



Programs at Work

The Community Foundation of Broward and its Fundholders together support innovative efforts to end the cycle of hunger and poverty. Important as our grants are, we are also committed to build community awareness, convene leaders who influence change, and connect philanthropists with local solutions. Our Nonprofit Resource Center plays a critical role to strengthen nonprofits. By building their capacity, better solutions will follow.



Local pantries provide groceries to fill the gap in food security.

A Hand Up – Not A Hand Out

Unable to pay rent, 39 year old “Joan” had found a place of her own – the back of a ’78 Chevy. Hunger drove her to The Cooperative Feeding Program, where Joan not only got a hot meal, but was also able to take a shower and talk to a counselor. She was given clean, used clothing to wear, and computer instruction for an on-line “job interview.” Through the agency’s help, and by connecting her to other services and benefits such as employment assistance and food stamps, Joan has obtained a job – and secured a home of her own - a one bedroom apartment with electricity and water.

Stories like Joan’s are common for The Cooperative Feeding Program. Serving Broward for 25 years, it has seen a steady flow of people seeking food, shelter and services. “We noticed a dramatic increase after hurricane Wilma,” said Marti Forman, CEO. “People living on the edge seemed to break down and seek us out. As an agency, we realized that our services were no longer optional, but a vital part of a healthy community.”

The Community Foundation of Broward recognized the opportunity to build The Cooperative Feeding Program’s capacity, and selected it to participate in Boards in Action!, a program of our Nonprofit Resource Center that teaches best practices in board governance, and offers coaching to boards and executive directors to help them plan strategically. “We knew we needed to think long term, and view our work like any other business. Boards in Action! gave us those tools,” offered Forman. Members of our grant committee who visited the program recently saw first-hand the effect of our collaboration. “It is encouraging to see how our support over the years has helped to develop such a comprehensive program,” offered Board member Albert Miniaci. “While food may bring them to the door, once in, there is a wealth of services people in need can access.”

Further strengthening its financial base, The Cooperative Feeding Program created its first-ever endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward this summer. This Fund will provide a revenue stream to the agency that will enable it to meet its mission to serve Broward. For Good. For Ever.



Ann Adams

believes in the power of The Cooperative Feeding Program to change lives. A volunteer and avid supporter, she proudly

directs grants from her Fund to get people like Joan out of the food line and into the workforce and a home. Ann created the Ann Adams Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward to support favorite charities, including The Cooperative Feeding Program. Grants by the Community Foundation and partners like Ann Adams are giving a hand-up, not just a hand-out, to people in need.