



Amount Granted: **\$65,000**

Grant Term: 12/17/2025- 12/17/2026

Program: Expanded Speech Therapy at the Cooperman Center

## Organization Overview

Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (Rales JFS) provides comprehensive support to individuals and families across Palm Beach County through programs that promote help, hope, and humanity. The Toby and Leon Cooperman Therapy & Family Resource Center offers integrated speech, occupational, physical, and behavioral therapies for children, ensuring families have access to coordinated, affordable care.

With Quantum Foundation support, Rales JFS expanded its pediatric speech-language services by adding a full-time Speech-Language Pathologist, increasing access to early intervention for children from low-income and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households who otherwise face long wait times or limited affordable options.

## Funding Impact

Early participation has exceeded expectations, putting the program on pace to surpass its annual goals and demonstrating the strong community need for accessible speech-language services. Families have remained highly engaged, with caregivers reporting that the practical tools and guidance provided are helping them support their children's communication development at home.

### *To date:*



- 41 children received free speech and language screenings, reaching 82% of the annual goal.
- 21 children began individualized speech therapy, achieving 84% of the annual goal.
- 22 children participated in group speech therapy, reaching 46% of the annual goal.
- 18 parents and caregivers received coaching, reaching 72% of the annual goal.



## Hurricane Preparedness for Seniors



Through **Quantum in the Community** funding, **Rhonda's Promise, Inc.** hosted hurricane and emergency preparedness workshops in May, leading up to the start of hurricane season, as part of their *Aging Gracefully: Supporting Our Seniors* program. Designed to empower older adults before disaster strikes, each session brings together speakers and experts on hurricane resources to walk senior citizens and caregivers through creating a personal emergency plan, identifying essential supplies, and accessing local resources and support, ensuring seniors are informed, prepared, and safe when it matters most.

Each attendee received a customized hurricane preparedness kit bag stocked with flashlights, rain coats, batteries, blankets, easily prepared non-perishable food, water, and first aid kits, giving seniors and their caregivers the tangible tools to weather storms with confidence.



## Stronger Communities Initiative (SCI) Convening



On Friday, June 12th, the foundation brought together grantee partners funded through the Stronger Communities Initiative for the cohort's first in-person convening. The gathering united organizations spanning legal services, transportation, housing, health navigation, youth empowerment and development, and economic mobility who serve residents of the Northwest, Coleman Park, Pleasant City, Northwood Hills, Pinewood Park, and North 45th Street communities of West Palm Beach.

Partners shared updates on the impact of their work, celebrated wins, and named the challenges their clients face most acutely: a shortage of affordable housing, a lack of culturally competent mental health providers, and families falling through the cracks of systems not designed to prevent crises before they happen. The day made clear that relationship is the real infrastructure, and that this cohort is stronger together than the sum of its parts. Conversations surfaced concrete ideas for collaboration, from shared resources and tools to creative approaches for extending each organization's reach through deepening relationships.

We look forward to continued gatherings like this one, deepening our collective commitment to the health and well-being of the neighborhoods and residents at the heart of this work.

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## Inner City Innovators Peace Rally



On Saturday, June 6th, Inner City Innovators hosted the Hope Dealers Rally for Peace at the Coleman Park Community Center, bringing together residents, community leaders, and partners to advocate for youth safety and strengthen efforts to prevent gun and community violence.

The rally served as a public call to action, highlighting the importance of investing in youth, expanding violence intervention strategies, and creating safer, healthier communities. The program featured a mental health and community healing panel, a keynote address from Inner City Innovators Founder Ricky Aiken, and a powerful call to support the organization's mission of keeping young people Free & Alive Beyond 25.

Following the program, a community picnic created space for connection and engagement through food, music, games, resource tables, and fellowship. Attendees also participated in action stations where they could volunteer, make donations, join the Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategy interest list, refer a young person for support, request SAFE in the Streets workshops, and learn how to stay connected with Inner City Innovators' ongoing work.

The event reinforced the power of community-led solutions and collective action in creating safer neighborhoods and expanding opportunities for young people to thrive.

## Coleman Park Juneteenth Celebration 2026



On Friday, June 19th, the RISE Coleman Park Resident Advisory Committee hosted the second annual Coleman Park Juneteenth Celebration, bringing together neighbors, families, and local partners to honor Black joy, culture, and unity.

The day featured a vibrant Community Celebration with a vendor village highlighting local small businesses, community resource organizations, food, family-friendly activities, games, and opportunities for fellowship. The event also included a Basketball Tournament and Trivia Kickoff, a Black Joy Showcase featuring poetry and cultural performances, and a Community Supper that provided residents with the opportunity to gather, connect, and share a meal together.

As part of the celebration, attendees also enjoyed a Green Market produce table offering fresh fruits and vegetables to community members while building excitement for the neighborhood's Green Market launch on July 11th.

More than 250 community members participated throughout the day, reflecting the strength of neighborhood connections and the community's continued commitment to celebrating culture, supporting local businesses, and fostering belonging.