



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Milagro ("Miracle") Center Motivates & Empowers Economically-Challenged & Academically At-Risk Children & Teens to "Reach for the Stars" and Succeed in School and in Life.

OUR MISSION

Milagro Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure the social and academic success of underserved children and youth through Cultural Arts, Living Values, Academic Support, and Mentoring.

OUR VISION

To be a center of creative cultural collaboration, engaging education and inspiration that dissolves social barriers, forms lasting connections, and sets the stage for future success.

OUR MESSAGE & PROMISE TO THE COMMUNITY

TO ENSURE. TO INSPIRE. TO TEACH. TO CREATE.

This is Milagro Center's mission and also our call to action: to ensure academic success; inspire artistic expression; teach inclusion and diversity; and create tomorrow's leaders. We are proud to report that Milagro Center has not just aspired to this call to action this past year; we've answered and exceeded it, with one of the strongest years of growth in our 20-year history.

The 2017 fiscal year – Milagro Center's 20th Anniversary year – was unprecedented both in terms of Milagro Center's financial growth and the impact of its programs on those we serve – our community's most vulnerable and at-risk children and youth. In simple terms, this means that more underserved children and youth attended our afterschool and full-day camp programs and thrived as a result. We continued to strengthen our S.T.A.R.S. (K-5th grade) and Teen Leadership (high school 9-12th grade) programs by expanding our cultural arts offerings, academic tutoring and literacy classes, mentoring, and career development experiences. Most exciting is that we have laid the groundwork for a new dedicated Junior Teen Leadership program specifically designed for the academic and social needs of our community's Middle School youth who will be making that difficult transition into high school. This Junior Teen Leadership program will be relocated in early 2019 into a newly renovated building adjacent to our Teen Center. A capital campaign to raise the money for this major project will be the central focus of our fundraising efforts in 2018.

Once again, 2017 marked another year – our 20th year - in which Milagro Center stayed true to our mission of helping our children and teens succeed in school as we achieved 100% annual grade promotion for all of our students and successful high school graduation for our seniors – almost all of whom are the first in their families to earn a high school diploma. What's more, these graduating seniors have been prepared for successful futures, with all of them embarking on fruitful post-high school endeavors – entering trade schools, college, the military, and apprenticeships. Milagro Center guides each and every child in our programs onto a new path which will break the cycle of poverty for generations to come. We are truly changing the lives of these at-risk children and teens from poverty to productive, self-sufficient members of our community. We are making miracles!

The future looks brighter than ever for Milagro Center as we continue to grow financially while providing innovative, outstanding, and affordable afterschool and summer camp programs for economically-challenged children from age 5 through 18. Our three-year strategic plan includes strategies for

strengthening our ability to serve the community at large while also expanding our reach to serve additional at-risk children in underserved communities. Beyond the Middle School project, we have our sights set on securing and operating a second S.T.A.R.S. Learning Center that would essentially double the number of K-5th grade children who would benefit from Milagro Center's highly-accredited S.T.A.R.S. afterschool and summer camp program.

This 2017 Annual Report presents a snapshot of the incredible impact of our efforts these past 12 months – impact that would not have been possible without the support of our many dedicated and passionate donors, funders, sponsors, volunteers and mentors, collaborating community partners and stakeholders, and our community as a whole. We are forever grateful to these generous and giving individuals, companies, and organizations for trusting Milagro Center as a worthwhile investment in the future of our community's most important asset – our children and youth.

As we look back through 2017, it's very clear that Milagro Center's mission and its call to action are having a major and long-lasting impact, not just for today but for many years to come. It is our sincere hope that you will embrace this vibrant and dynamic organization and join us in 2018 and beyond on our miracle-making journey – hold on tight, it's going to be an exciting and oh-so-fulfilling ride!

Kurt Knaus



Kurt Knaus
Board Chairman

Barbara J. Stark



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President & CEO

"I am very honored and privileged to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Milagro Center. This is a very special and important role, but the most impactful and meaningful experience for me is seeing firsthand how Milagro Center's innovative and integrated program of cultural arts experiences, academic enrichment, mentoring, and living values lessons truly changes the lives of our community's most academically at-risk children and teens, day by day and year after year. I am proud to be the Chairman and I look forward to Milagro Center's many future accomplishments." - Kurt Knaus



OUR UNIQUE, AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS

CHANGING LIVES & BUILDING FUTURES

S.T.A.R.S. “STANDING TOGETHER ACHIEVING RECOGNITION & SUCCESS”

Our S.T.A.R.S. program for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children provides a superior and uniquely integrated platform of cultural arts instruction, Living Values education, and academic enrichment in a daily afterschool, summer camp, and school break environment to 43 children of families who are living at or below the federal poverty level. These children are most often at risk of school failure, drop-out, and cyclical poverty. Young children in low income neighborhoods gain the most from quality afterschool and summer camp programs. Milagro Center gives these children the opportunity to experience daily art, music, dance, musical instrument instruction, and academic enrichment in literacy and math in individual and small group settings that encourages creativity, learning, and acceptance and builds an indestructible sense of self-worth in our innovative year-round program. Each year, we prepare the most interested and talented students in art, music, and dance for admissions auditions at the BAK Middle School of the Arts.

JUNIOR TEEN LEADERSHIP

Responding to the desperate need in Palm Beach County for additional quality out-of-school time enrichment programs for economically-challenged middle school youth, Milagro Center in 2017 developed a new dedicated afterschool and summer program specifically structured for youth in grades 6 through 8. This “Junior Teen Leadership” program is a full 39-week afterschool program and 13 week full-time camp program (10 weeks of summer camp, 2 full weeks of full-day winter break camp and 1 week of full-day spring break camp) and provides academic classes, tutoring, cultural arts (dance, art, musical instrument lessons), mentoring, enrichment activities, and life skills to our community’s most vulnerable and academically at-risk teens aged 12 – 14. Our S.T.A.R.S. graduates move seamlessly into this program and once they become of high school age, will transition to the Teen Leadership program, allowing Milagro Center the unique and extraordinary opportunity to shape our community’s most vulnerable youth from ages 5 through 18 and prepare them for successful futures. Currently, we are serving 20 middle school youth with a goal of serving 40 -50 when we occupy our new Junior Teen Leadership Center in early 2019.

TEEN LEADERSHIP

Our Teen Leadership program serves 50 economically-challenged high school youth, grades 9 – 12, in an afterschool and summer camp setting located at our Milagro Teen Center on SW 6th Avenue in Delray Beach. The Teens receive daily homework assistance and literacy and math tutoring, art and music instruction, Living Values education, career development and planning, ACT/SAT preparation, life skills, and other resources to help them succeed in school, achieve high school graduation, and prepare them for post-graduation schooling or training that will enable them to become productive, self-sufficient members of our community. The Teens mentor younger students at our S.T.A.R.S. and Junior Teen Leadership programs and receive community service hours as they develop their leadership skills.



MENTORING MIRACLES

The on-site mentoring component at Milagro Center truly makes miracles happen for our children and youth. Milagro Center’s Mentoring Miracles program involves adult volunteers whom we match to each individual student in our S.T.A.R.S. and Junior Teen Leadership Programs. In 2017, we achieved a record of successfully matching each of our 43 S.T.A.R.S. children with a mentor and are now focused on matching each of our Junior Teen Leadership program students in addition. Our highly effective mentor program connects youth with positive adult role models and fosters long-term nurturing, supportive, intergenerational relationships that are essential to building a child’s self-esteem. Mentors are required to make a minimum one-year commitment to the program and participate in weekly hour-long visits with their mentees which are held on-site at Milagro’s S.T.A.R.S. and Teen Centers. More than 40% of our mentors have been with their mentee for more than two years and 95% have passed their 1-year commitment. All mentors undergo extensive background screenings and participate in vigorous orientations and ongoing mandatory trainings to ensure the highest level of performance.

ARTreach

Furthering Milagro Center’s commitment to introduce and engage at-risk children, youth, and the underserved community to the arts, Milagro Center opens its doors to neighboring community-based childcare centers, schools, and youth activity centers and invites them to bring their students to our in-house professional art gallery, “The Blueprint Gallery at Milagro Center”. The local children and youth explore the impactful art exhibits featuring varieties of visual art forms and participate in creative, hands-on artistic projects. The ARTreach program has proven to be an effective means of providing economically-challenged children an art gallery experience and have them explore and embrace their artistic capabilities. In 2017, greater than 300 children experienced the joy of art by participating in Milagro Center’s innovative ARTreach program.



MILAGRO CENTER : BY THE NUMBERS

- ☆ **100%** of the children and teens we serve live at or below the poverty level.
- ☆ The community in which we operate has a **23.7%** poverty rate with **36%** of the children living in poverty homes (U.S. Census).
- ☆ **Less than 70%** of economically-challenged Florida students graduate from high school, generally continuing the cycle of poverty in their families. (U.S. Department of Education)
- ☆ The unemployment rate for the local 33444 zip code area, which we primarily serve, was at **6.67% in 2017**, which is the highest in Delray Beach.
- ☆ Research reveals that reading proficiency by 3rd grade is the most predictor of high school graduation and career success.
- ☆ High school drop-outs cost our community in multiple ways. An at-risk youth who becomes a career criminal costs society between **\$1.4-\$1.7 million** over his/her lifetime. The average drug abuser can cost society more than **\$1 million**. Even those who don't turn to crime often cost society more than a **quarter of a million dollars** individually over the course of their lifetimes.

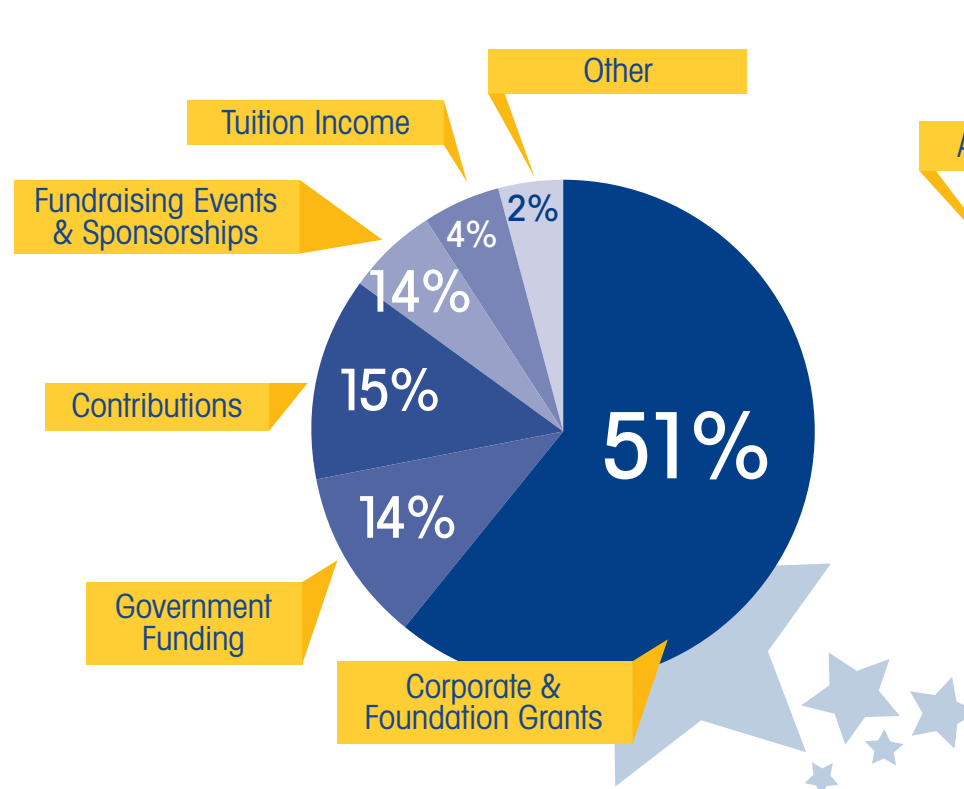


MILAGRO CENTER'S RESULTS

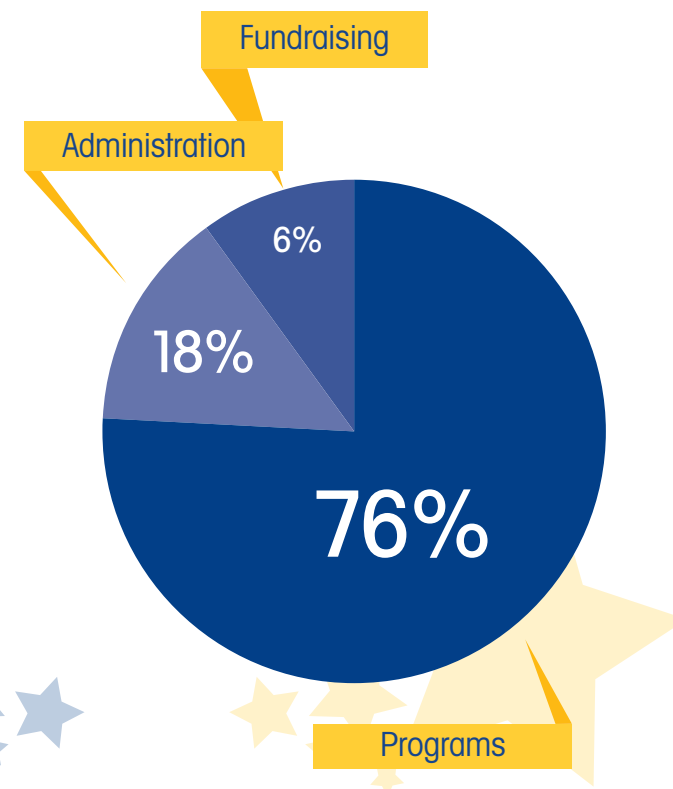
- ☆ More than **450** children and youth in Palm Beach County were exposed to cultural arts, academic enrichment, and Living Values lessons through Milagro Center's programs in 2017.
- ☆ We continue to operate our licensed and accredited S.T.A.R.S. (K-5th grade) program at **maximum enrollment capacity** with a perpetual waiting list.
- ☆ Approximately **95% of our post-tested students gained 1 reading level** after 40 instruction hours in our afterschool program.
- ☆ Our S.T.A.R.S. students have an **8-year 98%** average for successful annual grade promotion. Our Teens have had **100% grade promotion in each of the last 6 years**.
- ☆ **100%** of the high school seniors who regularly attend our Teen Leadership Program achieve high school graduation and are involved in post-secondary education and training.
- ☆ **100%** of our students demonstrate increased knowledge of and abilities in the arts.
- ☆ **100%** of our students demonstrate improved self-esteem, self-confidence, and life skills.
- ☆ **100%** of our S.T.A.R.S. students involved in the summer learning program returned to school reading at or above their previous term's reading level, experiencing no summer learning loss.
- ☆ Our programs' benefits to the community include the promise of future productive residents; parents who are engaged in their children's lives and futures and can maintain their own employment knowing their children are in a safe, nurturing, enriching environment after school and during school and summer breaks. There is also growth and community and diminished costs in terms of social services related to homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, **general crime, and law enforcement**.

**THE NUMBERS SPEAK VOLUMES:
MILAGRO CENTER'S CHILDREN AND TEENS SUCCEED!**

2017 REVENUES

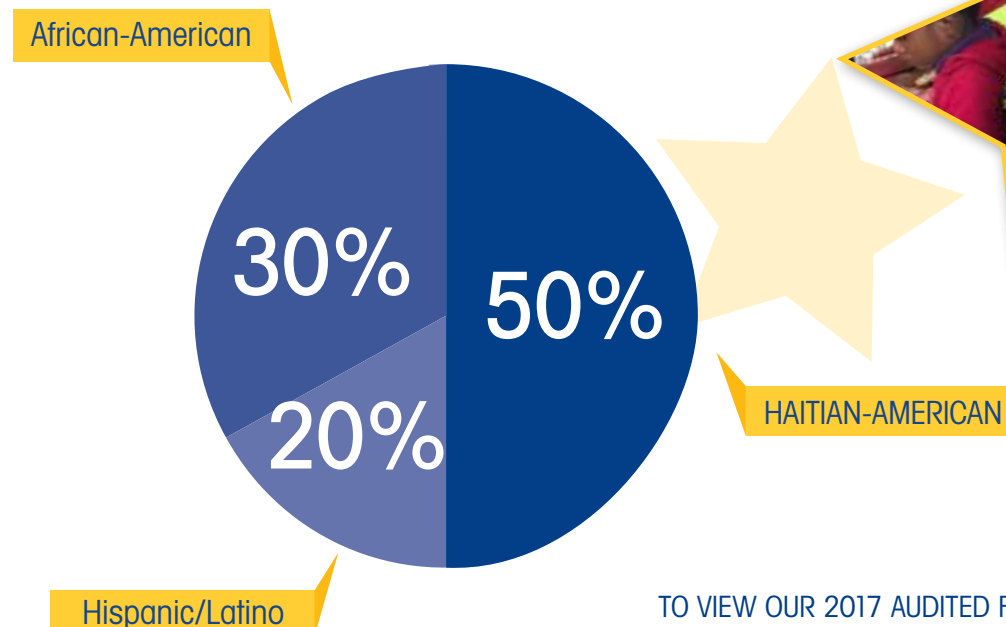


2017 EXPENSES



2017 DEMOGRAPHICS OF POPULATION SERVED

S.T.A.R.S. & TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS



TO VIEW OUR 2017 AUDITED FINANCIALS AND 2017 990, PLEASE VISIT:
MILAGROCENTER.ORG/ABOUT-US/#AVAILABILITY-FINANCIALS

OUR COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Milagro Center truly believes it takes a village to raise a child. We are proud of our remarkable ability to create strong community partnerships and collaborations that infuse and enrich our quality programs, further engaging and fostering the success of our at-risk children and youth. It is with much appreciation that we acknowledge and say “thank you” to the following organizations, companies, and individuals - our “village” – that helped make our miracles happen in 2017!

- ★ Club Singers of Delray Beach
- ★ Comcast
- ★ Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties
- ★ Community Greening
- ★ Congregation B’Nai Israel, Boca Raton
- ★ Cool Clothes Closet
- ★ Cornell Art Museum
- ★ CreditGuard of America
- ★ Cultural Council of PBC
- ★ Delray Art League
- ★ Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
- ★ Delray Beach Elks Lodge
- ★ Delray Beach Fire Rescue
- ★ Delray Beach Forum
- ★ Delray Beach Golf Club
- ★ Delray Beach Initiative (DBI)
- ★ Delray Beach Magazine
- ★ Delray Beach Orchid Society
- ★ Delray Beach Pineapple Newspaper
- ★ Delray Beach Police Department
- ★ Delray Beach Public Library
- ★ Delray Beach St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- ★ Delray Community Wellness Center
- ★ Delray Forum
- ★ Delray Magazine
- ★ Delray Moring Live
- ★ Delray Newspaper
- ★ DPR Construction
- ★ Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
- ★ Educational Excellence
- ★ Extraordinary Charities
- ★ Families First
- ★ FAU School of Business
- ★ First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach
- ★ Florence Fuller Child Development Centers
- ★ Florida Atlantic University
- ★ Florida Barber Academy
- ★ Florida Community Bank
- ★ Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County
- ★ Floridian Community Bank
- ★ Forum for Non-Profits Radio Show

- ★ 4Girls Foundation
- ★ Afterschool Programs, Inc.
- ★ Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- ★ Allstate
- ★ American Heritage School
- ★ American Red Cross
- ★ Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza, Delray Beach
- ★ Arts Garage
- ★ Atlantic Avenue Magazine
- ★ AutoNation Chevrolet
- ★ B’Nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton
- ★ Blaze Pizza
- ★ Bluegreen Vacations
- ★ Boca Greens Country Club
- ★ Boca Museum of Art
- ★ Boca Pointe “Clowns on Call”
- ★ Boca Raton Observer
- ★ Boca Raton Resort
- ★ Business Consultants of South Florida
- ★ Capital One
- ★ Capital One Café Delray Beach
- ★ Career Source Palm Beach County
- ★ Caridad Center
- ★ Carver Middle School
- ★ Center for Creative Education (CCE)
- ★ CenterState Bank
- ★ Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at FAU
- ★ Children’s Services Council
- ★ Chipotle
- ★ Christine’s Hope for Kids
- ★ City of Delray Beach

- ★ Florida Power & Light
- ★ Freedom Steel
- ★ Gary Midnight
- ★ Genesis Health & Dental
- ★ Green Arrow Marketing & Media Group
- ★ Grieco Automotive Group
- ★ Grieco Youth Soccer program
- ★ Hair Cuttery
- ★ Hands On Tzedakah
- ★ Healing Through Expressive Arts
- ★ Healthier Delray Beach
- ★ Hollander Sleep Products Company
- ★ J. McLaughlin
- ★ Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (Palm Beach chapter)
- ★ Jingle Jolly Holiday Elves
- ★ Junior League of Boca Raton
- ★ Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida
- ★ Keller Williams Realty
- ★ Kendra Scott Jewelers
- ★ KidSafe Foundation
- ★ Kiwanis Club Delray Beach
- ★ Leadership Delray
- ★ Leadership Palm Beach County
- ★ LexisNexis
- ★ Lifestyle Media Group
- ★ Lord & Taylor, Boca Raton
- ★ Lynn University - The Paladin Society
- ★ Marc Julien Homes
- ★ Masterful Living
- ★ Mercedes Benz of Delray
- ★ Merrill Lynch
- ★ MindBody Expo
- ★ Moe’s
- ★ Morikami Museum
- ★ Morningday Community Solutions
- ★ My Life My Power (MLMP)
- ★ National League of American Pen Women
- ★ Nerdy Cares
- ★ Newell Brands (Jarden Consumer Solutions)
- ★ Norton Museum
- ★ Office Depot Foundation
- ★ Old School Square Crest Theatre
- ★ Old School Square Fieldhouse
- ★ Pace Center for Girls
- ★ Palm Beach Arts Paper
- ★ Palm Beach County Government
- ★ Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition
- ★ Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition
- ★ Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
- ★ Palm Beach Daily News
- ★ Palm Beach Flagler Rotary
- ★ Palm Beach Illustrated
- ★ Palm Beach Philanthropy Tank
- ★ Palm Beach Post
- ★ Palm Beach School for Autism
- ★ Palm Beach State College
- ★ Palm Beach Zoo
- ★ Papas Tapas, Delray Beach
- ★ Pei Wei, Delray Beach
- ★ Photo Pro Boca
- ★ Pine Crest School
- ★ PlanIT
- ★ Prediq Media
- ★ Printer’s Choice
- ★ Publix
- ★ Ready, Set, Grow Academy
- ★ RN Network
- ★ Rose Marcom
- ★ Rotary Club of Delray Beach
- ★ Rotary Club of Palm Beach/Flagler
- ★ Safety Council of Palm Beach County
- ★ Salt7, Delray Beach
- ★ Sazio, Delray Beach
- ★ Seagate Beach Club
- ★ SouthTech Academy
- ★ Sow Share
- ★ Space of Mind
- ★ Sparkle of Life
- ★ Spirit of Giving Network
- ★ Stuart & Shelby Development
- ★ Suits for Seniors
- ★ Sun-Sentinel
- ★ Target
- ★ The “Knit Givers”
- ★ The Breakers, Palm Beach
- ★ The Corner Bakery
- ★ The Good Humor Man
- ★ The Habit Burger Grill

- ★ Toshiba
- ★ Town of Palm Beach United Way
- ★ Twin-Star International
- ★ United Way of Palm Beach County
- ★ Urban League of Palm Beach County
- ★ Village Academy Delray Beach
- ★ Wish A Book
- ★ Women’s Club of Delray Beach
- ★ Women’s Foundation of Palm Beach Community Giving Circle
- ★ WPTV
- ★ YMCA of South Palm Beach County
- ★ Young Singers of the Palm Beaches
- ★ Zimmerman Advertising

2017 MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- ☆ Afterschool Advocacy Committee, Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc.
- ☆ After School Programs (ASP)
- ☆ Amazon Smile Program
- ☆ Center for Creative Education (CCE)
- ☆ Center for Strategic Philanthropy & Civic Engagement
- ☆ Chamber of Nonprofit Health & Human Services Providers in Palm Beach County
- ☆ Charity Navigator
- ☆ Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University
- ☆ Children's Services Council Palm Beach County
- ☆ City of Delray Beach
- ☆ Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties
- ☆ Council on Accreditation (COA)
- ☆ Cultural Council of Palm Beach County
- ☆ Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
- ☆ Delray Beach Chamber Nonprofit Council
- ☆ Directors of Volunteer Services of Palm Beach County
- ☆ Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County
- ☆ Extraordinary Charities
- ☆ Family Central, Inc.
- ☆ Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
- ☆ Florida Association of Nonprofit Organizations (FANO)
- ☆ Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- ☆ Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- ☆ Florida Department of Health
- ☆ The Giving Library
- ☆ Great Nonprofits
- ☆ GuideStar
- ☆ Hands on Tzedakah ("H.O.T.")
- ☆ Health Council of Southeast Florida
- ☆ Inter-Agency Network of Palm Beach County
- ☆ Leadership Delray Beach
- ☆ Leadership Palm Beach County
- ☆ Lynn University
- ☆ National Association of Nonprofit Organizations & Executives (NANO)
- ☆ Nonprofit Chamber
- ☆ Nonprofits First Palm Beach County
- ☆ Palm Beach County Directors of Volunteer Services (DOVS)
- ☆ Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
- ☆ Palm Beach State College
- ☆ Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc.
- ☆ Prime Time Palm Beach County Rising Leaders
- ☆ Rewards for Causes
- ☆ Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- ☆ Spirit of Giving Network
- ☆ Sunbiz.org
- ☆ Town of Palm Beach United Way
- ☆ United States Department of Agriculture Afterschool Program
- ☆ United Way of Palm Beach County Agency Executive Council
- ☆ United Way of Palm Beach County Mentor Network
- ☆ VolunteerMatch

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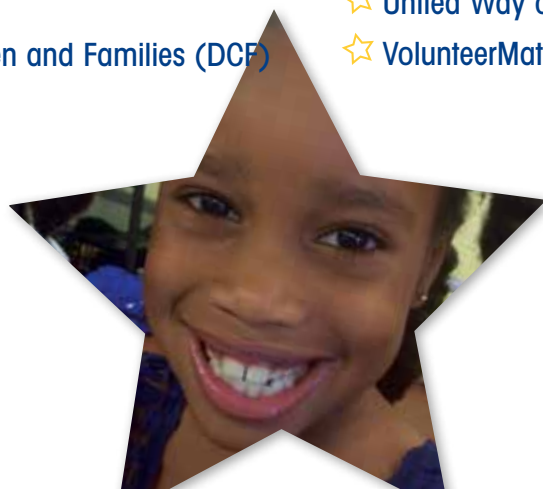
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S.T.A.R.S. Program Director



2017 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Celebrated 20th year of providing exceptional afterschool and summer camp programs to the community's most at-risk children and youth.
- ★ Implemented major donor cultivation initiative, attracting individual major gifts and contributions.
- ★ Recognized as an "Extraordinary Charity" in the 2017 Charitable Giving Directory.
- ★ Achieved successful reaccreditation by Nonprofits First; renewed Palm Beach County Health Department license; renewed The Florida Solicitation of
- ★ Contributions registration from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; continued accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA).
- ★ The S.T.A.R.S. program retained its maintenance level achievement and the Teen Leadership Program maintained its high QIS scoring in the Palm Beach County Afterschool Quality Improvement System (QIS).
- ★ Our Mentoring program maintained its status as a National Mentoring Quality Program through United Way of Palm Beach County. We managed greater than 40 active Mentor/Mentee matches throughout 2017.
- ★ Selected for the 6th year in a row as a Palm Beach County non-profit organization to participate in the Great Charity Challenge.
- ★ For the fourth straight year, Milagro Center was selected by FAU's Schmidt College of Medicine as a community site for the 2nd year medical students' service learning projects.
- ★ Created 401k savings account for employees.
- ★ Milagro Center was chosen to be a participant in Lynn University's Paladin Society.
- ★ Greater than 450 underserved and academically at-risk children and youth living in South Palm Beach County were exposed to cultural arts, academic enrichment, and Living Values lessons through Milagro Center's programs in 2017.
- ★ Our S.T.A.R.S. students continue to maintain an 8-year 98% average for successful annual grade promotion. Our Teens have had 100% grade promotion in each of the last five years and 100% high school graduation.
- ★ Continued to grow our investment account to build an operating reserve fund that will help with future sustainability and growth of our programs.
- ★ Held our 5th Annual Haircuts for the Holidays Event, a successful community outreach and service day for families of the children and youth attending our programs.
- ★ Exceeded our fundraising goal for our 2017 "ARTageous 20th Anniversary" event.
- ★ Exceeded our fundraising goal for our 2017 "100 for 100" Annual Appeal.
- ★ Attracted record number of volunteers (corporate groups and individuals) to become engaged with Milagro Center.
- ★ Key staff attended the 2017 National Mentor Summit in Washington DC.
- ★ Chosen as the organization for the Keller Williams Realty "Red Day" volunteer event.
- ★ All front-line staff earned and/or maintained the required DCF 40-hour Child Care Certification, Staff Credential, and completed mandatory in-service state trainings, including classes in child care, CPR and First Aid, and Florida Statutes relating to licensed child care facilities.
- ★ Art created by youth participating in Milagro Center's Teen Leadership Program was exhibited at the Boca Museum of Art, Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, The Blueprint Gallery at Milagro Center, the Delray Art League, and Delray Beach City Hall.
- ★ Our formal individual and ensemble musical instrument instruction program continued to expand by offering lessons to greater than 80% of enrolled students with additional instrument choices. More than 30% of our students are proficient in more than one instrument.

- ★ Successfully secured ongoing funds to support the ACT/SAT Prep course for our Teen Leadership Program.
- ★ The Blueprint Gallery at Milagro Center hosted five professional art exhibits in 2017 and welcomed more than 300 people.
- ★ Named the beneficiary of Healing Through Expressive Arts, Inc. (Therapeutic Oasis of the Palm Beaches) HEArt Show 2017.
- ★ Featured as a highlighted non-profit organization on the Forum for Nonprofits Radio Show.
- ★ Maintained eligibility for the Federal Hot Meal Program, sponsored by After School Programs (ASP), allowing Milagro Center to offer daily nutritious meals to our S.T.A.R.S. program children.
- ★ Named a beneficiary of the Leadership Palm Beach 2017 Toy Drive, in addition to being a recipient of First Presbyterian Church 2017 Holiday Toy Drive, Spirit of Giving Network 2017 Holiday Gift program participant, Town of Palm Beach United Way & Daily News 2017 Holiday Toy Drive recipient, and Palm Beach County Government.
- ★ Awarded United Way of Palm Beach County's Mentoring Micro-Grant.
- ★ Participated in the 2017 Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- ★ Ongoing professional development for staff included DiSC Assessment Training, Conflict Management, and Team Building workshops facilitated by Andrea Hoffer of AHA! Business Consulting and funded through Nonprofits First.

- ★ Executive Staff member was a graduate of the Nonprofits First Rising Leaders Class of 2017.
- ★ Executive Staff member participated in the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Leadership Delray Class.
- ★ S.T.A.R.S. Program Director maintained her Florida Child Care and Education Program Director Credential
- ★ President & CEO maintained both her National and Florida Child Care and Education Program Advanced Director Credential.
- ★ Maintained an active marketing and social media presence which has successfully gained visibility for the organization.
- ★ S.T.A.R.S. Program Director Kendra Williams earned Prime Time Palm Beach County's "2017 Exceptional Achievement by an Afterschool Professional" award.
- ★ Milagro Center was a nominee in the 2017 Nonprofits First "Hats Off" Awards
- ★ Partnered with FAU's Owls for Good business school
- ★ PNC Arts Alive "Take The Show on the Road" grant award winner
- ★ Selected to appear in Nonprofits First Leadership Video
- ★ Teen Leadership Program earned 2nd place prize in Prime Time Palm Beach County's 2017 National Summer Learning Day video contest
- ★ Teen Leadership Program student tied for 1st place in City of Delray Beach's 1st Annual Spellabration Spelling Bee



MILAGRO CENTER CULTIVATES CREATIVE CHILDREN WHO SUCCEED!

OUR RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

1. We Prepare the Soil by providing a safe space for independence and creative expression where every child is respected and individual differences are celebrated.
2. Sprinkle the Seeds with care and nurture each child's strengths while encouraging new growth.
3. We Choose the Right Tools by engaging impassioned teachers and positive adult role models who inspire each child by shining a bright light on learning.
4. We Fertilize Our Garden with Living Values that help our children sprout into strong human beings.
5. We Enjoy the Harvest and celebrate each child's accomplishments, unbridled self-esteem, and the development of a growing, insightful, creative mind.



"MILAGRO MIRACLES" : THE FACES OF OUR SUCCESS

Milagro Center has helped create success stories for hundreds of at-risk children and teens. Here are just three:



JAYDEN

Five-year old Jayden's view of the working world was limited when he came to Milagro Center. His dad worked as a cook and mom cleaned tables at a local restaurant. Now a 11-year-old A-student and safety patrol member, Jayden will tell you about his future "career" as a mechanical engineer.



MILLIE

When Millie was 5, her father was diagnosed with cancer and her world changed. She and her two brothers were able to get rides from neighbors in their trailer park and discovered Milagro Center. "They helped us so much with our school work," says Millie, who recently graduated from middle school. "Milagro was there for us, like family."



AMURA

Amura discovered his art talent at Milagro Center and now boasts a 3.9 GPA at Miles College in Alabama on an art scholarship. He stated quite honestly that "if it wasn't for Milagro Center, like my cousin, I'd be dead." Amura's dreams are alive and well – and his future is as bright as ever.

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Growing Together



If a child lives with tolerance,
She learns to be patient.
If a child lives
with encouragement,
He learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
She learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
She learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives
with acceptance
and friendship,
She learns to find love in the world.

— Anonymous



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