



IMPACT REPORT

March 2025



Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc.

Empowering the Blind through Training, Support, & Visual Aids

Amount Granted: **\$108,000**

Grant Term: 12/15/2023 - 12/14/2026

Program: Preserving Wellness for
Visually Impaired People

Organization Overview

Florida Outreach Center for the Blind (FOCB), established in 2003, empowers blind and visually impaired individuals in Palm Beach County to lead independent, fulfilling lives. Through free programs in Braille, assistive technology, daily living skills, and personal development, FOCB fosters confidence, self-sufficiency, and community connection. Its mission is to integrate individuals into the social, economic, and spiritual life of the community—creating lasting impact through education, support, and opportunity.

Funding Impact

Through its first year of support, Quantum Foundation's funding empowered FOCB clients to build confidence, independence, and essential life skills—surpassing program goals and strengthening their ability to navigate daily life with greater ease and autonomy.

Outcomes to date:



61 of 69 clients demonstrated **improved mobility skills and increased confidence** navigating safely at home and in the community, more than doubling the original goal of serving 30 clients.



239 unduplicated clients participated in Adaptive Technology Training, exceeding the original goal of 90. Of those served, **97% reported increased knowledge** and ability to use adaptive technology, including smartphones, tablets, screen readers, and computers.



85% of the 59 clients who participated in Independent Living Skills Training demonstrated an assessed **increase in their ability and confidence in performing daily living activities**, exceeding the original service goal by 18%.



Healthy Mothers,
Healthy Babies

Coalition of Palm Beach County



The Stronger Together Doula Support program recently celebrated the graduation of **Cohort 3** with **nine doulas**, who began the program in 2023, completing full certification. Collectively, they were matched with 30 pregnant moms, providing essential support throughout pregnancy and delivery. Of those, 20 moms delivered successfully, while others withdrew from the program or suffered loss.

The program continues to grow and thrive:

- **Cohort 4** is currently active with 20 doulas, already matched with 38 pregnant moms.
- **Cohort 5** has launched with 14 doulas and will begin the matching process soon.
- **Cohort 6** began on March 14, welcoming 21 doulas. This cohort is comprised of Black and Haitian women. Once matching begins, they will be paired with clients from their own communities - supporting a model of care that is both culturally responsive and rooted in shared lived experience.

The continued success of the Stronger Together program highlights its deep commitment to advancing equitable, culturally aligned care across communities.



At the start of the year, Aimee Nelson and the YouMom team prayed for a guiding word for the ministry, and felt clearly led to “EXPANSION” (Isaiah 54:3). That word is already coming to life—not only in the growth of physical space, but in the transformation of the lives YouMom touches.



A New Home for Hope with YouMom

Hope with YouMom has moved to the Urban Youth Impact Board campus! This dedicated office space marks a major milestone, expanding their ability to serve moms with greater support and resources.

New features include:

- Baby Boutique – stocked with essentials like diapers, wipes, baby clothes, and more
- Mom Meet-Up Space – a welcoming area for connection, encouragement, and shared resources
- Job Preparation & Testing Center – a space for studying, taking exams, and building career-ready skills

Aimee Nelson, Founder and Executive
Director of Hope with YouMom

As the program expands, something even more powerful is unfolding: young moms are expanding their vision for the future.

With the hope, mentorship, and support they receive, they are stepping into their purpose, pursuing dreams they once believed were out of reach, and building a lasting foundation for their children—one that will impact generations to come.





RIBBON CUTTING

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On March 20, we proudly celebrated the ribbon cutting of our new Quantum Foundation headquarters. After just four months of construction, the beautifully designed space was unveiled in the company of members of the Board of Trustees and its committees, foundation staff, and project leads from Masciave Design Studio and Vertex Construction. Board Chair Bill Meyer offered remarks that echoed the spirit of the day, emphasizing the foundation's continued commitment to creating lasting impact. This milestone represents more than just a new chapter for the foundation—it underscores our continued commitment to improving health across Palm Beach County and supporting lasting solutions to the social factors that shape well-being.



Alejandra Pallisso, Masciave Design Studio
Mike Ellicott Sr., Vertex Construction



Foundation President Eric Kelly, and
Chief Financial Officer/VP of Administration Joe
Paskoski



Founding members, William Meyer and Stephen
Moore, standing in Founders' Hall. Not pictured,
Founding Member Jeannette Corbett.



Our new address: 500 Columbia Drive, Suite 101, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

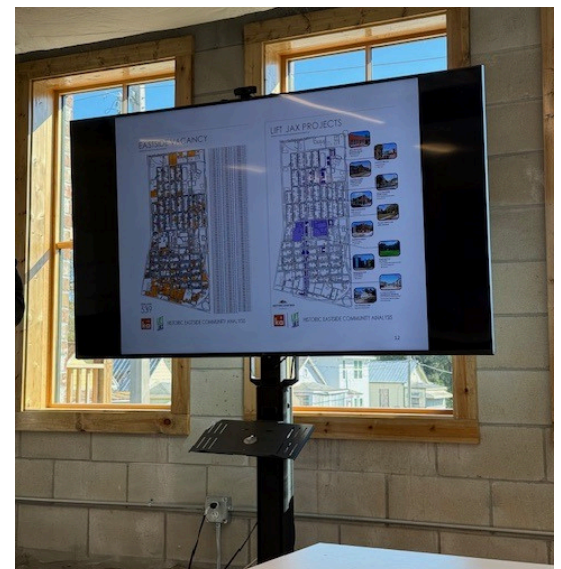


LIFT JAX Visit

RISE Coleman Park (formerly Northend RISE) and the Quantum team visited Purpose Built Community LIFT JAX to gain insights into several initiatives, including:

- The Deb Store Project
- Infill Housing Strategy
- Placemaking Activities

During the visit, the teams not only learned about LIFT JAX's strategies for revitalization and development but also had the opportunity to see these initiatives in action through a neighborhood tour.





Deb's Store & The Eastside Neighborhood

