

2024 |

ANNUAL REPORT



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Winner of 2024 Youth Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Challenge, Cedrick Dessalines, with Delray Beach Mayor Tom Carney



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have undertaken together. Over the past decade, our nonprofit has grown from a small, passionate group of individuals into a thriving organization making a significant impact in our community.

This year has been particularly special as we have forged new partnerships that have strengthened our mission and expanded our reach. These collaborations have enabled us to enhance our programs and services, ensuring that we can better serve those in need.

We are also proud to report measurable growth in all of our programs. From increased participation in our educational initiatives to the successful implementation of new community projects, our efforts are yielding tangible results. This progress is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff, volunteers, and supporters.

One of the highlights of this year was our first annual Young Entrepreneurs Awards Gala. This event was a resounding success, celebrating the innovative spirit and achievements of young entrepreneurs in our community. It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm and creativity of the next generation of leaders, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come.

As we look ahead to the next year, we are excited about the opportunities that lie before us. We remain committed to our mission and are eager to build on the successes of this past year. With your continued support, we are confident that we can achieve even greater heights and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, we are making a positive impact and creating a brighter future for our community.

*With heartfelt gratitude,
Annette Gray
Founder and Executive Director*



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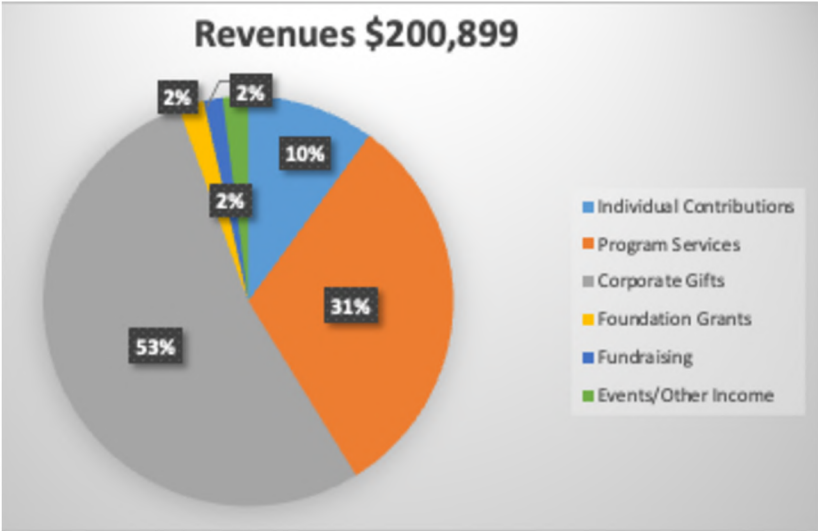
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Our Financials

Revenues

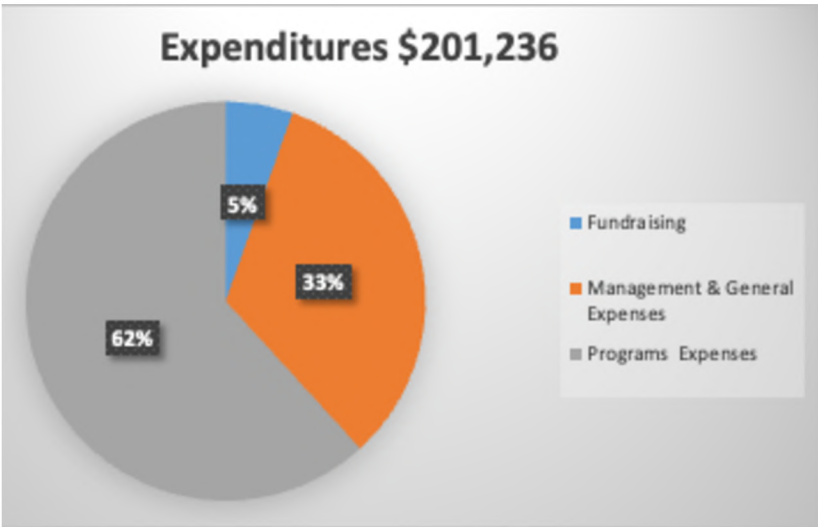
2024 Statement of Financial Contributions



Individual Contributions	\$ 20,200.00
Program Services	\$ 62,513.00
Corporate Gifts	\$ 107,150.00
Foundation Grants	\$ 4,000.00
Fundraising	\$ 3,018.00
Events/Other Income	\$ 4,018.00
Total Revenue	\$ 200,899.00

Expenditures

2024 Statement of Financial Expenses



Fundraising	\$ 10,950.00
Management and General Expenses	\$ 65,989.00
Program Expenses	\$ 124,297.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 201,236.00



Love Our Homeless | A Valentine's Day Outreach

February 13, 2024 | St Matthews Episcopal Church

GBDC
Entrepreneurship Institute

A Valentine's Day Gift-Giving Event

LOVE OUR HOMELESS

Distribution of Gift Bags to Palm Beach County's Unsheltered Individuals

FEBRUARY 13

Tuesday

St Matthews Episcopal Church:
404 SW 3rd St Delray Beach FL 33444

Donations of personal hygiene products, such as shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and body wash /soap shaving kits, are much appreciated!
Email: info@gbdcei.org

Purpose and Goals:

To provide tangible support and emotional uplift to the unsheltered population of Palm Beach County. Our goals included:

1. Spreading Love and Hope: Offering a gesture of kindness on Valentine's Day to make a challenging time feel a little brighter.
2. Meeting Immediate Needs: Providing essential items to help individuals address basic hygiene and nutritional requirements.
3. Building Awareness: Encouraging the community to recognize the importance of supporting the homeless and inspiring others to get involved.

Event Highlights:



- Valentine's Day Gift Bag Distribution: Each bag was carefully curated with essential items such as hygiene products and non-perishable snacks.
- Community Involvement: Local volunteers and organizations came together to make the day special, embodying the spirit of unity and care.
- Personal Connections: Fostering meaningful interactions, sharing smiles, and reminding our unsheltered neighbors that they are valued.






Emergency Rental Assistance | Mobile Outreach


Jan-Aug 2024 | Pompey Park / Bryant Park / Haverhill Baptist Church


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Marci Woodward, Sara Baxter, Mack Bernard



Do you pay rent in a residential dwelling?
Do you lack internet access or a computer in your home?
Are there other barriers that prevent you from applying for emergency assistance online?



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE | **MOBILE OUTREACH**



GBDCEI will be providing a mobile outreach unit for emergency rent and utility assistance for eligible individuals who have been impacted directly or indirectly by COVID-19. Look for the big blue bus.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Mondays, from July 10th	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Pompey Park 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach, FL 33444
Tuesdays, from July 11th	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Bryant Park 100 S Golfview Rd, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33444
Wednesdays, from July 12th	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Haverhill Baptist Church 671N Haverhill Road West Palm Beach
The 3rd Friday of the month, from Sept 15th	11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	MYMDPLUS 217 West Avenue A Belle Glade, FL 33430

Program Overview

The Rental Assistance Program is aimed at assisting low-income individuals and families who are at risk of losing their homes due to circumstances such as job loss, medical emergencies, or other unexpected financial challenges. By offering financial support directly to landlords, the program helps ensure that individuals can stay in their homes while they work toward regaining financial stability.





Celebrity Bartender Challenge

July 9, 2024 | Wood & Fire Delray Beach



The Celebrity Bartender Challenge was one of the most exciting highlights of our Giving Day celebration on July 9, 2024. This fun-filled event marked the 10th anniversary of GBDC Entrepreneurship Institute and brought together a vibrant mix of local leaders, supporters, and community members.

Special thanks to county commissioner **Mack Barnard** for presenting a proclamation to GBDCI for all its hard work in the community. Additional thanks and photo credits to **2TON**.



Event Highlights:

We were thrilled to have a fantastic lineup of local leaders serving as bartenders:

- Mack Barnard – PBC Commissioner, District 7
- Katrina Long Robinson – Former Vice Mayor, City of Westlake; VP of Public & Government Relations at Cornerstone Solutions
- Jamael Stewart – VP of Business Development at Cohen & Newmark PLLC
- Alexandria Ayala – Board Member, District 2 PBCSD



Event Outcomes

- Financial Success: The funds raised exceeded expectations, providing vital support for our ongoing programs.
- Increased Visibility: Media coverage and enthusiastic social media engagement helped us reach new supporters and partners.
- Stronger Connections: The event strengthened relationships with local businesses, sponsors, and community leaders.



Christmas in July: Family Fun Day

July 27, 2024 | Ascension Lutheran Church

Our Christmas in July: Family Fun Day brought joy, community connection, and support to families. This festive event combined the spirit of giving with engaging activities to benefit local families and students as they prepared for the upcoming school year.

2024
CHRISTMAS IN JULY!
family fun day!

JULY 27, SAT
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2929 S SEACREST BLVD, BOYNTON BEACH, FL

Homeless Engagement Life Party

- Hot Meals, Hair Cuts, Personal Hygiene Kits, Resumes
- Music, Games, Bounce House, Free Popcorn, Vendors

Free School Supplies for Teachers & Students

until supplies last | REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

- Free Teacher's Supplies and Students Book Bags
- Vendors \$50

Goals and Purpose:

The Christmas in July Family Fun Day was created to foster community connection, provide essential resources, and spread joy during the summer season. This annual event aims to:

- Support underserved families by offering free back-to-school supplies for students and teachers.
- Provide essential services and outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness, including meals, hygiene kits, and resume assistance.
- Engage the community in a festive, family-friendly atmosphere that promotes collaboration and local support.
- Offer local organizations and businesses an opportunity to educate and give back by participating as vendors or donors.





Youth Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Challenge

July 27, 2024 | Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce

The event showcased the innovative spirit and talent of young entrepreneurs in our community. It empowered students to think critically, solve problems, and present actionable business ideas, aligning with our mission to foster entrepreneurial skills and economic development.



The top 4 finalists: Cedrick Dessalines, Ameerhsar Hudson, Haydden Presendieu, and Tarence Cook.

Purpose and Goals

- To encourage creativity and entrepreneurial thinking among youth.
- To provide mentorship and resources for developing business ideas.
- To celebrate the achievements of young innovators and inspire future leaders.

Event Highlights

- Workshops and Mentorship: Participants attended tailored workshops focusing on business planning, financial literacy, and presentation skills, guided by experienced mentors.
- Pitch Presentations: Finalists presented their business plans to a panel of distinguished judges, showcasing their innovative ideas and entrepreneurial spirit.



As featured on WPBF 25 News!

Stephanie Immelman, CEO of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, and Annette Gray were featured on WPBF 25 News to discuss the Youth Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Challenge. The segment highlighted the opportunity for young aspiring entrepreneurs to develop their business ideas with expert guidance.



Young Entrepreneurs Awards & Fundraising Gala

November 9, 2024 | Delray Beach Golf Club

This is the grand finale of our 10-year anniversary celebrations. This Old Hollywood-themed evening honored the achievements of young innovators and community leaders while raising funds to support entrepreneurial education and initiatives.

Special thanks to the Consul General of Jamaica, **Oliver Mair**, the Mayor of Boynton Beach, **Tom Carney**, and State Representative **Mack Barnard** for their attendance and support.

Special thanks and photo credits to **John Collins**.



Master of Ceremony **Alex Price** and Delray Beach Mayor **Tom Carney**.



CEO S.A Nelson & Associates, **Sophia A. Nelson**; American Actor and Owner of JLP Acting Company, **Jorge-Luis Pallo**; CEO of Senior Care Navigator Group, **Dr. Winsome McLeod G-RN**



Youth Entrepreneurship and Business Challenge Winner, **Cedrick Dessalines**, with GBDCEI Founder **Annette Gray**, GBDCEI Board Vice Chair **Tiffany Anderson Gee**, and Consul General of Jamaica, **Oliver Mair**.



Young Entrepreneurs Under 40, Rising Stars Awardees, **Shanell Foster** and **Roshini Singh**.



Purpose and Goals

- To recognize and celebrate young entrepreneurs making a difference in our community.
- To raise funds for programs that foster youth entrepreneurship and leadership development.
- To bring together supporters, leaders, and partners in a night of networking and celebration.

Event Highlights

- Awards Ceremony: Honored four winners of the Youth Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Challenge, showcasing their innovative ideas.
- Keynote Speaker: Jorge-Luis Pallo inspired attendees with his journey and leadership insights.
- Master of Ceremony: Alex Price guided the evening with charm and professionalism.
- Entertainment: Live performances, a formal dance, and a silent auction brought excitement.



Holiday Teen Pizza Party & Gift Giveaway

December 13, 2024 | The Habitat ReStore Building

The Holiday Teen Pizza Party and Gift Giveaway provided registered teens with a chance to enjoy pizza and receive a wrapped holiday gift. The event aimed to bring some holiday cheer to local youth.



Purpose and Goals

- To offer teens a simple and enjoyable holiday experience.
- To create an opportunity for teens to connect with their peers in a festive setting.
- To provide a small gift to brighten their holiday season.
- To reinforce community support for local youth and their well-being.

Event Highlights

- Pizza Party: Teens enjoyed pizza with various flavors and drinks.
- Gift Giveaway: Each registered teen received a wrapped holiday gift.





THANK YOU

to Our Valued Corporate and Community Sponsors

Your support enables us to expand our impact and serve more communities in need.





THANK YOU

to Our Partners

in providing personal hygiene kits - promoting dignity, health, and well-being - to the unhoused population in Palm Beach County.



to Our Generous Individual Sponsors and Donors

Your generosity helps us create meaningful experiences and change lives.

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What's Next in 2025?

To learn more about these programs and events, visit our website: www.gbdcei.org

Launch of Call My Ride Transportation Program

March 2025

Serving Palm Beach County, Call My Ride provides safe, affordable transportation for those in need, including the elderly, homeless, and mobility-impaired, ensuring access to work, school, medical care, and more.



You can download the app via the QR code or clicking the link:

iOS: <https://shorturl.at/ard9Z>

Android: <https://shorturl.at/i3fH5>



Kidpreneur Leadership Academy Returns!

For ages 10-15

An introduction to entrepreneurship and financial literacy, combining programs from CEO Kid and Kidpreneur Academy. Includes both in-person and virtual activities.

- **Kid-preneur Pop-up Market**

Provides real-world selling opportunities at local community events. It encourages youth to create and innovate entrepreneurial activities to build something of recognized value around perceived opportunities.

- **Kidz Town**

An experiential, edu-play program where participants manage and operate a simulated city.



Young Entrepreneurs Club Launch

For ages 16-24

Designed to inspire and equip young individuals with the skills and knowledge to start and manage a business. Through hands-on learning experiences, mentorship, and practical applications, participants gain a foundation in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business development

- **Youth Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Challenge**

Four weeks of facilitator-led workshops to help develop and present a business plan.

- **Young Entrepreneurs Pop-up Market**

Club members create a business to buy and resell items, with incubation and mentorship from GBDCEI staff and volunteers.





More Events...

To learn more about these events, visit our website: www.gbdcei.org



Christmas in July: Back-to-School Carnival

July 12, 2025 (Saturday)

Our yearly summer program for donating back-to-school supplies to teachers and students is back this year with a twist! Get ready for an exciting afternoon filled with fun, music, and vendors! Shop local, enjoy great food, and experience a vibrant pop-up market from aspiring young entrepreneurs — stay tuned for more details!

2nd Annual Young Entrepreneurs Awards & Fundraising Gala

November 8, 2025 (Saturday)

After a successful inaugural event last year, excitement is building for the second annual Young Entrepreneurs Awards & Fundraising Gala! Let's come together to celebrate the incredible achievements of another set of young entrepreneurs and raise funds to help them achieve even more in the future!



Holiday Teen Party

December 2025

The Holiday Teen Party will be back! In 2025, we're bringing even more fun, music, and surprises to Palm Beach County teens. Expect great food, games, and a special holiday gift—because the season is all about joy and giving! Stay tuned for more details!