

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Event Snapshots: Celebrating impact, leadership, and collaboration, including the proclamation of November as Young Entrepreneurs Month by the Board of County Commissioners, remarks from Senator Mack Bernard, and recognition of our valued community partners.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on the past year at GBDCEI, I am reminded that progress is built through consistency, collaboration, and a shared belief in what is possible.

2025 was a year of meaningful milestones for our organization. We officially opened the GBDC Experiential Learning Center, creating a dedicated space where youth leadership, entrepreneurship, and community learning can take shape. Programs such as Kidz-Preneur Town moved from long-held ideas into lived experience, made possible through the support of families, partners, and volunteers who believe in preparing young people for the future.

This year also marked an important expansion of our work with the launch of Call My Ride, our non-emergency transportation service. By providing reliable mobility for seniors, individuals with limited mobility, families, and those seeking access to employment or essential services, we took a meaningful step toward removing barriers that often stand in the way of opportunity.

None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of our supporters, partners, volunteers, and staff, including emerging professionals who joined us through internship opportunities and contributed their time, skills, and fresh perspectives to our mission.

As we look ahead, GBDCEI remains focused on strengthening our programs, building sustainable partnerships, and expanding access to opportunities that help individuals and families thrive. Thank you for your continued trust, support, and belief in our work.

With gratitude,

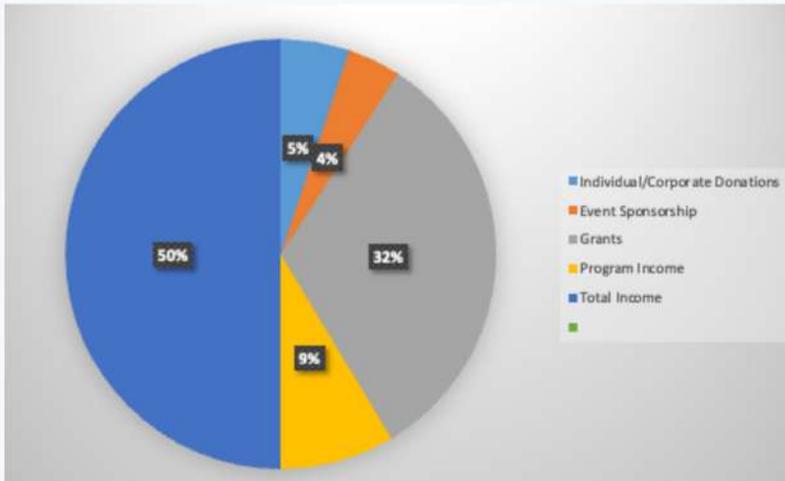
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Revenues

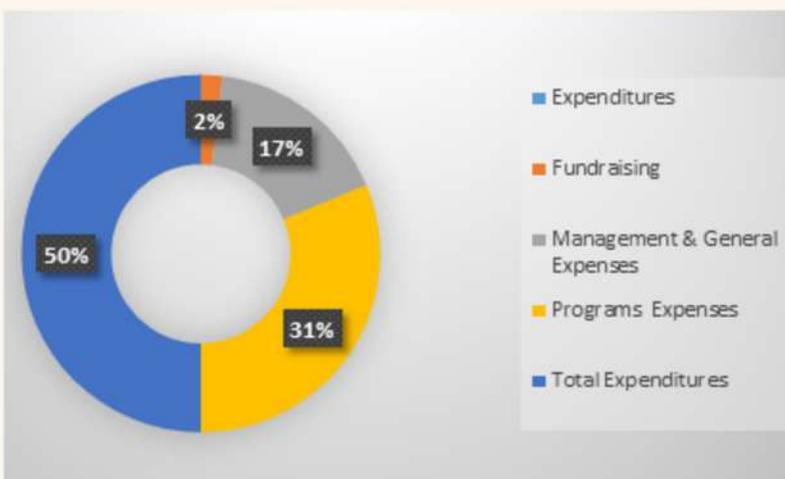
2025 Statement of Financial Contributions



• Individual and Corporate Donations	\$ 20,000.00
• Event Sponsorship	\$ 15,500.00
• Grants	\$ 125,000.00
• Program Income	\$ 33,252.00
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Total Revenues	\$ 193,752.00

Expenditures

2025 Statement of Financial Expenses



• Fundraising	\$ 7,287.00
• Management and General Expenses	\$ 63,475.00
• Programs Expenses	\$ 118,272.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 189,034.00



CALL MY RIDE launch

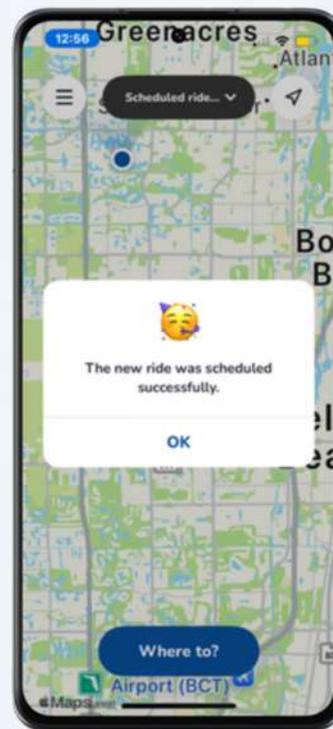
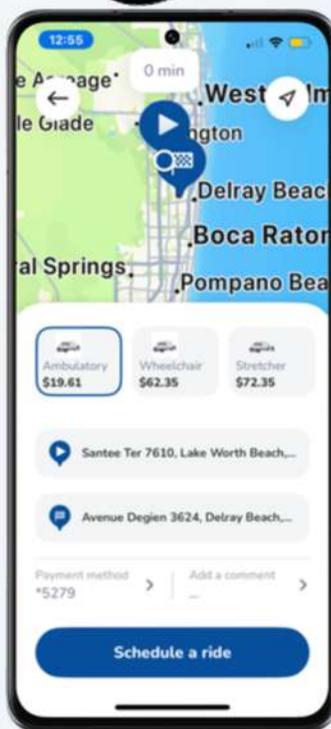
March 20, 2025 | On Android and iOS

One of the year’s most meaningful milestones was the official launch of **Call My Ride**, GBDCEI’s **nonprofit transportation service** and **mobile app** designed to make essential mobility more accessible for the Palm Beach County community.

Call My Ride provides **non-emergency, scheduled transportation** for individuals who often face the greatest barriers to reliable mobility, including seniors, people with limited mobility, wheelchair users, families needing after-school or summer program transportation, individuals experiencing homelessness, and job seekers attending interviews or work-readiness programs.

Nonprofit Organization Committed to Removing the Barriers from Reliable Transportation for:

- Medical Appointments
- Student Transportation, After-school and Summer Programs
- Job Interviews/Fairs
- Work Readiness Programs
- Homeless Outreach
- Job Interviews/Fairs



RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING OF GBDC EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CENTER

May 30, 2025 | Boynton Beach Mall



This year marked a major milestone for GBDCEI as we officially opened the GBDC Experiential Learning Center, our new home for youth leadership, entrepreneurship, and community learning. The ribbon-cutting celebration brought together families, partners, and supporters who joined us in welcoming this new chapter with joy and gratitude.



Mayor Tom Carney leads the ribbon cutting as we celebrate the opening of the GBDC Experiential Learning Center with friends, community partners, and supporters.

The event highlighted the programs that will be housed in the Center, including:

- **Young Entrepreneurs Club & Pop-Up Market**
- **Kidz-Preneur Town & Kidz-Preneur Leadership Academy**
- **Out-of-School Day Programs**

The opening of the Experiential Learning Center represents more than a new facility, it embodies GBDCEI's commitment to providing innovative, hands-on learning experiences that empower youth and strengthen our community.

This milestone laid the foundation for expanded programs, workshops, and events throughout 2025, ensuring that every participant has access to leadership development, entrepreneurship opportunities, and a supportive environment to thrive.

W E L C O M E

GRAND OPENING OF Kidz-Preneur Town

May 30, 2025 | Boynton Beach Mall

Kidz-Preneur Town has been a long-time dream for our team, a place where kids could learn, explore, and imagine freely in a setting built just for them. This year, through the cumulative support of our partners, donors, families, and community advocates, we finally brought that dream to life.



One of the most meaningful features of Kidz-Preneur Town is our collection of interactive role-play interactive mini booths, such as an airport, city hall, vet clinic, hospital, fire station, news station, and more. where kids can learn by “playing” in a simulated environment.

Here, children learn by stepping into real-world roles and working together in a fun, guided environment. A child assigned to the vet clinic becomes the “vet” for the day. Another might work in the hospital as the “doctor.” Kids move around the town completing tasks, helping one another, and experiencing how different jobs and community roles connect.

Kidz-Preneur Town is more than an activity space; it reflects our belief that children learn best when they are given the freedom to imagine, experiment, and lead. And seeing this dream finally open its doors has been one of the most inspiring moments of the year.

This simple yet powerful setup allows youth to practice communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and confidence, not through lectures, but through play that feels natural and meaningful to them.



Free back-to-school supplies for students and teachers in Palm Beach County

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CARNIVAL

July 12, 2025 | Boynton Beach Mall



This year, Representative Debra Tendrich joined GBDCEI for Christmas in July, bringing early holiday cheer to the community with a focus on education and youth entrepreneurship. We provided free back-to-school supplies for students aged 10–17 and teachers across Palm Beach County, helping them prepare for the new school year.



The event also featured a Young Entrepreneurs Pop-Up Market, where youth aged 16–19 showcased their own businesses, gaining valuable exposure and experience. Additionally, local organizations and vendors joined us to display their products and services, creating a vibrant space for networking and community engagement.

Christmas in July reflects GBDCEI's mission to empower young people, support education, and foster opportunities for future leaders in a fun, interactive setting.

Young Entrepreneurs Club POP-UP MARKET

July, October 2025 | Boynton Beach Mall



The Young Entrepreneurs Club is designed for ages 16–19 and introduces young adults to the world of business ownership through practical learning, exploration, and real-life experience. The program focuses on helping participants build confidence, understand financial responsibility, and develop the communication and decision-making skills that support entrepreneurship in any form.

This year, the Club hosted a Pop-Up Market featuring children’s and adult costumes, along with seasonal decorations priced between \$1 and \$7. Participants worked together to prepare products, assist customers, and manage sales, gaining firsthand experience in handling inventory, pricing, customer service, and teamwork.

The Young Entrepreneurs Club supports a wide range of activities and development opportunities, including

- Internships
- Group social events
- Career exploration
- Business mentors
- Business plan development
- Networking and business conferences



Young Entrepreneurs Club
POP-UP MARKET
Halloween Sale

COSTUMES
\$5 KIDS' \$10 ADULTS

ASSORTED DECORATIONS \$1-\$7

ALL DONATION GOES TO THE SUPPORT OF GBOCEI 501C3

KIDZ-PENEUR TOWN
BOYNTON BEACH MALL
SUITE 355 B
THROUGH THE FOOD COURT
TO THE RIGHT OF T-MOBILE





2ND ANNUAL YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AWARDS AND FUNDRAISING GALA

November 8, 2025 | Delray Beach Golf Club

This year's Gala continued our tradition of bringing the community together to celebrate young talent, highlight impactful partnerships, and support the future of youth entrepreneurship in Palm Beach County. The evening honored the growth of our programs, the dedication of our students, and the many individuals and partners who help make our mission possible.



Senator Mack Bernard was recognized as the Outstanding Community Partner of the Year for his ongoing support and commitment to fostering youth entrepreneurship and community development in Palm Beach County.



Stuart & Shelby and Razorback Electric, were honored as the Outstanding Collaborative Partners of the Year for their dedication to meaningful partnerships that advance GBDCEI's programs and create lasting impact for young entrepreneurs.



Jacoby Waters and Victoria Amoroso, our awardees for Young Entrepreneurs Rising Stars Under 40, are community-nominated individuals recognized for their drive, creativity, and growing impact.



Justis Cousins and Dwayne Stephenson, previous GBDCEI youth program participants, joined us once again and delivered inspiring speeches sharing their experiences in the programs and how those opportunities contributed to their entrepreneurial growth.



State Representative Rob Long delivered a heartfelt dedication in memory of Joe Casello, honoring his legacy and lasting impact on our community.



2ND ANNUAL YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AWARDS AND FUNDRAISING GALA

Proclamation of November as YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS MONTH



This year, GBDCEI reached a meaningful milestone when Palm Beach County leaders issued an official proclamation designating **November 2025 as Young Entrepreneurs Month in Palm Beach County**.

With the support of **Theresa Lawrence** in behalf of **Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr.**, and **Senator Mack Bernard**, the proclamation recognized the value of youth entrepreneurship and the growing impact of programs like ours across the community.

Receiving this recognition for 2025 is a powerful affirmation of our work. It acknowledges the value of creating opportunities for youth to explore business ideas, build skills, and grow confidence, and reflects a shared commitment across our partners, leaders, and community members to support that vision.



GBDCEI team and community supporters display the official proclamation recognizing November 2025 as Young Entrepreneurs Month.



Theresa Lawrence, Chief of Staff/Representative of the Board of County Commissioners, and Senator Mack Bernard delivering remarks and proclamations of November as Young Entrepreneurs Month.



NEXTGEN STEM Explorers

Teen Holiday Carnival and Gift Giveaway



December 13, 2025 | Boynton Beach Mall

This year's Teen Holiday event combined celebration with purpose, creating an afternoon where teens could enjoy the season while engaging in meaningful learning experiences. Alongside games, activities, food, and gift giveaways, the event featured a STEM speaker panel designed to inspire curiosity and open conversations about education, opportunity, and future careers.



Teens engage with panel speakers in small breakout sessions, exploring STEM education and career paths.



Gift distribution ends the evening on a festive note, ensuring each participant left with something to celebrate.

Speakers / STEM Panelists:



Dr. Winsome McLeod
CEO & Founder |
Senior Care Navigators
Group



Joseph Mbwambo
IT & Security Leader |
Cloud, Cybersecurity,
GRC | Behavioral Health
Advocate



Dr. Diana O'Connor
Board-Certified
Nurse Practitioner



Allan Hendricks
Vice President,
Landscape Architecture
Caulfield & Wheeler



Teen participants brought their entrepreneurial spirit to life, running mini clinics and hospitals at the Kidz-Preneur booths.

GBDCEI Team Updates

Spotlight on our Fall Intern: Jenna Dukes



JENNA DUKE

Youth Program Assistant

We had the pleasure of welcoming Jenna Duke, a Senior at **Florida Atlantic University** majoring in Psychology, as our **Youth Program Assistant** Intern for three months (September - December). During her time with us, Jenna made valuable contributions across multiple areas.

Jenna's work added measurable value to our mission and program delivery. We are grateful for her dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm, and proud to have provided a meaningful learning and leadership opportunity as she prepares to launch her career.

This internship reflects GBDCEI's ongoing commitment to developing emerging leaders, expanding our team capacity, and fostering real-world learning experiences for young professionals.

Thank You

TO OUR VALUED CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

Your partnership strengthens our mission and helps us create meaningful opportunities for the communities we serve.



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Thank You

TO OUR PARTNERS

for standing with us this year and helping expand opportunities, access, and impact for the communities we serve.



TO THE GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS AND DONORS

Your support makes what we do possible.
Thanks to you, we can keep creating programs that really help our community.

- Tiffany Gee
- Dr. Winsome McLeod
- Corey O'Gorman
- Dr. Bruce Weber

