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LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with both gratitude and pride. Our journey has not been without challenges, but it has been defined by resilience, growth, and above all, impact. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and partners, we have continued to fulfill our mission of impacting families through support, education and resources that empower them to thrive and prosper, leading the way for others to achieve the same.

This past fiscal year, we provided support to pregnant women to ensure healthy beginnings, offered positive parenting education to help caregivers build nurturing home environments, and prepared young children for success through kindergarten readiness initiatives. Our afterschool programs gave a safe, supportive space to learn and grow, while our monthly food distributions and social services helped families meet essentials needs. We were able to help families thrive at every stage of life.

Our work is not possible without the trust you place in us. Every donation, every hour volunteered, and every partnership formed has strengthened our ability to create lasting change in the community. Your belief in our mission is what fuels our success and inspires us to keep moving forward.

Looking ahead, we are committed to deepening our impact and building on the strong foundation we have laid. Sustainability, innovation, and equity will continue to guide our efforts as we ensure that our programs remain responsive to the needs of those we serve.

On behalf of the entire team at Family Impact Palm Beach County, thank you for standing with us. Together, we are not just making a difference today, we are shaping a brighter future for tomorrow.

With gratitude,

Saidy Garzon

Chief Executive Officer

Building Lasting Impact

This year, Family Impact Palm Beach County made a meaningful difference in the lives of more than **3,554 individuals** through programs that strengthen families and build brighter futures.

Our monthly food distribution provided nutritious meals to **2,500 people**, helping to ease food insecurity across the community.

Through **454 navigations** to social services, families were connected to critical resources and support. The BRIDGES program welcomed **73 new families**, while **29 pregnant women** received guidance and care to promote healthy pregnancies. We conducted **104 developmental assessments** to ensure children met important milestones, and **50 parents** participated in our Positive Parenting Program to strengthen family relationships.

Our education initiatives also thrived—**25 elementary school children** received homework and reading assistance, **43 high school students** were supported with academic guidance and college preparation, and **120 children and their caregivers** developed early literacy skills through the ParentChild+ program.

Together, these efforts reflect our unwavering commitment to empowering families and transforming lives throughout Palm Beach County.



Building Lasting Impact



Family Impact Palm Beach County also continued to invest in parent leadership and empowerment initiatives that strengthen community connections and inspire growth.

Our **Parent Ambassador Group** remained active throughout the year, receiving ongoing leadership training and using their voices to advocate for families and give back to the community.



The Women's Club, now with 30 dedicated members, met monthly to share experiences, build confidence, and uplift one another through encouragement and support.

In addition, our **Mom-to-Mom Mentoring Program** was a remarkable success, eight experienced mothers guided and supported eight young and first-time moms, fostering meaningful relationships and helping them navigate the challenges of parenthood.

We continued to work on the **Fatherhood Initiative** during this fiscal year. 12 fathers met every month to support each other and talk about topics such as health, family, neighborhood safety, and much more.

Through these programs, Family Impact Palm Beach County continues to cultivate strong leaders who are making a lasting difference in their families and neighborhoods.



BRIDGES AT LAKE WORTH WEST PROGRAM

Funded by Children Services Council of Palm Beach County

2024-2025 has been another remarkable year for BRIDGES at Lake Worth West, filled with growth, connection and meaningful impact in our community. Through our wide range of services, programs and activities, we continue to empower parents, strengthen families, and support children's healthy development. Each event, workshop and resource we provided, reflect our ongoing commitment to creating opportunities for families to thrive.

We successfully met CSC contract requirements and process measures. Under the leadership of the Site Director, Jennie Carter, we welcomed 73 new members/families and 29 new pregnant moms; we also enrolled 50 families in Triple P Services and 90% successfully completed the program. Our Triple P seminars were well attended, 21 parents participated in the 1st session, 26 in the 2nd session and 27 in the 3rd session.

Our Ambassadors/Parent Leaders played a vital role this year, demonstrating strong commitment and a genuine desire to grow as community leaders. They actively participated in leadership trainings designed to strengthen their skills, confidence and ability to advocate for other families in the community

The Women's Club continues to flourish, with nearly 30 BRIDGES members gathering each month to support, uplift, and grow alongside one another. The group recently re-elected their President and welcomed a new Vice President, both committed to guiding the club and supporting members within the community. Their presence and voices play a meaningful role not only in our annual board meeting but also in various activities where their contributions



JOURNEY OF GROWTH



My name is María de los Angeles- Gonzales,

I was born in Chiapas, Mexico, a place I hold close to my heart, although 16 years ago, I decided to leave it behind to pursue personal growth in the United States.

I consider myself a God-fearing woman, kind and humble, with a deep desire to help others regardless of who they are. Along my journey, I met a wonderful man who is now my husband, and together, we have three beautiful children who are our greatest motivation to keep striving.

While seeking support, I had the opportunity to meet Mirian, the navigator from **BRIDGES at Lake Worth West**, who invited me to join the BRIDGES program, where I've been a member for the past four years. I am also part of the Women's Club, where I was welcomed with a warm smile and a helping hand. This group of extraordinary women shares the desire to move forward, strengthen each other, and support one another.

Personally, **BRIDGES** and the Women's Club have been instrumental in helping me overcome my insecurities. I used to be a shy person, unable to speak in public. Thanks to the self-improvement sessions I attended, I overcame my fears by sharing my talent in party decorations & facilitated a workshop to show other women and tell my story. This experience filled me with motivation and energy, allowing me to start my own business and generate income for my family.

I am deeply grateful to **BRIDGES at Lake Worth West**, the president of the Women's Club, and all the women in the group for their motivation and each word of encouragement and teachings. Thanks to them, I am now a more confident woman, capable of providing for my family and continuing to grow both personally and professionally.

Thank you.

PARENTCHILD+ PROGRAM

Funded by Children Services Council of Palm Beach County

ParentChild+ is a home-based early literacy intervention program for caregivers and their young children aged 2 to 4 yrs old. The main objective of the program is to increase school readiness and support strong parent-child relationships by modeling effective ways for parents to support their children's early cognitive, social-emotional, and language development by gifting them books and educational toys.

ParentChild+ is not just about teaching children, it's about building relationships, empowering families, and breaking cycles of disadvantage through early education and consistent family support.

Family Impact PBC's ParentChild+ program proudly serves families throughout Palm Beach County — from Boca Raton to Jupiter, from Pahokee, South Bay, and Belle Glade to Lake Worth. Under the leadership of Site Director Patricia Valldeperas, a dedicated team of eight Early Learning Specialists completed an impressive 6,751 home visits during the fiscal year, supporting a caseload of 122 enrolled families.

Throughout the year, the program distributed 1,614 books and 1,499 toys, enriching children's early learning experiences and strengthening parent-child interactions. We also welcomed 106 new families, celebrated the successful completion of the program by 58 families, and proudly recognized 58 children who graduated from ParentChild+.

These achievements reflect our continued commitment to empowering families, promoting school readiness, and building strong foundations for lifelong learning.



REAL STORIES, REAL IMPACT

Ellie Perez is a bright and curious child who entered the second year of the **ParentChild+ program** as a quiet and reserved toddler, often struggling to express herself or engage socially. She lives in a multigenerational home where her grandmother serves as the primary daytime caregiver, not only for Ellie but also for her two siblings and several cousins. Over time, the grandmother began to embrace her role more confidently. She started preparing materials before sessions, reading weekly books with Ellie and even initiating pretend play scenarios based on the toys and stories. She now sets aside quiet time specifically for Ellie, using learned strategies like labeling emotions, using open-ended questions, and offering choices all of which have strengthened her bond with Ellie and supported her social-emotional growth.



Though Ellie's mother works during the day, she became more involved after the grandmother began sharing session materials and strategies with her. The mother has also begun setting up simple learning activities on weekends, such as color sorting and animal sounds games, modeling many of the strategies, her Early Learning Specialist, Paula, introduced in the sessions. She shared that watching her mother (the grandmother) use these techniques encouraged her to try them too, creating a stronger three-generational learning environment for Ellie.

Since the start of the program, Ellie has blossomed. She is now speaking in full sentences, initiating interactions, and expressing her needs and emotions more clearly. During sessions, she confidently selects books, engages in role-play, and participates in turn-taking activities.

Her fine motor skills have also improved she now uses crayons to draw recognizable shapes, manipulates small puzzle pieces with ease, and can string large beads. These milestones were nurtured through consistent activities planned and led by both her grandmother and mother.

This family's journey highlights the heart of the **ParentChild+** mission: Empowering caregivers to become their child's first and most important teachers.

In addition, the family received financial assistance through the program, which helped alleviate some household stress and allowed them to remain focused on creating a supportive learning environment for Ellie.

BRILLIANT MINDS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Supported by The Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Foundation



Our Brilliant Minds Afterschool Program offers academic support to children 1st - 5th grade. We provide a safe and engaging environment in which our students receive homework assistance, reading support and access to a variety of activities that provide learning and skill building opportunities that ensure their academic success.

This year, we supported 25 elementary school children. Through personalized academic support and engaging learning activities, students developed stronger literacy skills and greater confidence in their abilities.

The program achieved remarkable outcomes, 80% of participants improved their reading skills, 100% were promoted to the next grade level, and 100% remained safe, engaged, and off the streets, away from negative influences.

These accomplishments reflect our continued commitment to helping children succeed academically while providing a safe, structured, and nurturing environment that promotes positive youth development.

In addition to classroom-based learning, students participated in educational field trips, including visits to the Science Museum and a local farm, where they learned firsthand how vegetables are grown and produced. These experiences expanded their knowledge beyond classroom, inspiring curiosity and connection to the world around them.

COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM

Supported by Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation

Family Impact Palm Beach County College Prep Program strives to have positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged high school students throughout Palm Beach County and their families. The Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation's grant supported academic support, college readiness skills, SAT, ACT test preparation and support, bi-weekly informational and post-secondary learning sessions, exposure to learning beyond the classroom/local community, and assistance workshops. Also, as part of the Foundation's grant, we assisted students with registering for upcoming ACT and SAT examination opportunities, creation of college/career lists, connecting with internship and job shadowing opportunities, and much more.

Forty-three (43) high school students, including 16 seniors, participated this year. The population are first generation, from low-socio-economic households, and who demonstrate a need for academic and social support. Demographics indicate the program served Hispanic and Haitian Creole males and females from both married and single-family households. The program is open to any students who need the services.

We're proud to share that our College Prep Program exceeded all the original goals and target indicators of 80% achievement:

100% of 16 seniors graduated on time.

100% of participants took PSAT, SAT, ACT or CLF tests.

100% were accepted to colleges/universities.

100% of 9th-11th students advanced to the next grade.



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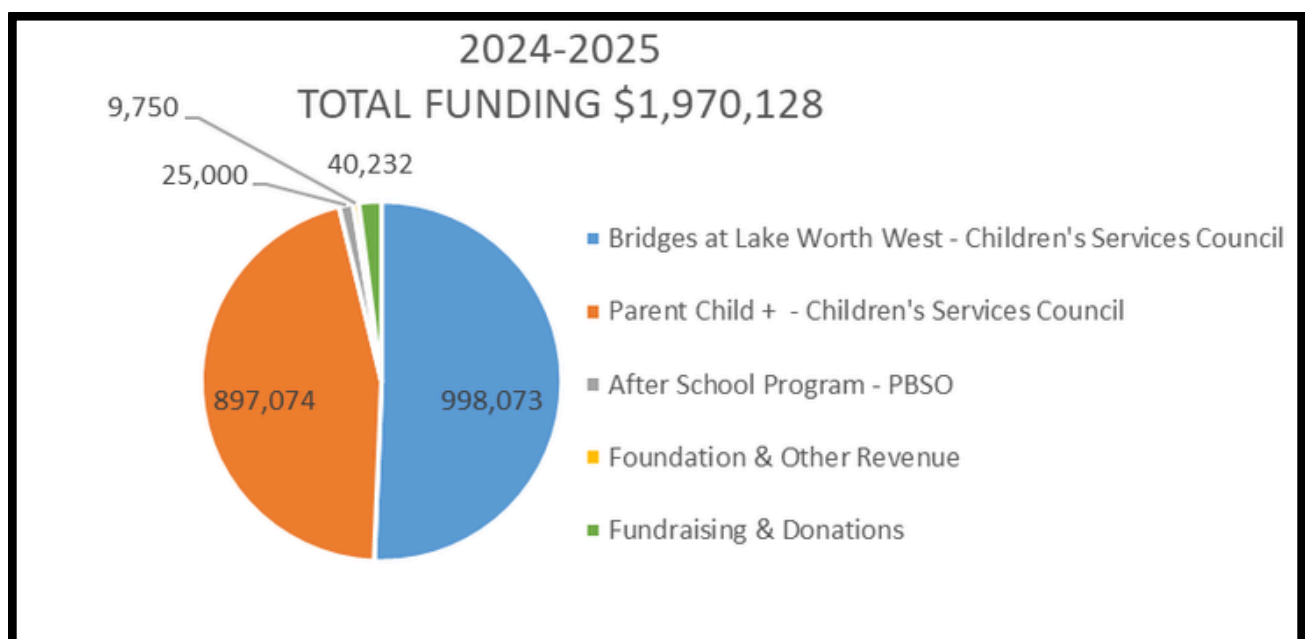


Alisa Perez
Board Member



Financial Snapshot

Last fiscal year, our agency remained committed to strong financial stewardship while maximizing the impact of every dollar invested in our mission. Through thoughtful budgeting, strategic partnerships, and responsible management of resources, we ensured that funding directly supported programs and services that strengthen families and our community. The following snapshot provides a clear overview of how our funds were allocated and the meaningful outcomes made possible through your continued support.



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