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ABOUT:

Founded in 1982 as a haven for immigrants and refugees, HUF has grown to serve diverse and multi-cultural working families from the United States as well as more than 25 other countries. We provide a range of wrap-around services to help more than 23,000 clients of all ages, from preschoolers to adults, successfully transition to a productive new life.

HUF offers 12 programs and services in four languages - English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Sign Language.

South Florida's unique geographic location has made it a popular destination for the Caribbean and Latin American immigrants, as well as others from throughout the world. Often arriving with little more than the clothes on their backs, a few dollars in pocket change, with no job, language, skills or understanding of the life that awaits them on America's shores – they still come with hopes and dreams. Hispanic Unity of Florida is proud and grateful to be South Florida's "Ellis Island" for new immigrants arriving in South Florida.



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Education Foundation

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ABOUT:

Established in 1984 by Palm Beach County business leaders, the Education Foundation serves as the philanthropic support organization for K-12 public education and partners closely with the School District of Palm Beach County and the greater business and charitable community to fund programs that close achievement gaps in learning and that create positive, measurable change for students. This is accomplished by using the funding to provide innovative classroom grants as well as providing quality professional development to foster excellence in teaching.

Through a unique matching grant program, the Education Foundation works with corporate and private investors to fund innovative projects and curriculum that improve literacy and grade-level performance, increase graduation rates, support STEM and career academies and target support to low-performing students and schools.

We all know that children succeed in school when they have all the tools, resources and support they need in order to achieve. That is why the Red Apple Supplies (RAS) program was created as a free school supply store that serves the highest-needs Title I Schools throughout Palm Beach County. RAS is the signature program of the Education Foundation. Since opening the doors to RAS in 2016, over \$3 million in FREE school supplies have been provided to teachers and students throughout Palm Beach County.

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About:

As a strategic philanthropic partner, we direct our donors' dollars in two ways:

- Through **donor-directed grants** sent to the charity of your choice
- Through **competitive grantmaking** sent to local charities working within our **Priority Areas**

Our value is our ability to lead the charge on local challenges by convening our vast network of proven nonprofit partners. From helping to form the Palm Beach County Food Bank to a robust COVID-19 response, we partner with those who live locally to give locally and make our community a better place to live for all.

June 20, 2023

Equine Assisted Therapies



Equine-Assisted Therapies

of South Florida, Inc.

Creating a path to unbridled moments. Witness the magic.

Molly Murphy, Executive Director

Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida, Inc. was founded in 1982 by Soroptimist International of Boca Raton and the Kiwanis Club of Boca Raton. The organization began as a community project of the Soroptimist women. What was first thought as 'too physical' for a group of women, soon developed into a fully functioning program with the help of the Kiwanis Club of Boca and several other members of the local community. The

program began serving 6 special needs children with 6 borrowed horses in a public field in Palm Beach County. Beginning as Horses and the Handicapped of South Palm Beach County in 1982, the organization and its stewards have remained vigilant to the ever-changing special needs community and societal changes. Today, Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida hosts 4 different programs and is a Premier Accredited Center with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International.

- **Therapeutic Riding (TR):** EATSF's largest program. Horseback riding gently and rhythmically moves the rider's body in a motion like the human gait. EATSF serves individuals from four years old and up who have cognitive, physical, and emotional disabilities.
- **Hippotherapy (HIPPO):** A treatment strategy that utilizes equine movement facilitated by a physical, occupational, or speech therapist. The therapist will change variables, including the horse's speed, direction, position of the participant, and the therapeutic activities performed, to achieve the best outcome for the participant. Hippotherapy is typically for participants with physical challenges. Often, those participants can transition into the therapeutic riding program after their strength and balance have improved.
- **Unmounted Horsemanship (UH):** An unmounted, learning-based program focused on teaching individuals of all ages and abilities about horsemanship and horse care. Hands-on activities provide an unparalleled opportunity for the participant to build self-confidence when working with an equine partner, while improving their communication and social skills.
- **Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP):** An unmounted therapy program, open to individuals or group, starting at age 7. A licensed mental health professional works with the participant and horse to explore feelings and behaviors. Children and adults suffering

from mental or physical abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), bullying, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, or eating disorders benefit from this program. Participants are assessed by trained team members to ensure that they receive the best possible service to meet their needs and goals. After successful enrollment, participants are placed in classes based on their age and ability level. The program does currently have a waiting list for services.

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ABOUT:

1909 CULTURE IS AN UNCONVENTIONAL MEMBERS-ONLY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE HOLISTIC AND EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF ENTREPRENEURS, CREATIVES, SMALL BUSINESSES, FOUNDERS, AND FREELANCERS.