



2020 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.

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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.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND OUR PRESIDENT/CEO

Dear Milagro Center Friends and Supporters,

Looking back, 2020 will certainly be engraved in our memory for years to come. When our fiscal year began in January of 2020, we had no idea how our lives – and the world around us – would drastically change in just 2 1/2 short months.

By mid-March 2020 (specifically Friday, March 13th, a day that will live in infamy), the COVID-19 pandemic caused the Palm Beach County public schools here in Florida to shut down and Milagro Center to cease the operation of our on-site afterschool programs. Little did we know then that we would not return to “normal” operations for more than a year. But, given the dedication, passion, adaptability, and out-of-the-box thinking capability of our professional team of teachers and administrators, by the following Monday, March 16th, Milagro Center successfully launched its virtual learning platform and engaged our students without missing a beat. And, as a result, our longstanding 23-year mission to ensure the academic and social success of our underserved children and teens continued to be carried out through the spring, summer, and fall in new and wondrous ways!

With unexpected situations, one always hopes to find the silver lining and we can honestly attest that the ability of our team to so readily adapt to remote working and our students to pivot so quickly to remote learning in actuality enhanced many of our programs. With our afterschool academic, cultural arts, and mentoring programs being conducted through Zoom videoconferencing technology, accompanied by drive-up take-home academic and arts activity kits, the children and teens were learning in a more focused and personalized platform while also having the ability to “virtually socialize” with their peers without running the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus.

Many of the organizations and companies who had collaborated with us in the past were very excited to conduct virtual sessions with our students and, as a result, our list of community partners continued to grow throughout the year. Creativity breeds more creativity and, as an example, our “Girls Go Build” program, which one would think needed to be an in-person experience, blossomed throughout the year with interactive virtual sessions and very limited outdoor, socially distanced activities in cooperation with the City of Delray Beach, Habitat for Humanity, DPR Construction and other program partners.

As another example, Milagro’s “Mentoring Miracles” program grew to include a record number of mentors in 2020, all conducting their weekly mentoring sessions with their mentees through virtual platforms including Zoom, Facetime, and Skype.

Through focused, newly conceived creative fundraising campaigns (including our “K-12 Challenge”, “COVID Call to Action”, and “Notables, Quotable, & Photables” e-newsletter) together with events going virtual (such as our “Let’s Groove Tonight Disco Party” and “Mega Holiday Marketplace”), and the successful launch of our brand-new website, we garnered generous support from our funders and donors. These funds were utilized to provide our families with laptop computers - enabling their children to have access to their virtual classes during the day at school and to Milagro Center’s rigorous afterschool programs. We were also able to purchase individual student desks and ample PPE supplies meeting CDC and Health Department guidelines in readiness for when our on-site programs would resume.

Thankfully, we also had the opportunity to partner with neighborhood restaurants and other organizations to distribute food to our families who had become food insecure during the height of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Importantly, Milagro Center focused on providing additional academic tutoring and reading intervention sessions for our most academically at-risk elementary, middle school, and high school students who suffered tremendous learning loss as a result of not attending in-person school.

This academic support was instrumental in having all of our students successfully end the 2020 school year on track and advance to the next grade.

Within our Teen Leadership program, our ACT/SAT prep classes and career and college readiness sessions were conducted virtually as well and we acknowledged our high school seniors’ graduations with a drive-up celebration full of pomp and circumstance. As in previous years, once again, in spite of the challenges faced due to COVID-19, 100% of our seniors graduated from high school in June and all of them were accepted to college or trade schools, an exciting accomplishment for these first-generation students.

We are very happy to declare that the resilience, flexibility, and spirit of Milagro Center prevailed throughout the most challenging months of 2020. The heart of our organization’s efforts has been, and continues to be, meeting the needs of our underserved children and teens. If the past year has shown us anything at all, it has truly demonstrated how Milagro Center continues to grow, readily adapt, and pivot to necessary change with the times and the requisites of our community.

A simple truth is that Milagro Center’s impact would not be possible without the powerful support of our donors, community partners, professional team, Board of Directors, Finance Committee members, volunteers and mentors who have assisted and guided us throughout this complex year. Without your help, we would not be able to effectively change the lives of the underserved and academically at-risk children in our programs; taking them off the repeated path to poverty and creating a new path to productive, self-sufficient lives.

With your steadfast support, Milagro Center will continue to be the beacon of hope guiding the bright futures for the youth of Delray Beach, as it has been for the past 23 years. And, what more valuable investment is there than in our children?

Thank you for helping us make “Milagro miracles”!

Kurt Knaus



Kurt Knaus
Board Chairman



Barbara J. Stark
President & CEO



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, reading and math academic enrichment, and - our newest addition in 2020 - dramatic arts, all conducted in individual and small group settings that encourage creativity, learning, and acceptance and builds an indestructible sense of self-worth in our innovative year-round program. Milagro Center's S.T.A.R.S. program enjoys a remarkable 98% annual grade promotion rate. And, 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, and following 5th grade graduation, our S.T.A.R.S. students transition to our Junior Teen Leadership program where academic support, cultural arts enrichment, and mentoring continue.

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 expanded its "Junior Teen Leadership" program this past year and officially opened the new Virginia and Harvey Kimmel Milagro Junior teen Center, located adjacent to Milagro's Teen Center at 346 SW. 6th Avenue in Delray Beach. This afterschool and summer camp program is uniquely structured for the academic and social emotional needs of youth in grades 6 through 8. This "Junior Teen Leadership" program is a full 38-week afterschool program and 14-week full-time camp program (10 weeks of summer camp, 2 full weeks of full-day winter break camp, 1 week of full-day spring break camp, and 1 week of Thanksgiving holiday camp). Providing 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, this program now serves over 40 youth and enrollment continues to grow. Our S.T.A.R.S. graduates seamlessly "move up" to this program and remain through their middle school years. Once they become of high school age, they transition to Milagro Center's 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 and productive futures.

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 at 340 SW 6th Avenue in Delray Beach. The Teens receive daily homework assistance and language arts and math tutoring, art and music instruction, Living Values education, career development and planning, college prep, ACT/SAT preparation, life skills, and other resources and experiences such as the "Creation Station" where they create videos, record vocals, and learn sound production, all structured 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. Since the inception of the Teen Leadership Program at Milagro Center 9 years ago, 100% of the Teens who attend this program have graduated from high school (many are the first in their families to earn a high school diploma) and are on the path to success, entering college and trade school, becoming apprentices to local professionals, and entering into military service. The Milagro Teen Leadership Program is involved in our local community and our Milagro Teens often contribute their musical and artistic talents to local festivals, fairs, and events, building confidence and self-assurance.



MENTORING MIRACLES

This previously fully on-site mentoring program at Milagro Center shifted to virtual mentoring during the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has shown us that there are indeed many effective channels for mentoring. Mentors truly make 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 2020, we achieved another record of successfully matching each of our 43 S.T.A.R.S. children with a mentor and, in addition, we expanded the Mentoring Miracles program to now include greater than a dozen mentor matches with our Junior Teens. 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 sessions with their mentees. More than 50% 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 at-large to the arts, Milagro Center is currently preparing to add a 2nd art venue to its ARTreach program through a Community Revitalization Grant funded by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The new Milagro Center "Community Art Garden" will officially open in January of 2021 and will feature year-round outdoor rotating art and sculpture exhibits by local emerging artists. Like Milagro Center's on-site "Blueprint Gallery", the "Community Art Garden" will be available for community-based childcare centers, schools, youth activity centers, local organizations and companies, and local art groups and leagues to participate in the art and hold meetings and retreats outdoors in the art garden. With these two art venues, Milagro Center will now have the opportunity to welcome the community to numerous impactful art exhibits featuring varieties of visual and performing art exhibits. The ARTreach program has proven to be an effective approach to providing economically-challenged children and the community with an art gallery experience and have them explore and embrace their artistic capabilities. In 2021, we look forward to an expansive ARTreach program and witness the wonder and joy as our community embraces art right in their "own backyard".

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 **25.06%** poverty rate with **34%** 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 2020**, which is the highest in Delray Beach.

Research reveals that reading proficiency by third grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success. Yet, in Delray Beach, **2/3 of the 3rd graders** in our local schools are currently reading below grade level.

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 22% 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

In spite of the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the first year of Milagro Center's "We Read To Succeed!" Program was a tremendous success:

- **100%** (20 out of 20) of the children participating in our We Read To Succeed! Program were promoted to the next grade at the end of the 2019-20 academic school year.
- **100%** (5 out of 5) of the 3rd graders participating in our We Read To Succeed! Program are currently reading on grade level (as measured by standardized testing).
- **100%** (20 out of 20) of the children participating in our We Read To Succeed! Program are demonstrating improved reading skills, as measured by pre and post-tests.

100% of students at Milagro Center (STARS, Juniors, Teens) received Music Appreciation classes.

More than **160 children and youth** in Palm Beach County were exposed to cultural arts, academic enrichment, and Living Values lessons through Milagro Center's virtual programs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic 2020.

We continue to operate our licensed and accredited S.T.A.R.S. (K-5th grade) program at **100% maximum enrollment capacity** with a perpetual waiting list.

Our S.T.A.R.S. students have an **11-year 98% average for successful annual grade promotion**.

Our Teens have had **100% grade promotion** in each of the last 9 years.

Milagro Center has paired **55** of our students with adult mentors (43 at our S.T.A.R.S. K-5 Center and 12 Middle School students).

100% of our students are maintaining satisfactory virtual school attendance.

100% of the students in our Teen Leadership Program have increased their college and career preparation skills.

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.

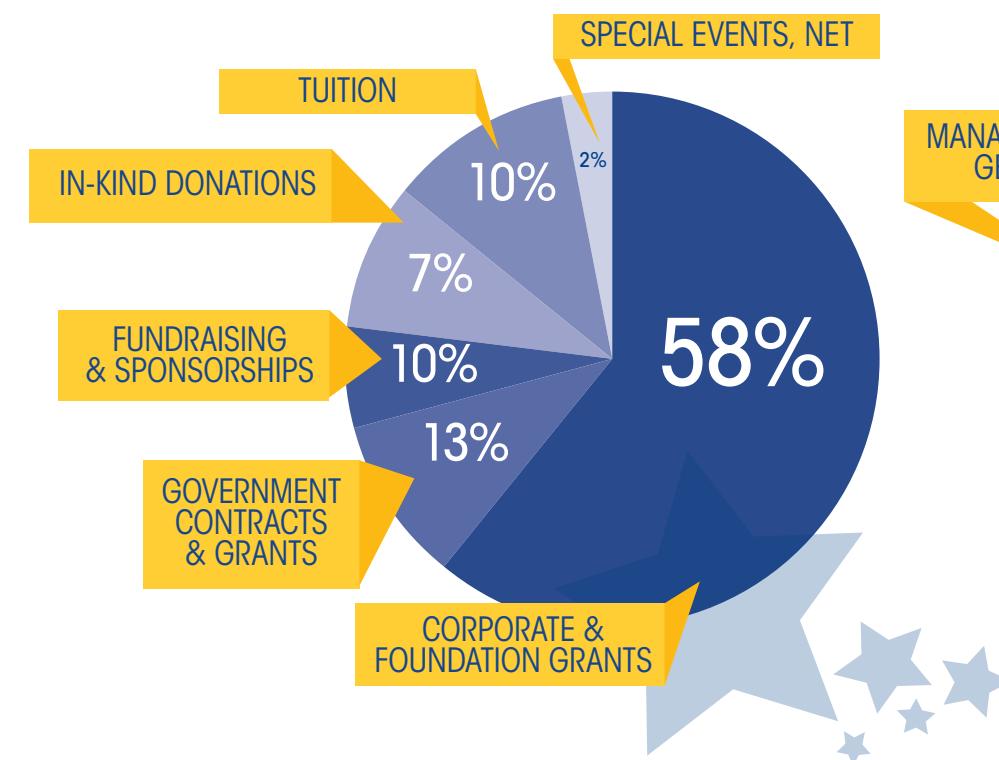
100% of our students demonstrate increased knowledge of and abilities in the arts.

100% of our students demonstrate improved self-esteem, self-confidence, and life skills.

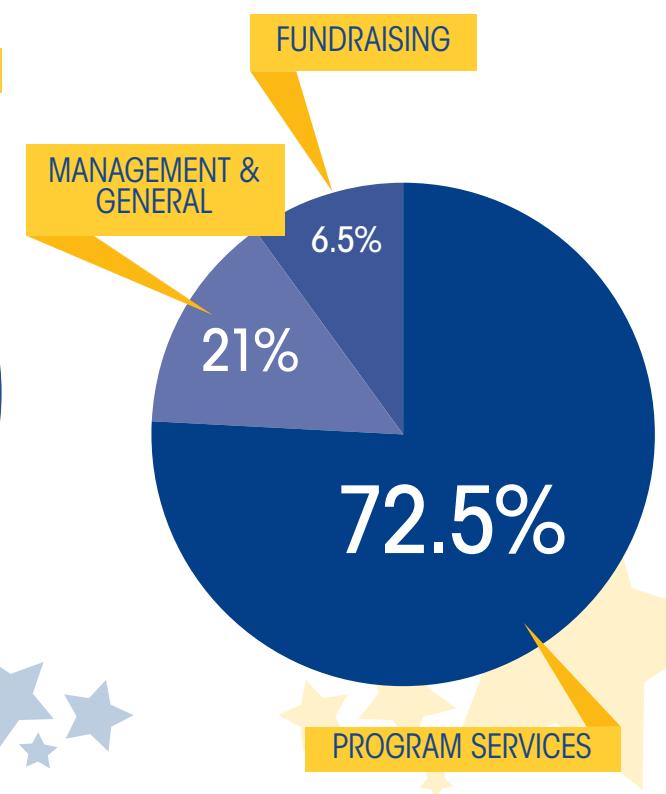
100% of our S.T.A.R.S. students involved in the summer learning program returned to school reading at or above their previous term's reading level, experiencing no summer learning loss.

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 exposure to the arts in the community and diminished costs in terms of social services related to homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, general crime, and law enforcement.

2020 REVENUES

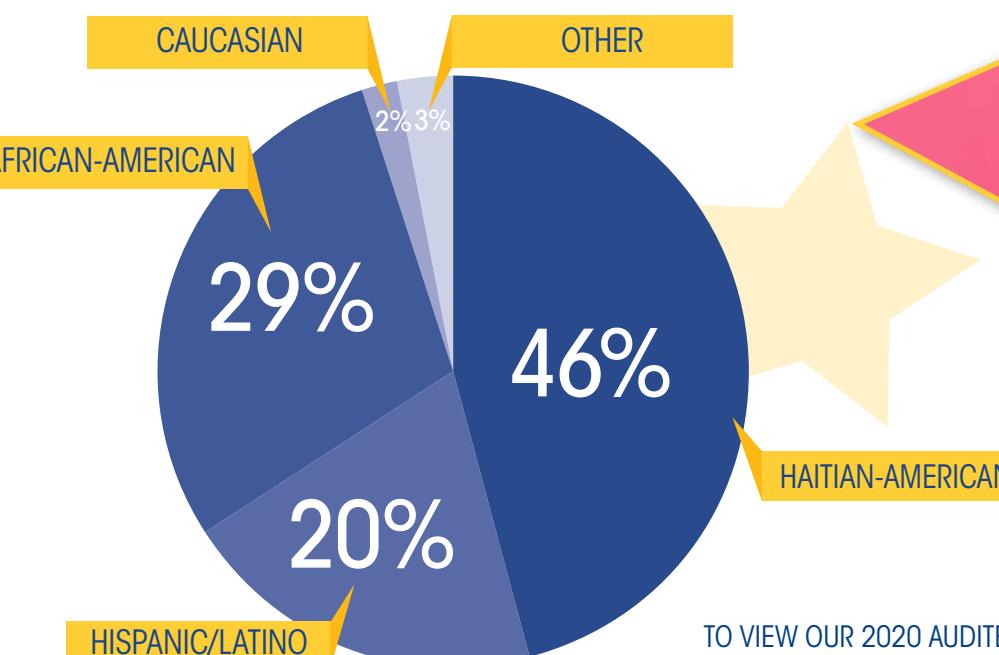


2020 EXPENSES



2020 DEMOGRAPHICS OF POPULATION SERVED

S.T.A.R.S., JUNIOR TEEN LEADERSHIP,
TEEN LEADERSHIP, & ARTREACH PROGRAMS



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

TO VIEW OUR 2020 AUDITED FINANCIALS AND 2020 990, PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.MILAGROCENTER.ORG/ABOUT/#FINANCIAL-STEWARDSHIP

2020 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 again in 2020!

4Girls Foundation
ABC Institute
ACHIEVE Palm Beach County
Afterschool Programs, Inc.
Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness

Allstate
American Heritage School
American Red Cross
The Arc of Palm Beach County
Atlantic Avenue Magazine
Atlantic Community High School
AVID Atlantic Community High School
AVDA

Bell Rock Capital
Best Buy
Blaze Pizza
Bluegreen Vacations
Boca Greens Country Club
Boca Museum of Art
Boca Pointe "Clowns on Call"
Boca Raton Observer

Boca Raton Resort
Bond Street Café
Brooklyn Café
Campus Management Association Foundation
Cape Universal

Capital One
Capital One Café Delray Beach
Carabba's
Career Source Palm Beach County
Caridad Center

Caring Kitchen
Carver Middle School
Catherine Strong Splash Park
Center for Creative Education (CCE)

Center for Independent Living Options
CenterState Bank
Charity Strikes
Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at FAU

Chick-fil-A
Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy
Children's Services Council
Chipotle
Christine's Hope for Kids
City of Delray Beach
Club Singers of Delray Beach
Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

Colony Yoga
Comcast
Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties
Community Greening

Congregation B'Nai Torah
Congregation B'Nai Israel
Connect to Greatness
Cornell Art Museum
CreditGuard of America
Cultural Council of Palm Beach County
Cummins
Danie Spikes, Relationship Coach/motivational speaker

Debilzan Gallery
Delray Art League
Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
Delray Beach Children's Garden
Delray Beach Elks Lodge
Delray Beach Fire Rescue
Delray Beach Forum
Delray Beach Historical Society
Delray Beach Initiative (DBI)

Delray Beach Magazine
Delray Beach Orchid Society
Delray Beach Pineapple Newspaper
Delray Beach Playhouse
Delray Beach Police Department
Delray Beach Public Library
Delray Beach Whole Foods

Delray Community Wellness Center
Delray Magazine
Delray Morning Live
Delray Newspaper
Digital Vibez
DPR Construction

DPR Build-Up High School Internship
Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
Early Learning Coalition
Eat Better, Live Better
Educational Excellence

EJS Projects
Extraordinary Charities
Families First
FAU Schmidt College of Medicine
FAU School of Business
FAU Tech Garage

Feeding South Florida
First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach
Flipany
Florida Association of Women Lawyers

Florida Atlantic University
Florida Barber Academy
Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County
Florida Fishing Academy
Florida Power & Light
Forum for Non-Profits Radio Show
Frank's Bowling
Freedom Chiropractic
Future Leaders Palm Beach County
Genesis Community Health & Dental
Green Arrow Marketing & Media Group



Grieco Youth Soccer program
Habitat for Humanity
Hair Cuttery
Healing Through Expressive Arts
Health Council of Southeast Florida
Healthier Delray Beach
Hessler Paint and Hardware
Hollander Sleep Products Company
Home Depot
Hospitality Helping Hands
Hugs and Smiles Foundation
Humanity Helping Hands
Hyatt Place, Delray Beach
Iberia Bank
In Jacob's Shoes
Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (Palm Beach chapter)
Jingle Jolly Holiday Elves

Joshua's Heart Foundation
Junior League of Boca Raton
Karisma Dance Company
Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida
Keller Williams Realty
KiangA ART
KidBox
KidSafe Foundation
Kiwanis Club Delray Beach
KOP Mentoring Network
Lake Ida Park
Launch Potato
Leadership Delray
Leadership Palm Beach County
LexisNexis
Lifestyle Media Group
Live Nation
Living Hungry
Lord & Taylor, Boca Raton
Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
Lynn University
Marc Julien Homes
Marshall's
Masterful Living
Merrill Lynch
Miami Children's Health Plan
Morikami Museum
Morningday Community Solutions
MVP Group
My Brother's Keeper
My Life My Power (MLMP)
National League of American Pen Women
NCCI
Nerd Alert
Nerdy Cares
Newell Brands (Jarden Consumer Solutions)

Nonprofits First
Norton Museum
Office Depot
Old School Square Crest Theatre
Pace Center for Girls
Palm Beach Arts Paper
Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
Palm Beach County Coalition on Human Trafficking
Palm Beach County Food Bank
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 Club
Palm Beach Historical Society
Palm Beach Philanthropy Tank
Palm Beach Post
Palm Beach School for Autism
Palm Beach State College
Palm Beach Zoo
Palm Greens Women's Club
Papas Tapas, Delray Beach
Pediatrics Association Foundation
Photo Pro Boca
Pine Crest School
Pine Jog Environmental Education Center
Place of Hope
PlanIT
Plastridge Insurance
Pompey Park
Porcaro Law Group
Prediq Media
Prime Time Palm Beach County
Printer's Choice
Publix
Quiet Waters Park
Ready, Set, Grow Academy
RN Network
Rose Marcom
Rotary Club of Delray Beach
Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services

Safety Council of Palm Beach County
Saint Andrews Academy
Salt7, Delray Beach
Seagate Beach Club
Social House
SOMOS (Office Depot's Latino/Hispanic Associate Resource Group)
South Florida Fairgrounds
SouthTech Academy
Sow Share
Space of Mind
Spady Cultural Heritage Museum
Spirit of Giving Network
State Farm Insurance
Stuart & Shelby Development
Suits for Seniors
Sunflower Creative Arts
Sun-Sentinel
Synovus Bank
Target
Temple Beth El
Temple Mount Sinai
The Breakers, Palm Beach
The Club Singers of Delray Beach
The Coastal Star
The Corner Bakery
The Institute for Regional Conservation
Toshiba
Touch a Heart Foundation
Town of Palm Beach United Way
Twin-Star International
United Way of Palm Beach County
University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine
Urban League of Palm Beach County
US Soccer Foundation

Village Academy
Village at Delray
Viner Foundation
Wayside House
Winn-Dixie
Wise Tribe
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 Engineers
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches
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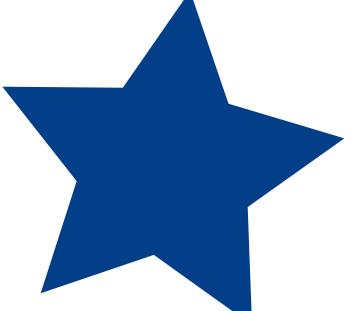


2020 MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Afterschool Alliance
 After School Programs (ASP)
 Amazon Smile Program
 Blacktie South Florida
 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 Education Advisory Board
 CiviCore
 Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin
 Counties
 Council on Accreditation (COA)
 Cultural Council of Palm Beach County
 Directors of Volunteer Services of Palm Beach County
 Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County
 Extraordinary Charities
 Family Central, Inc.
 Florida Association of Nonprofit Organizations (FANO)
 Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
 Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Tech Runway/
 TechGarage
 Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
 Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)
 Florida Department of Health
 Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
 Florida Notary Public
 Florida Office of Early Learning
 GrantStation.com
 Great Nonprofits
 Greater Delray Beach Chamber Nonprofit Council
 Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
 Greater Delray Chamber Education Fund (DCEF)



GuideStar
 Hands on Tzedakah ("H.O.T.")
 Health Council of Southeast Florida
 Human Resources Association of Broward County, FL
 Human Resources Certification Institute (PHR)
 Inter-Agency Network of Palm Beach County
 Leadership Delray Beach
 Leadership Palm Beach County
 Little Kids Rock
 Lynn University
 MentorCore
 National Association of Nonprofit Organizations &
 Executives (NANO)
 Network for Good
 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
 PayPal Giving Fund
 Prime Time Palm Beach County Rising Leaders
 Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc.
 Rewards for Causes
 Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)
 Spirit of Giving Network
 Sunbiz.org
 The Giving Library
 Town of Palm Beach United Way
 United States Department of Agriculture Afterschool
 Program
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 United Way of Palm Beach County Mentor Network
 VolunteerMatch
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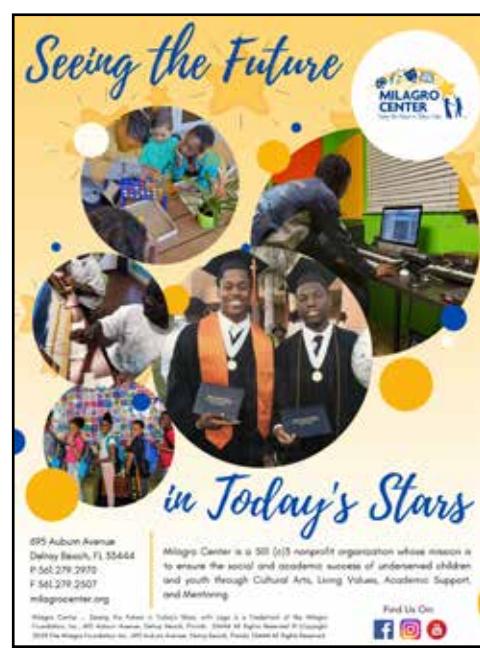
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2020 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrated 23rd year of providing exceptional afterschool and summer camp programs to the community's most at-risk children and youth.

Greater than 160 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 virtual programs in 2020.

In 2020, Milagro Center began the construction of the Community Art Garden, funded through a grant from the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Our innovative 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 35% of our students are proficient in more than one instrument.

S.T.A.R.S. has been an approved provider with Palm Beach County Youth Services Department for 6 years now.

S.T.A.R.S has received Prime Time Palm Beach County's Maintenance Program award for the 5th consecutive year.

Milagro Center is ServSafe Certified through the National Restaurant Association.

Milagro Center expanded its Girls Go Build construction education program from a summer initiative to a year-round program serving both middle and high school girls. Additionally, the program flourished in a virtual environment even during the pandemic culminating with Milagro girls building a beautiful deck in the yard of the Jr Teen Leadership Center.

Milagro Center continued its commitment to providing services for our Teens' post-secondary success by adding a dedicated College & Career Coach to help prepare every Milagro 9th -12th grade student for after high school success.

Milagro Center proudly celebrated 95% of the 2020 high school graduates going on immediately to attend College, Professional Trade School, and the Military.

Milagro's premier Ladies Empowerment Achievement Program (L.E.A.P.) celebrated its 4th year, has grown to serving both middle and high school girls and added a dedicated L.E.A.P. coordinator to expand the program. L.E.A.P. has grown from serving 10 girls to over 40 girls in both middle and high school.

In 2020, Milagro Center received two new grants from The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation. We received \$120,000 for our Junior Teen Leadership Program (\$60,000 a year for two years), and \$80,000 (\$40,000 a year for the next two years) for our Music Program.

Through a generous grant from The Virginia and Harvey Kimmel Foundation, Milagro Center founded a reading intervention program called "We Read to Succeed!" specifically aimed at successful 3rd grade reading levels.

From the moment the COVID-19 pandemic started, Milagro Center worked with community partners to provide food distributions to our families in need. We also collected and distributed new and gently-used computer equipment, so our children and Teens could access the virtual programming.

Our Milagro Teens produced a "We Are The World" Video, which featured both Milagro students and staff and leaders from throughout Palm Beach County.

Milagro Center was once again recognized as an "Extraordinary Charity" in the 2020 Charitable Giving Directory.

For the seventh 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.

Our S.T.A.R.S. students continue to maintain a 11-year 98% average for successful annual grade promotion. Our Teens have had 100% grade promotion in each of the last eight years and 100% high school graduation.

Milagro Center launched its Artist-in-Residency Program

Milagro Center launched its new website

Milagro Center adopted ProCare Software for its sign-in-sign-out processes.

Milagro Center received a \$3,000 grant from Dollar General for a summer literacy program.

Milagro Center participated in the Winn-Dixie Community Bag Program.

Our Junior Teen and Teen Leadership Program students participated in an onsite empowerment time-capsule project called "I Can Breathe!" Students wrote their feelings about the global pandemic and racial injustice and buried them in a time capsule behind Milagro Center's Teen Center. We received television coverage for this impactful event.

Selected for the 9th year in a row as a Palm Beach County non-profit organization to participate in the Great Charity Challenge.

Milagro Center was the recipient of a \$25,000 emergency grant for technology supports from Best Buy Foundation.

The Fisher Foundation continued to fund the Dramatic Arts Program at Milagro Center. Though students were not able to have live performances, they produced two recorded performances. The first performance was streamed as part of Milagro Center's "End of Summer Soiree," and the second was streamed during Milagro Center's holiday event.

Milagro Center received an \$800 grant from Soroptimist International for our Junior Teen Leadership Program.

Our S.T.A.R.S. students participated in the countywide virtual spelling bee put on by Palm Beach County's Youth Services Department.

Milagro Center maintained its 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.

Our 2020 annual spring fundraising event was changed to a virtual event and succeeded in meeting its fundraising goal.

Our new annual appeal "The K-12 Challenge" raised far greater than its expected revenue goal.

Milagro's virtual "Mega Holiday Marketplace" was hugely successful and will now become an annual event.

Our COVID-19 donor fundraising appeal garnered major contributions.

Milagro Center created its new semi-monthly "Notables, Quotables and Photables" e-newsletter.

Milagro Center continued to partner with the City of Delray Beach, area private businesses, and other nonprofit organizations to introduce middle school girls to career opportunities in the construction industry through our "Girls Go Build" Program.

The Department of Children and Families renewed Milagro Center's Gold Seal Quality Care Accreditation.

Retained successful Reaccreditation by Nonprofits First for Sound Nonprofit Management.

Renewed Palm Beach County Health Department license.

Renewed the Florida Solicitation of Contributions registration from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Milagro Center maintained accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA). Accreditation is a tremendous achievement that demonstrates that our program is recognized as an afterschool provider that successfully implements high performance standards and, as such, is delivering the highest quality services to all of its children, youth and families.

The S.T.A.R.S. program retained its maintenance level achievement and the Junior 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.

Milagro Center continued to grow our investment account throughout 2020 to build an operating reserve fund that will help with future sustainability and growth of the organization.

Attracted record number of mentors and volunteers who engaged with our students virtually throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key staff attended the 2020 National Mentor Summit in Washington DC.

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.

Successfully secured ongoing funds to support the ACT/SAT Prep course for our Teen Leadership Program.

Continued ongoing professional development for staff included facilitated through Nonprofits First.

President & CEO maintained both her National and Florida Child Care and Education Program Advanced Director Credential.

A total of 3 staff have earned and maintained their Florida Child Care and Education Director Credentials.

Maintained an active marketing and social media presence which has successfully gained visibility for the organization.



MILAGRO CENTER CULTIVATES CREATIVE CHILDREN WHO SUCCEED!

Here is our “5-Step 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. We “Sprinkle the Seeds” with care and nurture each child’s strengths while encouraging new growth.
3. We “Stimulate the Seedlings” by employing 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, tolerant, and caring human beings.
5. We “Enjoy the Harvest” and celebrate each child’s accomplishments, unbridled self-esteem, and the development of a growing, insightful, creative, and productive 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:



S.T.A.R.S. Program Success Story: Mekhi

Mekhi joined the Milagro family almost 2 1/2 years ago when he was starting first grade. At that time, he struggled to accept direction and feedback to support his growth and development. Very much into video games and in his own world, Mekhi didn't readily make friends on his own. Several students reached out to him and their mutual affinity for video games would be the beginning of the journey to being receptive and interactive with his peers. Today, 9-year old Mekhi not only participates in art class, but he looks forward to Soccer and Social games through our Social Emotional Learning program. Along with Mekhi's social skills, his academics have also improved and he is reading on grade-level and doing well as a 3rd grader. The sky is the limit for Mekhi as his self-control, enthusiasm for social interaction, and self-confidence show steady improvement day after day.



Junior Teen Leadership Program Success Story: Marjorie

Marjorie first enrolled in Milagro's Junior Teen Leadership Program for summer camp with her sister Emily and an older brother Alex who attends Milagro's Teen Leadership Program. At first Marjorie was shy, and didn't say much, but always had a big beautiful smile. As the summer weeks went by, Marjorie's outgoing personality emerged and with it, "catch you by surprise" jokes that had everyone laughing. Marjorie is always full of life, a very bright young lady who already knows she brings joy to the program with her infectious energy. The first thing she will always ask when getting off the school bus and entering Milagro's Jr. Teen Center is "is there anything you need?" She participates in the Junior Teen Band, loves the Young Engineer sessions, is a member of the Girls Go Build Club and is a talented Spoken Word artist. Milagro is proud of Marjorie and knows she will be a force to reckon with as she moves through Middle School on to High School!



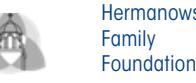
Teen Leadership Program Success Story: Elvani

Elvani (affectionately called Elva by everyone) is a 10th grade Milagro Super Star! Since enrolling at Milagro Center at age 12, this energetic and enthusiastic teen with the "what can I do to help?" attitude just jumps right in to assist. Elva is a talented, intelligent, humble and outgoing young lady. Elva has helped mentor younger girls attending the Milagro's Junior Teen Leadership Program; has represented Milagro Center at Delray Beach City Commission meetings; is a talented singer and has performed in numerous Milagro community performances; competed on the Milagro Center Robotics team; was one of the first females in our LEAP and Girls Go Build programs; helped distribute food to Milagro families during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, is now one of Milagro's fabulous student interns working with the S.T.A.R.S. Program. Most importantly, she is an Honor Roll student at Atlantic Community High School. We are so proud of Elva and can't wait to see what else she will accomplish while attending Milagro Center and beyond!

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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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