenteringPregnancy®, MomCare, maternal mental health peer support groups, teen mom mentoring, prenatal and parenting health education, and an emergency needs pantry for infants. HMHB is a prenatal entry agency for the county's Healthy Beginnings system focusing on the nearly 25% of pregnant women in targeted areas of the community where there is little to no prenatal care, low birth weight deliveries, premature births and a higher than average incidence of infant mortality.

Light of the World Charities, Stuart, FL

General Operating Support

\$60,000 over 2 years

Light of the World Charities started as a surgical missions program in Central America and Africa to address the underlying health problems created by a lack of dental care. Over time, they became aware of the challenges Martin County had in providing dental care for children with and without insurance and created *Little Lights Dentistry*, a dental care safety net for uninsured children. These challenges were systemic and included a lack of pediatric dentists willing to provide treatment at a reduced cost or free of charge for uninsured children. In 2018, Light of the World provided a dental home for 539 children, treated 275 new patients and provided 7,988 procedures for dental and hygiene.

The Children's Healing Institute, West Palm Beach, FL

TEACUP Preemie Program

\$77,000 over 2 years

The Children's Healing Institute was founded in 1987 with the mission to prevent child abuse and neglect. The TEACUP Preemie Program promotes the health of medically fragile premature infants by providing education, support, and health resources to their parents at no cost. 63% of families enrolled in TEACUP live below the poverty line; over 70% are minorities (the preterm birthrate for black women is nearly 50% higher than other race/ethnic groups). The program provides services in the hospital and home. Currently, no other programs provide similar support to preemie families in the NICU. For financially insecure uninsured or underinsured parents who do not qualify for government WIC assistance, TEACUP is the only resource for no-fee hospital-grade breast pump loans. Funding will support staff and program costs.

Tampa Bay Region

Community Health Centers of Pinellas County, St. Petersburg, FL

Lealman Dental

\$200,000 over 2 years

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. (CHCP) is a not-for-profit health care network that provides affordable, primary healthcare services. CHCP offers comprehensive healthcare to all, including underserved people, low income, uninsured, underinsured, and vulnerable. CHCP ensures equitable care through culturally-sensitive communications, language translation services, racially and ethnically diverse staff, and access to care regardless of ability to pay. Through the Lealman Dental Program, CHCP will offer vital oral health care services to the community.

REACHUP, Tampa, FL

General Operating Support

\$200,000 over 2 years

REACHUP advocates for and mobilizes resources to help communities achieve equality in healthcare and positive health for families. REACHUP's guiding principles include that good health is essential to quality of life and that all people should have the opportunity to achieve optimal health. REACHUP partners with families and communities in realistic, yet creative and dynamic ways to help them achieve optimal health. Funding will support general operations of the organization.

Tarpon Springs Shepherd Center, Tarpon Springs, FL

Project HOPE

\$110,000 over 2 years

In 1974, a small group of people came together to help their neighbors with essentials such as food and clothing and to alleviate the cycles of poverty in their communities. The Tarpon Springs Shepherd Center (TSSC) has grown into a cornerstone for families and individuals who are in need. TSSC serves approximately 74,000 clients in Northern Pinellas County. Funding will help transform a building on their property into the HOPE Center where homeless individuals and families can connect to a wide range of resources to end the cycle of homelessness and restore their dignity. The HOPE Center will provide wrap-around services, case management, daily meals at the onsite kitchen, laundry and shower, clothing and toiletries, mental health counseling, mailing address, birth certificates, identification assistance, and a computer lab.

The Spring of Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL

General Operating Support

\$50,000 over 1 year

The mission of The Spring of Tampa Bay is to prevent domestic violence, protect victims, and promote change in lives, families, and communities. Last year, The Spring served 2,828 survivors of domestic violence (504 children) in their residential and outreach programs. Of these survivors, 89% reported an income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level. Through this general operating support grant, The Spring will improve the operation of their 128-bed emergency residential shelter program. As a 24-hour program, shelter is the most intensive service The Spring offers to increase survivor safety and provide meaningful supportive services.