



2021 Collaborative Grant Awards: “Moving Forward, Better Together”

A Positive Step of Monroe County, \$10,000 for the summer youth employment program, a collaboration with the Monroe County School District and City of Key West.

A.H. of Monroe County, \$5,000 to support transitional and permanent housing with the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition.

Autism Society of the Keys, \$10,000 to provide sensory boxes for Monroe County first responders to help serve residents with autism in emergencies.

Chapters Health Foundation, \$5,000 for a collaboration with VFW Post #3911 and other VFWs in the Keys to serve the military veterans and first responders facing life-limiting illness.

Coral Restoration Foundation, \$5,000 for a vocational training program for young adults about restoring the marine environment, in collaboration with Boy Scouts of America, Sea Base.

Cornerstone Resource Alliance, \$10,000 to provide intense program services through Key Bridge counseling organization to homeless youth and homeless newly released misdemeanor offenders.

Florida Keys Children's Shelter, \$5,000 to support new recreational outings with MarineLab for the Jelsema Journey Camps for at-risk youth.

Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition, \$7,500 for the cross-training and certification of seven community-based doulas in labor and bereavement support, in conjunction with Community Health of South Florida.

Florida Keys History and Discovery Foundation, \$5,000 to support the newly revived Indian Key Festival, in collaboration with Islamorada Area State Parks.

Florida Keys SPCA, \$10,000 to fund the Safe Haven program providing care for pets of domestic violence survivors and others in emergency situations, working with the Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Friends of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park, \$4,000 to support a project with the Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center to educate visitors to Pennekamp State Park on both indigenous and transitory birds.

Good Health Clinic, \$5,000 to work with Keys AHEC Health Centers and Womankind to provide in-clinic mental health services for low-income, uninsured Keys residents.

Habitat for Humanity of Key West and Lower FL Keys, \$5,200 for a collaboration with SOS Foundation on the “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” program to empower volunteers to help those in need stay in their homes.

Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys, \$10,000 to support building costs of nine new affordable housing units in Marathon, working with Zonta Club of Marathon as volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys, \$5,000 to sponsor a roof at the new Keys Heights affordable housing project. Habitat will also provide recycled furniture donations to Ocean Dreams Cancer Healing Center.

Just Older Youth, \$8,000 to provide technology training through a mobile computer lab for anyone over 50, including senior members from Keys To Peace.

Keys AHEC Health Center, \$9,500 to support dental and oral health services for medically vulnerable children in Monroe County, working with a number of health nonprofits and service organizations.

Keys Choral Arts, \$2,500 to stream a Christmas 2021 concert with the Southernmost Chamber Music Society.

Keys to Be the Change, \$6,000 for books and programming to promote literacy in Keys schools, working with Kids Come First in the Florida Keys.

Literacy Volunteers of America - Monroe County, \$7,500 for a community integration program to provide literacy and other related services to homeless and new immigrants.

Marathon Yacht Club Educational Foundation, \$5,000 to expand youth sailing and science programs for at-risk youth at Crane Point Hammock and other facilities.

Marine Resources Development Foundation (MarineLab), \$9,825 to provide a mangrove ecology field trip for Upper Keys 5th graders, working with area schools.

MarrVelous Pet Rescues, \$675 to support a new facility in the Upper Keys and work with Whiskers & Paws, another animal care nonprofit.

May Sands Montessori School, \$5,000 to create an edible teaching garden at the school, working with the assistance of GLEE Key West Community Garden.

Monroe Council of the Arts (Florida Keys Council of the Arts), \$5,000 to work with United Way of Collier & The Keys to increase access to many Keys arts opportunities for working families.

Navy League Key West Council, \$5,000 to provide support for low-income prospective sea cadet students, with additional assistance from the Key West Military Affairs Committee and VFW.

Ocean Dreams Cancer Healing Center, \$5,000 to collaborate with numerous nonprofits to provide arts and other events while educating attendees about cancer.

Ocean Studies Charter School, \$3,066 to improve, expand and strengthen a mangrove restoration and replanting program, working with Florida State Parks and other environmental organizations.

Old Island Restoration Foundation, \$5,000 to provide culinary arts education programs with Williams Hall and local chefs to educate about Conch cuisine for locals and visitors of all ages.

Red Barn Actor's Studio, \$5,000 to provide a "Big Night Out" live theater program to enlighten, connect and entertain those in need, working with local health service and education organizations.

Sister Season Fund, \$10,000 to provide assistance for unemployed hospitality and tourism industry employees.

Star of the Sea Foundation, \$5,000 to partner with three Early Learning Coalition sites in Marathon to provide nutritious food access to over 100 children during the summer.

The Jose Wejbe Memorial Foundation, \$5,000 for a collaboration with Wesley House Family Services to provide community outdoor recreation programs and education for at-risk youth.

The Studios of Key West, \$7,500 for a series of community quilting workshops and programs on Bahama Village Community Quilts, working with the assistance of several Bahama Village organizations.

Treasure Village Montessori Charter School, \$4,000 to assist with "Planters in Paradise," a community garden project that will assist the Islamorada Soup Kitchen.