

Philanthropy Notes

Boca West Children's Foundation gives \$1.7 million to charities

The 2023-24 fiscal year culminated in \$1.7 million in donations from the Boca West Children's Foundation to its more than 30 charity partners.

The grants will help fund projects ranging from providing cribs and diapers, to early childhood education and after-school care, to tutoring and counseling.

"All of this was made possible due to the hard work and dedication of our board of directors, members of Boca West Country Club and donors in our community," said Pamela Weinroth, the foundation's executive director. "We have raised a total of \$19 million since the launch of Boca West Children's Foundation in 2010."

Added Richard Zenker, the foundation's chairman, "The funds we grant to our charity partners directly help children and families in need, from providing backpacks with food, to diapers, beds, aftercare, tutoring, summer and sports camps, counseling, college scholarships and so much more."



Boca West Children's Foundation leaders (l-r) Arthur Adler, Christina Irving, Pamela Weinroth, Richard Zenker. Photo provided

For more information, call 561-488-6980 or visit bocawestfoundation.org.

Boca twins' cereal drive nets 8,000 boxes

Cereal4All, an annual drive organized by 16-year-old twins Jett and Luke Justin, of Boca Raton, will enable Boca Helping Hands to provide more than 8,000 boxes of cereal to its clients. The brothers aimed to gather 4,000 pounds of cereal for Boca Helping Hands and instead ended up with 10,619.

"We created Cereal4All to

fight hunger around America's breakfast tables because millions of American families suffer from food insecurity, which means they can't always afford enough meals for everyone in their homes," Luke Justin said. "Those families depend on food banks to help ease their hunger issues. Since breakfast food is one of the least donated items to food banks, that means pantry bags of meals distributed to families in need are often missing breakfast food."

The drive's impact has grown beyond Palm Beach County, with student ambassadors expanding its reach through more than 40 schools in Florida, 25 schools in other states and one in Canada.

"The other part of Cereal4All's mission is to make students more aware of food insecurity in their communities," Jett Justin said. "The happy connection young people have with cereal makes the sad facts of food insecurity more personal for them. Students can clearly imagine what it means to have an empty bowl."

For more information about Cereal4All, call 561-289-1378 or visit cereal4all.org. For more information about Boca Helping Hands, call 561-417-0913 or visit bocahelpinghands.org.

JARC Florida names five new members to board

Three members and two honorary members have been added to the leadership of JARC Florida, a Boca Raton-based organization that educates and empowers people with

developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Summer Faerman, Harry Posin and Jonathan Greenhut join honorary members Rabbi David Baum and Debra Hallow at JARC Florida.

Faerman is director of the Meryl and Ron Gallatin Tzedakah, Learning and Chesed program at B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton.

Posin is founder and president of Label & Co. home



builders. Greenhut is an entrepreneur who has started multiple businesses in the health, wellness and beauty industries.

For more information, call 561-558-2550 or visit jarcfl.org.

David Waldshan fund expands mission at FAU

When Ben and Liz Waldshan pledged a gift to the Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University, the purpose was to deepen knowledge of the Holocaust and human rights.

The David Waldshan Educational Endowment Fund will amplify the mission of the center by providing learning opportunities to professional educators in South Florida to combat prejudice and indifference.

"The Florida Atlantic Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, championing education as our best hope against hatred, is a perfect fit for us to honor my father's greatest wish — to ensure that atrocities like the Holocaust never happen again," said Ben Waldshan, noting that the gift was made in memory of David Waldshan, a Holocaust survivor.

"In today's current environment, where anti-semitism is troublingly on the rise, we feel it's more important than ever to support the center for its hard work and to accelerate its impact."

David Waldshan died in 2023.

For more information, call 561-297-3000 or visit www.fau.edu/artsandletters/pjhr/chhr.

Special fundraiser will benefit Spady Museum

A Spady Cultural Heritage Museum fundraiser has launched online as part of Give 8/28, a national day of philanthropy organized by the Young, Black & Giving Back Institute.

The museum in Delray Beach will use the funds for the Martin Luther King Jr. Brunch in January.

To donate, visit give828.org/donate/expanding-and-preserving-our-cultural-heritage.

"At a time when our state funding has been eliminated, it is support from our local donors, members, friends, representatives and partners that allow us to continue important work, like educating and empowering our young people and providing cultural and historical information to everyone," museum director Charlene Farrington said. "Now more than ever, it is important for anyone who supports education, the arts and history to support the programs of the Spady Museum."

The fundraiser comes as Black-led organizations across the country highlight the fact that they receive 2% of institutional dollars from foundations. Give 8/28 seeks to empower those organizations working in areas such as education and mentoring, health and wellness and more.

The Spady Museum specifically is employing Give 8/28 to make up for \$27,244 cut from its operating budget due to the governor's veto of arts-and-culture grants statewide for fiscal year 2025.

"The funding gap left by the state of Florida means we have to work extra hard and be super creative," Farrington said. "We welcome the public's support and invite them to come experience what the Spady has to offer."

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