

HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY CHEST



2018-2019
ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION



*The Hobe Sound
Community Chest's
mission is to raise funds
to support qualifying
nonprofit social service
agencies that improve
the lives of Hobe Sound
residents in need.*

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends of the Community Chest,

I am honored to be the President of the Hobe Sound Community Chest. We have much to celebrate! Our 2018 Annual Campaign raised \$1,727,635. In addition, we received \$1,158,000 in Capital Reserve contributions. Excluding direct fundraising expenses of \$24,227, our administrative costs amounted to 9% of total Annual Campaign funds raised. Financial year-end assets stood at \$4,759,157. As of September 2019, we awarded grants totaling \$1,444,354 from our successful 2018 campaign. Our special events are underwritten by our directors.

As the oldest philanthropic organization of its kind in Martin County, founded in 1949, we have remained the best way to guarantee that your charitable donations directly benefit Hobe Sound's residents in need. Our volunteer directors visit and evaluate the social service agencies we support, applying rigorous standards.

In addition to funding 38 agencies, we now initiate programs where we have identified an unmet need. For example, 49% of Hobe Sound children are not prepared for school when they enter kindergarten. This year, we are helping these kids become learning-ready and giving them a chance to succeed. Through a grant from the Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation, the Chest offers arts, music and sports programs at local preschools. And we have initiated a community educational program for 3-and 4-year-olds not currently enrolled in preschool. We will partner with other agencies wherever possible to achieve our goal of kindergarten readiness.

I thank an extraordinary board, a dedicated Executive Director Scott Berry and a talented Graphics and Admin. Specialist Lori Vanhille, who allow us to make a difference in the Hobe Sound Community.

Most of all, a huge thank you to our donors who make the Chest their charity of choice.

Sincerely,

Linda McGillicuddy

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee oversees the allocation of all Chest monies. It reviews and approves the dollars allocated for grant distribution, administrative budgets and Capital Reserve investments, as well as financial statements prepared by our independent accounting firm.

Carter Franke

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

First and foremost, the Development Committee thanks our donors. They are critical to the Chest's success, and we are extremely grateful for their contributions.

Also, we thank our dedicated directors, the majority of whom are Leadership Donors, for contacting current and prospective donors and helping make 2018 another banner fundraising year.

We are especially grateful to Development Committee members from Jupiter Island, Loblolly and other Hobe Sound areas: Nancy Auth, Tom Balling, Tony Bohannon, 'Lia Reed Bohannon, Mary Ann Casey, Carter Franke, Joe Frelinghuysen, Rick Fritz, Joyce Gay, Marc Gaylord, Ray Gilmartin, Warren Hayford, Fred Kelleher, Brad Krey, Sue Lester, Luli MacNaught, Mac McCormack, Linda McGillicuddy, Bob Simpkins, Michelle Tucker, Marilyn Wenner, Eric Wesel and Kevin Wilkinson.

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Bob Simpkins

Mac McCormack

Eric Wesel

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2018, we awarded the Banner Lake Club \$500,000 for construction and endowment of a 9,000 sq. ft. Community Center that would transform the lives of Banner Lake's residents.

Completed in July, 2019, the new Banner Lake Community Center houses classrooms for the Banner Lake Academy (K-2) and the Banner Lake After School Time program (B.L.A.S.T) It also provides space for adult and senior programming. A commercial kitchen supports weekly dinners and various events throughout the year. And a spacious multi-purpose room accommodates community gatherings as well as indoor athletics.

Joe Frelinghuysen

PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Banyan Society is designed to increase the Capital Reserve. Like our local banyan trees, the Society will continue to grow roots in Hobe Sound, assuring the Chest's long-term success. Donors may become members by including the Chest in their estate plans and naming it as a beneficiary of their will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

Donors may also become members by making a current capital contribution of at least \$5,000 to the Capital Reserve or a multi-year pledge in greater amounts. Membership this year grew to 37 donors. A brochure detailing the various options is available at the Chest office.

Rick Fritz

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A champion of learning throughout its history, the Chest this year formed an Education Committee, dedicated to improving the education of Hobe Sound residents from birth through post-secondary college or vocational training.

The first four years of life are key to a child's future; early learning experiences lay the foundation for a child's ability to continue learning. Sadly, only about half of Hobe Sound children participate in some type of preschool program. It is not surprising then that only 51% of incoming kindergarteners are school ready. The rest start from behind.

To help them catch up, the Chest has developed a three-part education initiative. First, we will improve the quality of existing preschools. Second, we will implement neighborhood-based kindergarten readiness programs for children not currently enrolled in pre-school. And third, we will create additional preschool space to accommodate more children.

In addition to this initiative, the Committee will continue supporting other agencies that promote education, including Helping People Succeed, the Education Foundation of Martin County, and the IRSC Foundation. The Committee will also explore options to expand the Chest's scholarship programs available for preschoolers and graduating high school students.

Mali Annibali

Pam White

COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Communication and Outreach Committee reaches out to prospective donors from Jupiter Island, Loblolly and other Hobe Sound communities by organizing agency tours and special events. It oversees publication of the Chest's promotional materials, press releases, newsletters, and this Annual Report. It also maintains and updates the Chest's website (hobesoundcommunitychest.org), which features our informational video. New this year is the Spotlight Series that educates the community about agencies we support.

Susie Trotman

Sue Lester

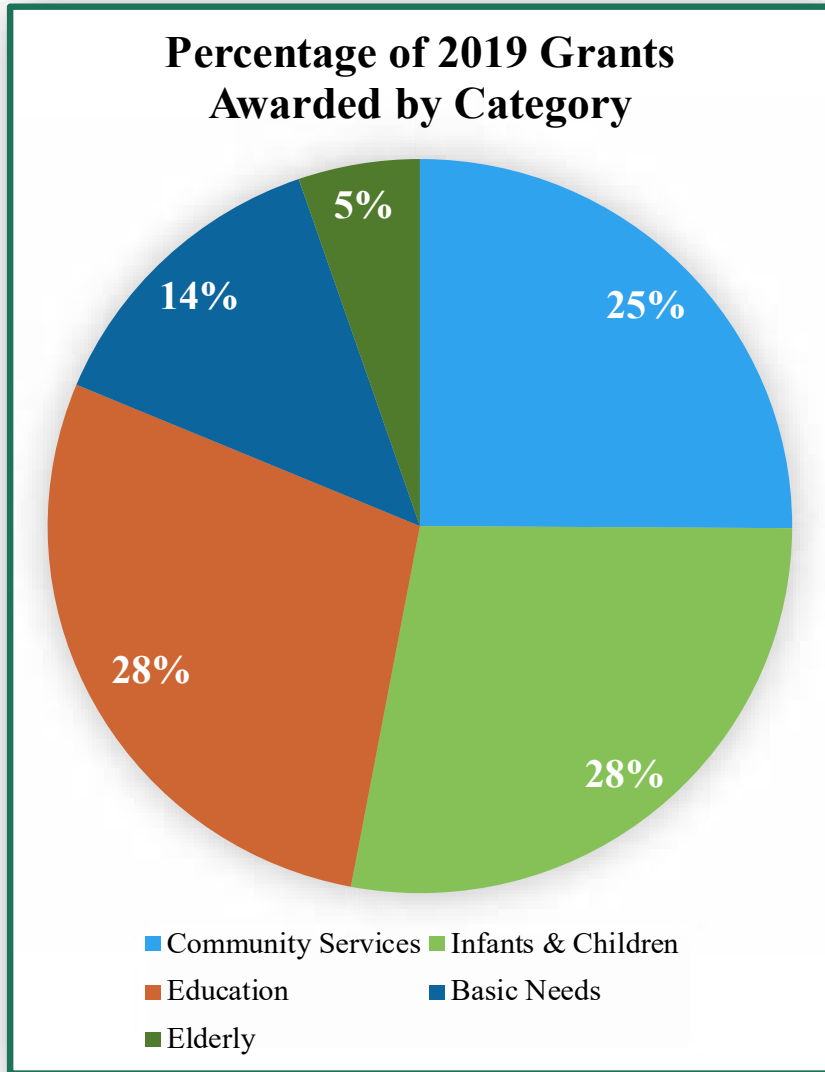
GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Each fall, charitable, nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations submit grant applications for the following year. The Grants Committee considers numerous factors when allocating funds, and our directors' evaluation reports are essential to this detailed process. Not every agency qualifies for a grant; some receive less than requested and, in certain special situations, some receive more.

In this Annual Report, we list our agencies/organizations in five categories. Please note the emphasis on educational programs for children and assistance programs for the homeless and elderly. In addition to offering on-going support, the Chest has helped many agencies expand their services and improve their facilities.

Judy Holden

Clare VanDoren



2019 ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS

- 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.-\$16,000
- Alzheimer’s Community Care-\$12,000
- American Red Cross of Martin County-\$25,000
- Banner Lake Club-\$145,000
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Hobe Sound-\$110,000
- Caring Children Clothing Children-\$13,000
- Children’s Emergency Resources, Inc.-\$20,000
- Club Scrub-\$12,500
- College Scholarship Financial Aid-\$42,000
- Council on Aging-\$60,000
- Dunbar Center-\$145,000
- Education Foundation-\$55,000
- Father & Child Resource Center-\$20,000
- Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida-\$10,000
- Habitat for Humanity-\$40,000
- Helping People Succeed, Inc.-\$15,000
- Hobe Sound Early Learning Center-\$112,000
- Hobe Sound Fine Arts-\$6,000
- Hobe Sound Little League-\$10,000
- Hobe Sound Nature Center-\$28,000
- Hobe Sound Ravens-\$20,000
- Hobe Sound Soccer Club, Inc.-\$15,000
- House of Hope-\$85,000
- IRSC Foundation (Scholarships)-\$25,000
- IRSC - Take Stock in Children-\$7,250
- Kitchen Foundation-\$20,000
- Light of the World Charities-\$7,500
- Loaves and Fishes-\$10,000
- L.A.H.I.A. (Love and Hope in Action)-\$35,000
- M.C. Healthy Start Coalition-\$21,000
- M.C. South Youth Athletic League-\$11,250
- Martin Volunteers-\$14,500
- Natives Helping Natives-\$10,000
- Place of Hope-\$10,000
- Project L.I.F.T.-\$45,000
- Samaritan Center-\$15,000
- Treasure Health-\$10,000
- Tykes & Teens, Inc.-\$40,000
- Volunteers in Medicine-\$45,000
- Whole Child Connection-\$20,000

2019 SPECIAL GRANT AWARDS AS OF 10/1/19

- Education Foundation-\$24,804
- Kitchen Foundation-\$43,089
- Kindergarten Readiness Program-\$118,830
- Martin County Healthy Start-\$6,000
- Samaritan Center-\$19,000

2014 – 2019 RECAP Total Grants (in thousands)						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Programs Supported	42	41	40	39	38	39
Grants	\$1,087	\$1,126	\$1,190	\$1,182	\$1,897	\$1,452

70TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON CELEBRATION



A March 3rd celebration lunch at the JIC Golf House, underwritten by our Board of Directors, featured a retrospective conversation with lifelong Hobe Sound residents Lia Reed Bohannon, Walter Scott, and Harry MacArthur.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE
LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON**



Photo by Hobie Hiler Photography

From left, Hobe Sound Community Chest Director Mac McCormack; President Linda McGillicuddy; Medical Director & CEO of Volunteers in Medicine Dr. Howard Voss, 2019 Community Service Award recipient; Vice President of Volunteers in Medicine Patsy Conrades; and Chest Executive Director Scott Berry.

An endowment from Robert McNeil's family foundation in 1996 established the annual Hobe Sound Community Service Award. The recipient, selected from a list of individuals who have made a significant social service contribution to our community, is awarded a commemorative gift and a \$10,000 contribution to a charitable organization of the recipient's choice.

The 2019 honoree is Dr. Howard E. Voss, Medical Director and CEO of Volunteers in Medicine, a Chest-supported clinic in Stuart. VIM provides free, comprehensive medical care to uninsured Martin County residents. After retiring from private practice, Dr. Voss began his second career at VIM in 2001. A local hero for the past eighteen years, he has tirelessly led VIM's volunteer staff to meet the needs of the medically underserved.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON**



SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Last fall, the Chest launched the Spotlight Series to educate the Hobe Sound community about some of the agencies we support. Well-attended and informative, each of the three events included a presentation followed by a question and answer period. A reception afterwards allowed audience members to meet the presenters.

In November, Bob Zaccheo introduced Project L.I.F.T. (Life Initiative for Teens), the agency he founded that uses innovative approaches to work with troubled teenagers. In January, Lisa Dames, Missy Crisp, and Simone Scott shared the stage to discuss the Banner Lake Club's many programs, designed to improve the quality of life for residents young and old. And in February, new Director Wendy Reynoso, along with Co-Presidents Borden Walker and Sally Zunino, reviewed plans to raise the academic standards and enrich the educational experience at Banner Lake's Dunbar Early Learning Center.

The Spotlight Series will continue this fall.



ANGEL APPRECIATION DINNER

On February 26th, Linda and Clem McGillicuddy hosted a special candlelight dinner at their Jupiter Island home in gratitude for the generosity of the Chest's angel donors.



WHEN THE CHEST BEGAN....

In 1949, two significant events occurred, both with lasting effects for Hobe Sound and its surrounding neighbors. On August 26th, one of the largest, most destructive hurricanes to hit southeast Florida slammed into Martin County with winds that registered 153 mph and blew the gauge off the Jupiter lighthouse. An estimated 40% of homes and businesses on the Treasure Coast were destroyed.

Earlier that spring, however, another event had a far-reaching positive effect: On March 7th, the organizing meeting of the Jupiter Island Community Chest convened at the home of Ralph M. Roosevelt and included Robert P. Noble, John C. Haddock, Robert Barbour and Permelia P. Reed.

Chest funds reported at the March 14, 1949 meeting totaled \$8,907.53, although that amount was expected to be “somewhat larger by the end of this month,” according to the minutes. Charities considered for allocations included requests from the Hobe Sound Community Church (to complete the pastor’s garage that would also serve as a Sunday school), the Hobe Sound Residents’ Committee (to act as the Chest’s agent for community educational activities), Banner Lake (to fund work on a cemetery), the Hobe Sound PTA, and the Martin County Hospital.

In 1967, the Jupiter Island Community Chest officially became the Hobe Sound Community Chest. Now in 2019, the Chest continues its mission of supporting social service agencies that improve the lives of residents, while always adapting to the community’s ever-changing needs.

And we are ready to help our community if or when another hurricane strikes.

(Adapted from the 70th anniversary luncheon program.)

DID YOU KNOW THESE HOBE SOUND FACTS?*

- Total population: 17,277
- Percentage of residents under 18: 14.1%
- Percentage of residents over 65: 34.2%

Poverty & Financial Need

- Poverty income, family of 4: \$24,600
- Percentage of residents living at or below poverty level: 13.9%
- Percentage of children living at or below poverty level: 22.3%
- Percentage of residents who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Martin County, 2016): 63%

Health Insurance

- Percentage of population without healthcare insurance: 14.9%
- Percentage of children under 18 with no health insurance: 18.7%

Education

- Percentage of children who are kindergarten ready, Hobe Sound Elementary: 51%
- Percentage of students who graduate from high school, Martin County, 2017: 83.9%

Health

- Percentage of school children who are overweight/obese (Martin County): 29.6%
- Percentage of adults identified as disabled (Martin County): 15.2%

Social

- Local divorce rate (Martin County): 38.7%
- Percentage of children born to single mothers (Martin County): 45%

*(Data from Hobe Sound, 2017, unless noted)

HSCC TOUR



Taking our tour is the best way to see first-hand how local social service agencies improve the lives of Hobe Sound residents in need. Enjoy a brief journey through local neighborhoods and visit some of the agencies that your contributions support.

The next tours are scheduled for February 12th and March 3rd, 2020. For more information please call the Chest office at: 772-545-9072

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