



**Families
First**
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Amount Granted: **\$130,000**
Grant Term: 6/15/2022 - 10/15/2024
Program: Kin Support Project

Organization Overview

Since 1982, Families First of Palm Beach County has been on a mission to support at-risk children and families by addressing critical needs and fostering resilience in the community.

The Kin Support Project helps kinship families by providing relative caregivers and their children with comprehensive support, including case management, care coordination, wraparound services, counseling, support groups, education, and advocacy.

Funding Impact

With Quantum’s support, the organization expanded Kin Support Project services into the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay communities of Palm Beach County, helping reduce the likelihood of children entering the state foster care system, maintaining family unity and stability.

During the grant period, **66 families in Palm Beach County** were served, including **16** residing in western communities.

100% Families have improved emotional well-being as measured by Individual Service Plan surveys.

100% Families receiving services remain stable, with no cases of family displacement.



Photos from a recent Kinship Support Project gathering and community outreach.



The Family Service Coordinator continues to partner with the Department of Children and Families and engage local organizations, churches, and schools to promote and grow services throughout the western region of the county.



Amount Granted: **\$150,000**
Grant Term: 10/15/2022 - 10/14/2024
Program: Healthcare Navigation and Gap Coverage

Organization Overview

Since 2006, Vita Nova has supported homeless and at-risk youth ages 18-25 in Palm Beach County by providing housing, education, and resources to help them achieve stability and independence.

The Health Care Navigation and Gap Coverage Program supports youth by providing intake, assessment, navigation, and insurance gap coverage services. Using a trauma-informed approach, the program assesses each youth's needs, including an ACE screening, to document past health experiences and current requirements, connecting them to appropriate resources through a direct, person-to-person handoff.

Funding Impact

The \$150,000 grant from Quantum Foundation funded essential program expenses, including the Health Care Coordinator position, enhancing access to care for youth in need. The support of a caring, reliable professional has proven vital in improving preventive care and health outcomes for the homeless youth served by Vita Nova.

During the funding period, **286 homeless youth** were served:



100% youth increased access to health and wellness preventative care compared to prior access.



162 youth received a medication/recovery plan, along with connections to appropriate primary and specialty resources.



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Grant Term: 10/15/2022 - 10/14/2024
Program: Healthcare Navigation and Gap Coverage

Funding Impact

Services provided through the Health Navigation Program include:

- Connection to low cost and free healthcare providers.
- Assistance with scheduling medical, dental, and mental health appointments.
- Assistance obtaining health insurance information through partner agency.
- Assistance with navigating and utilizing health insurance.
- Transportation to and advocacy at medical appointments to alleviate barriers.
- Connection with Florida Atlantic University Mobile Health Clinic and development of medication plan.
- Access to licensed mental health clinician for assessment and supportive counseling.
- Access to pregnancy tests and contraceptives as donated by partner agency.
- Access to essential services for health and hygiene, including food pantry, showers, laundry facilities, and clothing closet.



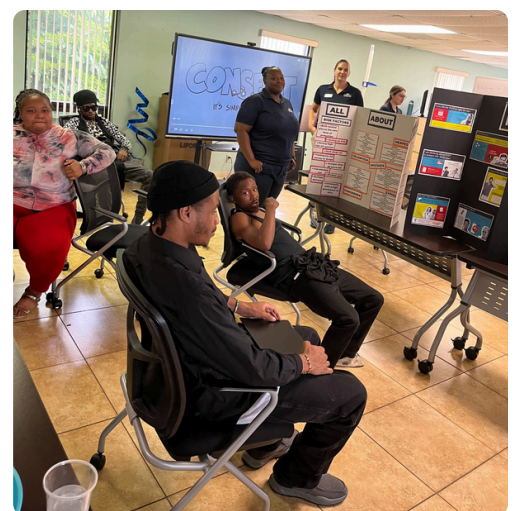
In addition, life skills and wellness initiatives, including mobile clinic visits, sex education, nutrition programs, resilience support groups, benefits assistance, and harm reduction services, provide essential, individualized support to empower youth and promote lifelong wellbeing.



Support Group Gathering



Nutrition Course



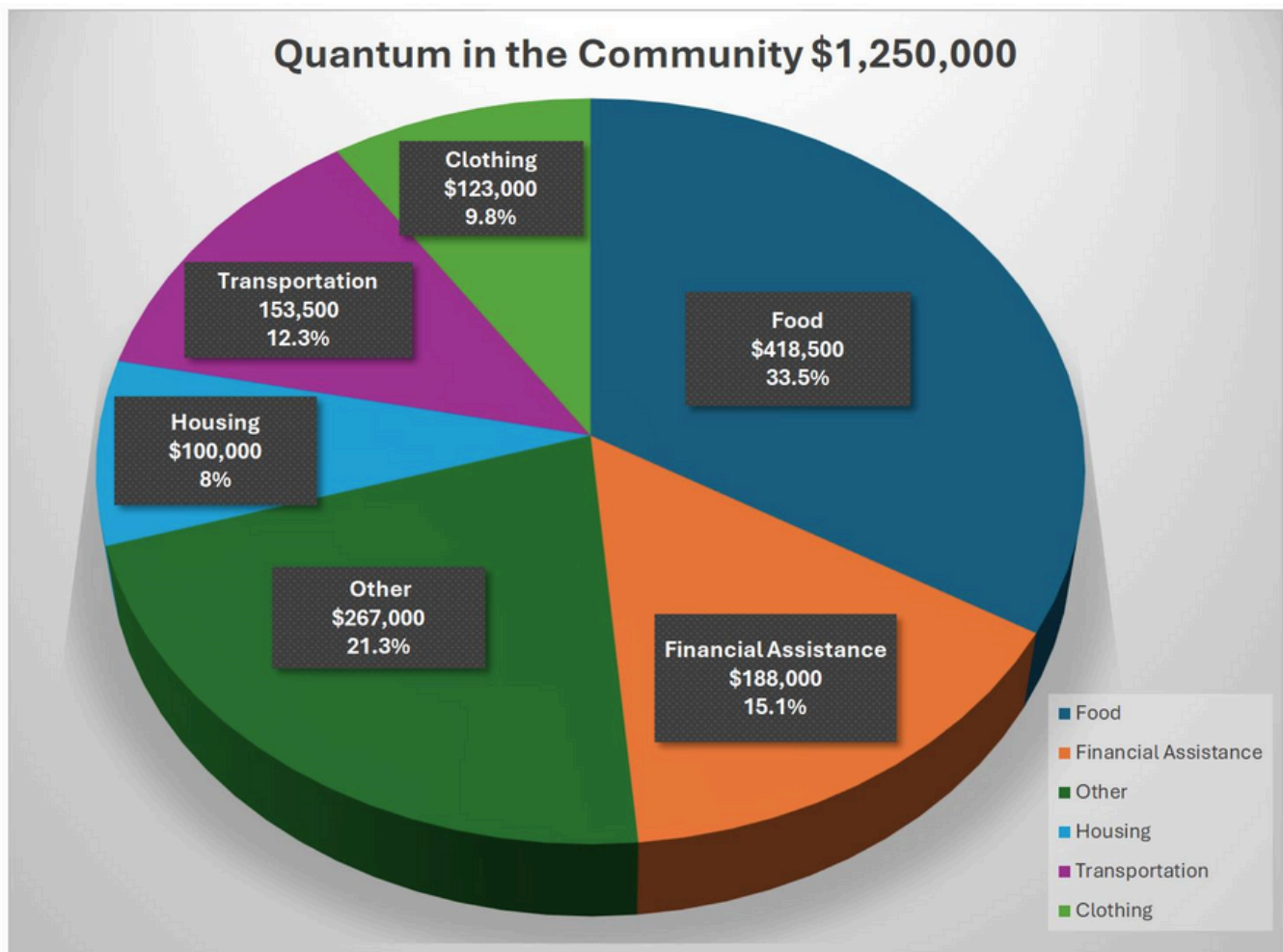
Youth Health Fair



Quantum Foundation recognizes that meeting basic needs—such as food, shelter, transportation, and financial assistance—is essential for individuals and communities to achieve health, stability, and resilience.

Since 2011, Quantum Foundation has supported the work of small grassroots organizations providing essential needs to communities across Palm Beach County through our *Quantum In The Community* initiative.

This year, 136 organizations will be awarded up to \$25,000 each in general operating support, recognizing their impactful contributions to our community. We look forward to honoring these leaders at the annual **Quantum in the Community Awards Breakfast** on Tuesday, November 19.



Strategic Planning Workshop

The PBVP Committee and The Venture team recently held an in-person, half-day strategic planning workshop. The focus of the workshop was on the following PBVP topics:

- Governance & Financial Structure
- Coleman Park Plan
- Expanding PBVP Programs

Recommendations from the workshop will be presented to the Board of Trustees in November.



2024 Economic Council PBC Leadership Trip

Thank you to our board member, Michele Jacobs, for inviting members of the Venture's team to the 2024 Economic Council's PBC Leadership Trip in Dallas, TX. While there, the team had the opportunity to visit Forest Forward, a Purpose Built Community. They learned about the organization's work in the area and how that work could be applied to Coleman Park through Northend RISE as a Community Quarterback.





MEET THE TEAM!

With a growing team dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of local communities, Quantum Foundation continues to expand its impact, bringing together skilled professionals committed to improving the lives of Palm Beach County residents.



Eric M. Kelly
President

Responsibilities: Oversees the overall strategic direction and operations of the organization. Manages senior staff.



Joe Paskoski
Chief Financial Officer / VP of Administration

Responsibilities: Manages all finances and oversees the administration of the organization, including building operations.



Shannon Hawkins
Director of Community Engagement

Responsibilities: Works closely with grassroots partners and leads the Quantum in the Community program.



Nate Cousineau
Senior Program Officer

Responsibilities: Leads overall grantmaking and manages communications for the foundation.



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Elsa Blanco-Bridgen
Grants Manager

Responsibilities: Oversees grants processes, manages relationships with applicants and grantees, and supports overall grantmaking efforts.



Debby Diamond
Executive Assistant

Responsibilities: Provides organization-wide administrative support, manages schedules, coordinates meetings, and assists with project management tasks.



Raphael Clemente
Executive Director

Responsibilities: Leads the efforts of Palm Beach Venture Philanthropy to carry out its mission and oversees strategic initiatives.



Camden Baggs
Project Manager for Special Initiatives

Responsibilities: Focuses on strategy within the division and managing special initiatives.



Dominique Drummer
Project Manager for Community Partnerships

Responsibilities: Concentrates on partnerships with community stakeholders to enhance engagement and program effectiveness.