



IMPACT REPORT

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On November 19, Quantum Foundation hosted its 14th Annual Quantum in the Community Awards Breakfast celebrating the remarkable work of 136 grassroots organizations across Palm Beach County. Through the Quantum in the Community initiative, the foundation awarded \$1.25 million in general operating support, with each nonprofit receiving up to \$25,000 that will address critical needs in our community. Leaders from various organizations shared their missions and the profound impact of their work on the health and well-being of those they serve. Yirna Buitrago, a dedicated volunteer turned employee at the Esperanza Community Center, was honored with the Marie Thorpe "Above & Beyond" Award, named for Quantum Foundation's hero known for her legacy of service, compassion, and care. Yirna and the Esperanza Community Center were each awarded \$2,500 in recognition of their remarkable contributions.

The foundation is proud to celebrate each of the recipients' unwavering commitment to improving the lives of Palm Beach County residents.





Family Promise of Southeast Florida

CEO Jennifer Raymond shared Family Promise of Southeast Florida's mission to empower families transitioning from homelessness to sustainable independence. Shateek McKenzie, via pre-recorded video, shared her inspiring journey of how the organization's support helped her family navigate a challenging period in their lives, highlighting the impact of their programs. Through services like temporary shelter, meals, mental health counseling, and financial literacy training, Family Promise fosters resilience and self-sufficiency among families in crisis.



Rose Transportation Services

Tonia Rich, CEO of Rose Trolley and its nonprofit arm Rose Transportation Services, emphasized the crucial role of transportation in community well-being. Serving neighborhoods like the Historic Northwest, Pleasant City, and Northwood, Rose Trolley shuttles families to school, distributes food and hygiene kits, provides rides to church, and connects residents to mental health resources. By closing gaps in access to healthcare, employment, and social opportunities, the service strengthens communities and improves quality of life.



HACER Ministry

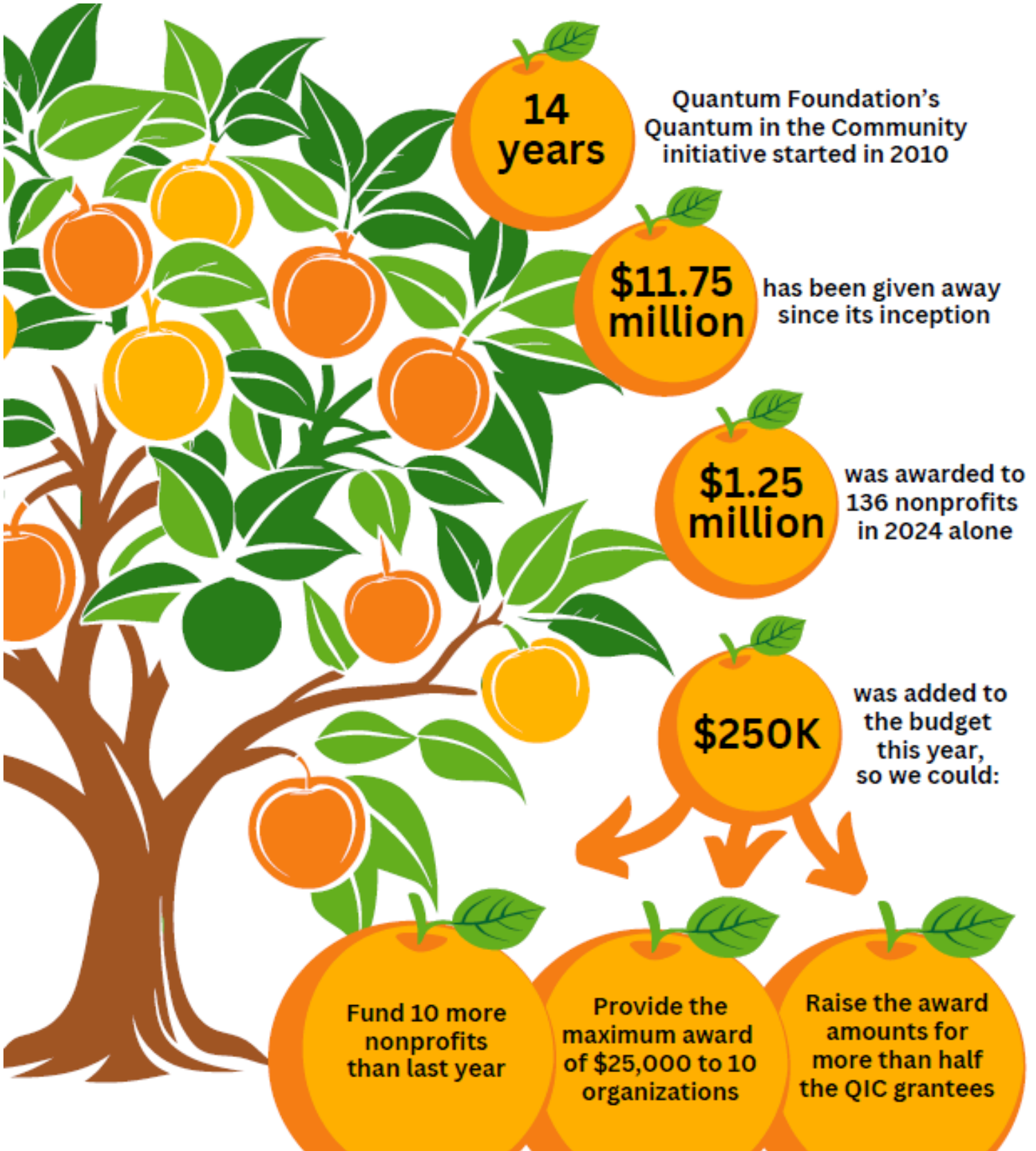
Dr. Harry Bayron, alongside the HACER Board, shared the ministry's mission to uplift economically distressed families in Palm Beach County through vital programs like health education, nutrition, and affordable housing. Board secretary Cristina Tejada shared her journey from client to leader, a powerful testament to HACER's commitment to empowerment and self-sufficiency.



The Pink Queen Foundation

Board member Sammie Brown represented The Pink Queen Foundation and shared its heartfelt mission to personally connect with cancer survivors undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. They highlighted the foundation's impactful work, including providing financial assistance, emotional support, and their signature "Hope Baskets," filled with essential items to bring comfort during treatment.



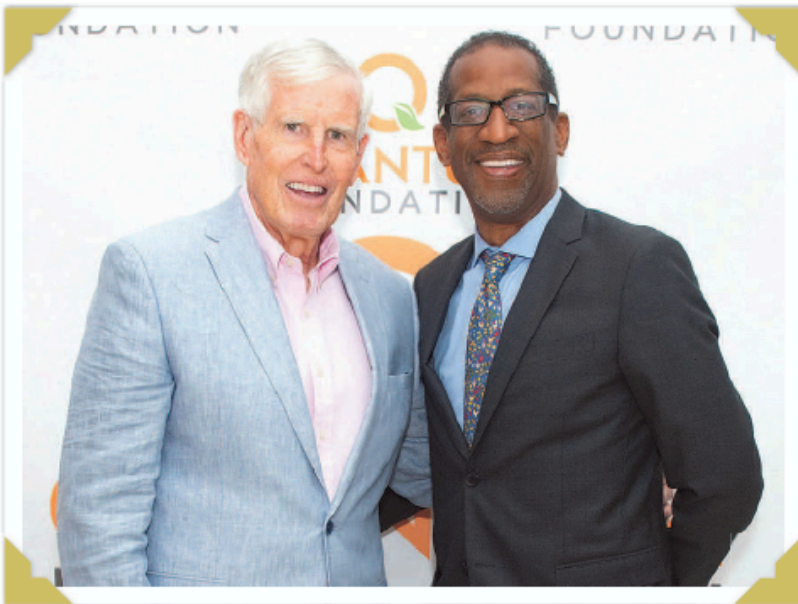


QIC Awards Breakfast Media Highlight

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This year's Quantum in the Community committee was co-chaired by Quantum Foundation board members Dr. Gerald O'Connor and Dr. Ron Romear. Not pictured, QIC committee member Jill Hanson. [TRACEY BENSON]

14th Annual Quantum in the Community awards \$1.25 million to Palm Beach County nonprofits

Funds will allow nonprofit grassroots organizations the ability to provide local basic needs.

On Nov. 19, in its largest Quantum in the Community (QIC) grant-giving event ever, Quantum Foundation awarded \$1.25 million to 136 local grassroots nonprofits as part of its annual QIC initiative. Each year, the QIC program gives grants to local nonprofits that help support food, shelter, transportation, clothing and financial assistance to improve quality health in Palm Beach County.

All applications were carefully reviewed by a committee of foundation staff and board members with strict criteria. This year's QIC committee was co-chaired by Quantum

Gerald O'Connor and Dr. Ronald Romear.

The record funding was presented at the Riviera Beach Marina Village Event Center to eligible organizations that are

worked in Palm Beach County for at least six months and have an annual operating budget not exceeding \$500,000. To date, the QIC program has awarded a total of \$11.75 million to local organizations.

"We find many local families and individuals doing everything in their power, but still unable to tackle needs like groceries, medical emergencies and housing during these times," said Eric Kelly, President of Quantum Foundation. "We are

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facing inflation in great magnitude and people are struggling to access even the most basic necessities. But one thing we are not short of is the servant leaders and nonprofits in our area who provide the utmost care, compassion and resources to our struggling neighbors. We are incredibly grateful to all our grant recipients for the important work they are doing in our community."

During the breakfast, two of the grantees – HACER Ministry, Corp. and The Pink Queen Foundation – presented their nonprofit's mission and how their Quantum Foundation funding will support a positive health shift in the community.

"One of the things that makes me believe our organization is deeply rooted in this community is that a lot of people who have been helped by HACER have now become volunteers for the organization," said HACER President Dr. Harry Bayron. "One of our greatest strengths is that HACER was born from the community it serves, which makes us aligned with Quantum Foundation and their strategy to bring stronger health outcomes to our Palm Beach County neighbors. It's a privilege to have Quantum in the Community funding drive organic cultural proficiency, inclusiveness and responsiveness to the needs of the staff and people we serve."

"Our number one mission is to make a personal connection with all cancer survivors who are currently undergoing radiation and/or chemotherapy," said Executive Director of The Pink Queen, Tenecia L. Burton-Sproull. "We use a woven basket as our signature of giving and included in these baskets are essential basic items that will provide comfort for each survivor. It's through Quantum Foundation's funding that we can provide some peace, relief and a support system for those who are on their healing journey."

The ceremony also recognized this year's Marie Thorpe Above and Beyond Award recipient; an award eponymously named after Quantum Foundation's hero who left a legacy of service, compassion and care when she died in 2020. The award was presented to Yirna Buitrago, a



The Pink Queen Foundation [PROVIDED]



Yirna Buitrago [PROVIDED]

dedicated volunteer turned part-time employee at the Esperanza Community Center who has been instrumental in developing outreach programs and conducting seminars on workers' rights, wage theft prevention and health education. Quantum Foundation presented her and the Esperanza Community Center each with a \$2,500 cash award.

Quantum Foundation's mission is to inspire and fund initiatives that improve the health of Palm Beach County residents. The health foundation was formed from \$135 million in proceeds from the sale of JFK Medical Center. Now in its third decade of community investment, the foundation has assets of approximately \$160 million. Since its inception, Quantum Foundation has awarded \$175 million to hundreds of Palm Beach County nonprofit grantees, in addition to its QIC recipients. Every dollar the foundation grants stays in the county to benefit local communities.

For information about Quantum Foundation, or to apply for QIC's annual grant program, visit quantumfnd.org or call 561-832-7497.