# **IMPACT REPORT**

May 2025



Amount Granted: \$100,000
Grant Term: 04/15/2024 - 04/14/2025
Program: Healthy Meals Out of School

## **Organization Overview**

FLIPANY (Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2005 that serves South Florida. Their mission is to foster healthy lives through nutrition and physical activity, while its vision is a healthy, equitable Florida where all communities thrive.

In Palm Beach County, the organization plays a pivotal role in addressing food insecurity among children and families. Through its *Healthy Meals Out of School* program, FLIPANY provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to youth during after-school hours and summer breaks.

#### **Funding Impact**

The \$100,000 in funding from the Quantum Foundation enabled FLIPANY to significantly expand its *Healthy Meals Out of School* program, fueling growth, improving food access, and advancing health equity for children in underserved communities across Palm Beach County.



#### Throughout the funding period:

- Served 1,821 children, far exceeding the projected 275
- Increased service sites from 9 to 33
- Delivered 134,636 nutritious meals and snacks, surpassing the goal of 89,001
- Leveraged \$391,496 in federal and state meal reimbursements, amplifying impact

**In addition to exceeding program goals**, FLIPANY deepened key partnerships to increase impact and efficiency.

**In The Glades**, expanded collaboration with Auntie Rose's Soul Food Kitchen improving meal freshness and satisfaction while supporting local job growth.

**In Greater Palm Beach**, partnership with the Palm Beach County Food Bank boosted efficiency and consistency through unitized meal packaging, advancing health equity.

# **HIGHLIGHT**

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May 2025



Amount Granted: \$25,000

Grant Term: 04/15/2024 - 04/14/2025 Program: Health & Wellness Programs

for Students



Photo from the May 25, 2025 feature on Suits for Seniors by The Palm Beach Post, credit: Gregg Lovett/Palm Beach Post

This year marks the **10th anniversary of Suits For Seniors (SFS)**, a nonprofit founded by State Representative Tae Edmonds to empower high school students in Title 1 schools through leadership, wellness, and career-readiness programs. SFS provides professional attire, hosts workshops on leadership and financial literacy, and to-date has supported over 3,200 graduates while awarding nearly \$200,000 in scholarships—impact recently featured in the *Palm Beach Post*.

Through the support of the \$25,000 grant for the *Health & Wellness Programs for Students*:

- **300 students participated in 25 mental health workshops**, with 205 accessing counseling and 75% reporting increased awareness of mental health issues and coping strategies.
- 225 students took part in expert-led fitness sessions, with participation doubling over the grant year and 75% reporting improvements in physical health and healthier eating habits.

Recently, SFS launched a *Career to Work Pipeline* initiative in partnership with CareerSource of Palm Beach County, connecting 30 students with aspirational career opportunities—both paid and unpaid—within leading corporations and municipalities, setting them on a path toward success.

From a *Quantum in the Community* grantee to a leading youth development nonprofit serving Palm Beach County, **SFS** exemplifies the lasting impact of investing in grassroots organizations—and the transformative power of access and opportunity.



# **HIGHLIGHT**

May 2025



Amount Granted: \$750,000 Grant Term: 12/2024 - 12/2027 Program: General Operating



Left to Right: Ontario "OJ" Johnson (Dir. of Community), Ardis Jackson (RISE Board Member), Upendo Shabazz (CEO)



OJ and WPTV Channel 5 Crew

### **Operation P.U.S.H.**

On Friday, May 23rd, RISE Coleman Park (RISE) partnered with the West Palm Beach Police Department and The Fund to host Operation P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens). During the event, RISE coordinated a giveaway of electric bike vouchers for residents in collaboration with the WPBgo Mobility Coalition. The raffle attracted over 60 applications, and three Coleman Park residents won e-bike vouchers.

RISE set up a table at the event to distribute items and engage with residents about its initiatives. At this table, RISE provided a signup sheet, resulting in new connections with legacy residents—those who have lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years—and families with children. Additionally, RISE's Director of Community, Ontario "OJ" Johnson, connected with WPTV Channel 5 to promote the event and highlight the work RISE is doing in the community.

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### **Taylor Moxey Library Update**









On May 27th, the West Palm Beach City Commission approved Palm Beach Venture Philanthropy's (PBVP) use of the property at 2003 N. Tamarind Avenue.

The PBVP team, along with RISE Coleman Park, are excited to begin preparations for activating the space, responding to community requests to improve the neighborhood. This location will house the Taylor Moxey Library and serve as a venue for community events, programs, and opportunities for small business development, including food trucks and pop-up shops.