



*2016-2017
Community Report*

*Building
A Better Future For
Those Who Harvest America!*



Leadership Message



Dear Friends,

Since 1978, Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. has dedicated its time, efforts, and resources to serving migrant and seasonal farm workers in our community. This is not an easy task but the dedication of everyone involved continues to be evident today.

Palm Beach County is home to approximately 10,000 hardworking farm laborers harvesting our fields today. They are an essential part of our economy yet the least adequately compensated. They turn to us for help. As you flip through the following pages, you will get a glimpse of the impact the Agency has made in the lives of nearly 2,000 individuals. We have become a lifeline to this underserved population offering them access to services such as food, emergency rental and utility assistance, clothing, comprehensive case management, academic support, and so much more. We have heard our share of stories pertaining to hardships, losses, and struggles but we have also been witnesses to progress and transformational changes.

None of this would be possible without your support. You are the most important and valued resource we have. Without you, our programs would fade away and the farm worker families we serve on a daily basis would be left without a place to turn.

This is why we simply cannot thank you enough, not only for your contributions to FWCC but also, for your unending belief in the work that we do.

On behalf of all of us and the persons we serve, THANK YOU!

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About Us



Our History



Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. traces its beginnings to a grassroots effort led by volunteers to meet the needs of farm workers who found themselves without work in the winter of 1977-1978 during a sudden freeze. From its humble beginnings in a borrowed warehouse, Farmworker Coordinating Council has grown into a diverse social services agency that addresses the continuing barriers to basic needs faced by farm workers in Palm Beach County. The FWCC continues serving over 10,000 migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families in Palm Beach County.

The agency now provides a range of social services with a staff of 14 full time and 1 part time professionals working from two offices: Lake Worth and Belle Glade.



Our Mission

To promote self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of migrant and seasonal farm workers through education, advocacy, and access to services.



Our Vision

“Building a better future for those who harvest America”



Our Values

- ◆ Treat everyone with patience, kindness, and respect.
- ◆ Sometimes agree to disagree.
- ◆ Ensure the safety and confidentiality of those we serve.
- ◆ Maintain realistic expectations and handle all business transactions with honesty and integrity.

Programs and Services

Family Preservation & Economic Stabilization (FPES)

Funded by Palm Beach County, Town of Palm Beach United Way & United Way of Palm Beach County, FPES provides services through a long-term intervention model that uses a case management, case worker framework. The program empowers clients to move from crisis to stability through ongoing support that fosters client independence. The program staff collaborates with other community organizations and service providers to ensure clients have access to services and other benefits such as social security, disability, unemployment, Medicaid, and food stamps. Program staff also helps parents navigate the public school system to ensure children are enrolled in school.

Education Programs

Funded by The Jim Moran Foundation, the Education Programs are designed to provide quality education to farm worker families with the purpose of building self sufficiency and improving their quality of life. Our education program has two components: 1) **Student Academic Assistance** which is designed to create a pathway for children of farm workers, their parents, and educators to mitigate low educational achievement levels and reduce the dropout rate and educational gap that exists between farm-worker children and the rest of the student population. 2) **Adult Assistance & Involvement** is designed to help parents be more involved in their children's education. In addition, adults will learn new skills that may help them find better employment or make better financial decisions that could lead to family economic stability.

Community Health Access Teams (CHAT)

Funded by Allegany Franciscan Ministries and Quantum Foundation, CHAT's purpose is to facilitate access to health care services among uninsured and under insured, low income farm worker families who because of barriers such as language, culture, ethnic background and economic situation are unable to access affordable health services. Our case managers are accomplishing the program's goals by conducting weekly outreach activities, monthly health workshops and helping clients apply for Medicaid, Kid Care, Health Care District and other health care programs in our community.

Additional Services

- Food Distribution
- Distribution of Clothing and Household Items
- Toiletries Distribution
- Diaper Distribution
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Scholarships
- School Supplies Distribution
- Micro Loans
- Toys Distribution During Holidays
- Discounted Bus Passes
- Transportation
- Translation & Interpretation
- Support Groups
- Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance

Community Impact

Families Served	622
Total Individuals Served	1,815
Families that received emergency assistance	40
Total amount spent on emergency assistance	\$38,943.22
Number of clients referred to other services	208
Number of duplicated families that received food from our pantry	2,601
Duplicated families that received clothing/household items	1,528
Number of duplicated families that received toiletries and diapers	818
Total individuals that attended the Financial Literacy Workshops	203
Non- clients who received USDA food	3,411
Students who received school supplies	200
Clients that received transportation and/or bus passes	352
Children who received toys during the holidays	693
Total services provided this year	15,298

Community Partners

- Feeding South Florida
- Palm Beach County Food Bank
- Department of Children and Families
- Healthcare District of Palm Beach County
- Junior League of Boca Raton
- Hispanic Chamber of Palm Beach County
- The Pines of Delray
- Oxbridge Academy of the Palm Beaches
- Community Friends, Inc.
- Fort Dix Bar
- Callaro's Steak House
- Havana Restaurant
- All Saints Catholic School
- The Jewish Federation of South PBC
- Sew-Sew Project
- St. John Paul II Academy
- Caridad Center
- J&R Printing and Graphics, Inc.
- Channel 5 Food For Families
- Azteca America 48
- Motion Point
- Shuzz Foundation
- Puerto Rican / Hispanic Chamber of PBC
- St. Patrick Catholic Church
- Don Ramon Restaurant
- OneHope Wines
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- The Gaddie Family
- Padron Flooring & Design Center
- Jackie & Manny Mayo

Derrick Kirksey- Belle Glade



RESULTS THAT IMPROVE LIVES...

A once hard-working harvester of corn, Derrick Kirksey had to face the grim reality that he was permanently disabled. This left him unable to work and forced him to accept temporary housing from a relative. Sometime later Derrick found himself homeless and living on the streets of Belle Glade for a month and a half before a kind-hearted friend took him in. Though Derrick appreciated the help of his friend, he didn't want to become a burden.

One day, during a visit to our office, he expressed his desire to become more independent and self-sufficient.

The FWCC case worker assigned to help Derrick immediately referred him to places he could contact.

Once he found the right apartment, she quickly processed his file for emergency assistance which helped Derrick get back on his feet again.

Today, Derrick Kirksey is grateful that he is no longer homeless!

Alvarez Family-Lake Worth

...AND HELP TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY

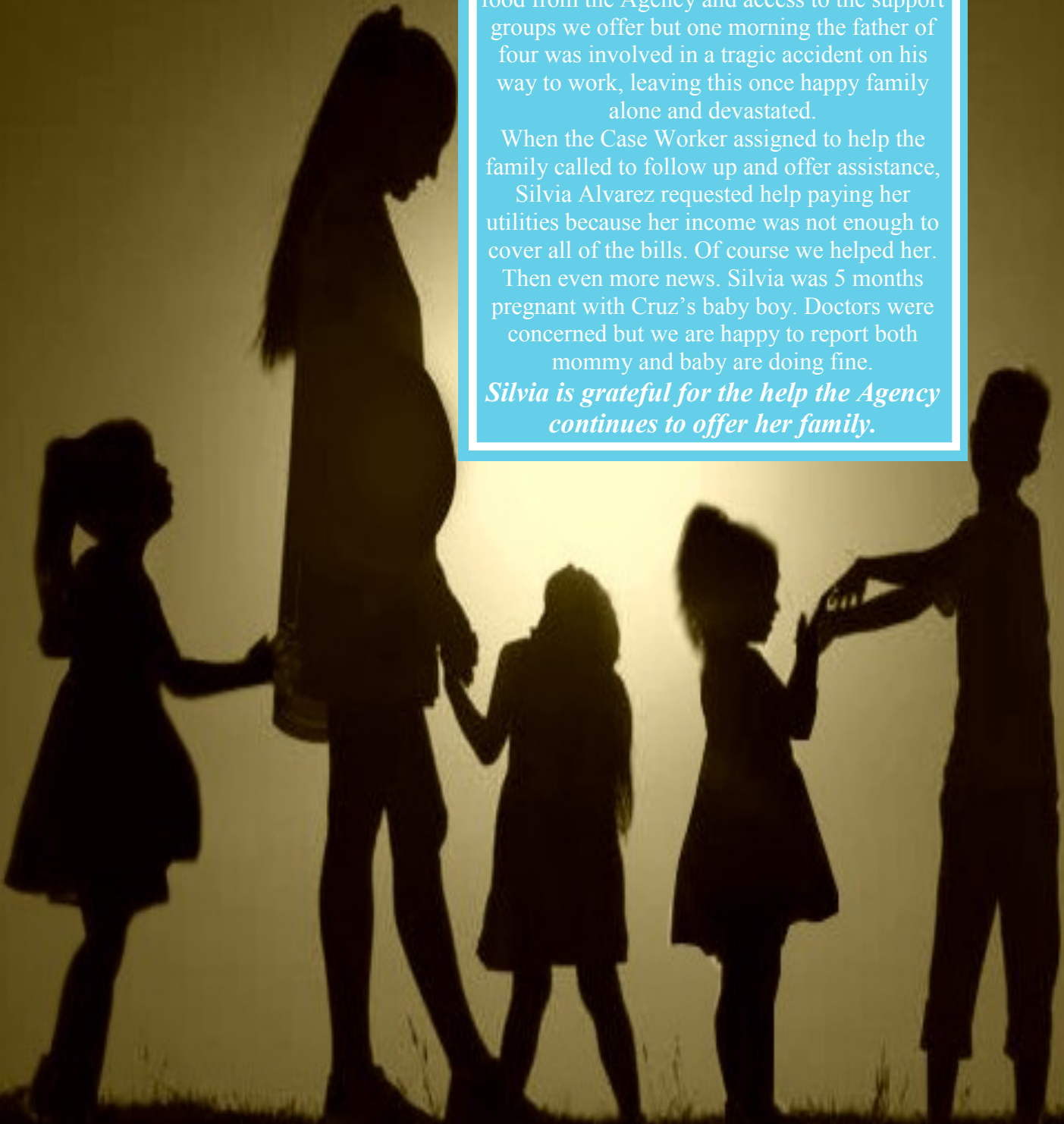
The Alvarez family was fine when the New Year rang in. Their only needs at the time were food from the Agency and access to the support groups we offer but one morning the father of four was involved in a tragic accident on his way to work, leaving this once happy family alone and devastated.

When the Case Worker assigned to help the family called to follow up and offer assistance,

Silvia Alvarez requested help paying her utilities because her income was not enough to cover all of the bills. Of course we helped her.

Then even more news. Silvia was 5 months pregnant with Cruz's baby boy. Doctors were concerned but we are happy to report both mommy and baby are doing fine.

Silvia is grateful for the help the Agency continues to offer her family.



2016 - 2017 Highlights



Shuzz for Shoes August 2, 2016

Shuzz Foundation staff and volunteers generously gave their time and resources to provide shoes for over 200 of our Agency's children. Thank you Shuzz Foundation!

Wine Tasting & More October 14, 2016

A splash of wine from OneHope, amazing food from Don Ramon, a little browsing & shopping, and you get a wonderful evening at Padron Flooring!



Art Exhibition October 21, 2016

Proud teacher, proud students, and proud parents all gathered together to admire the children's talents and it's all thanks to the Norton Museum of Art for providing this valuable outreach!

Dance for Food November 5, 2016

A big thank you to Terry Barber and the performance by Artists For A Cause which collected 1,259lbs of food that stocked our pantry to benefit FWCC families.



Holiday Gifts Distribution December 23th, 2016

There were several businesses and individuals that made this event possible. The smiles on the children's faces and the look of relief on the parent's faces was truly priceless. Thank you to all who contributed.

8th Annual Holiday Luncheon December 9, 2016

Food, Fun, & Fellowship make up this annual event at Atlantis Country Club. Thank you to all who participate to make it a great success year after year!



Project Sew Sew June 2, 2017

This amazing group of supporters designed, delivered and distributed 50 dresses along with 50 t-shirts, and 100 bags of toiletries to our clients. Thank you Project Sew Sew!

Great Charity Challenge February 4, 2017

What a privilege and honor it was to be selected as one of the 48 non-profits fortunate enough to benefit from this wonderful event. All who attended in support of FWCC had a fantastic time!



J&J Family of Farms June 1, 2017

J&J donated crates packed with 250 bags overflowing with toiletries for our clients and their team volunteered their time to distribute them on food day. Thank you J&J!

Comedy Night April 7, 2017

A funny night at CityPlace IMPROV. A great time just relaxing & unwinding, surrounded by good people and laughing with the great talent. Thank you to all who attended.

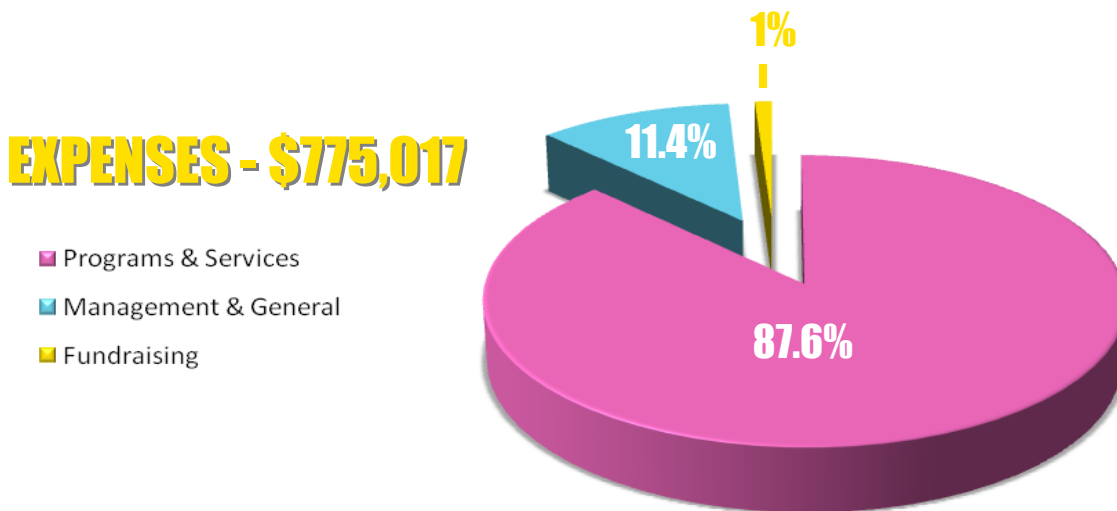
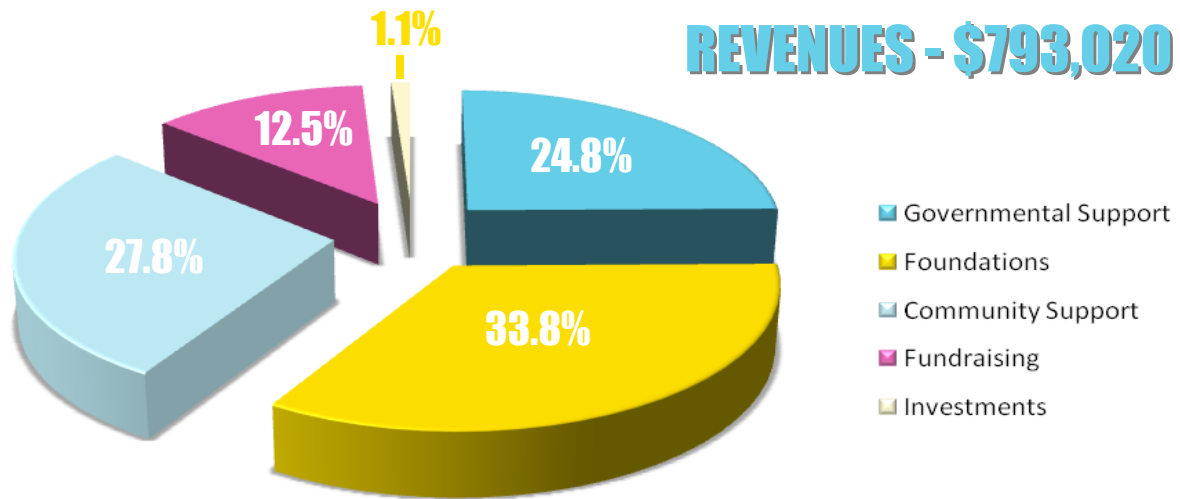


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