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Monthly News & Updates

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Join Us!

TAKE YOUR NONPROFIT STORY TO PRINT!

Join us for this exciting insider look at how to get story placement with Palm Beach Post and Daily News.

**May 10, 2023 | 10:00am-
11:30am
at the Children's Services
Council**

The Palm Beach Post
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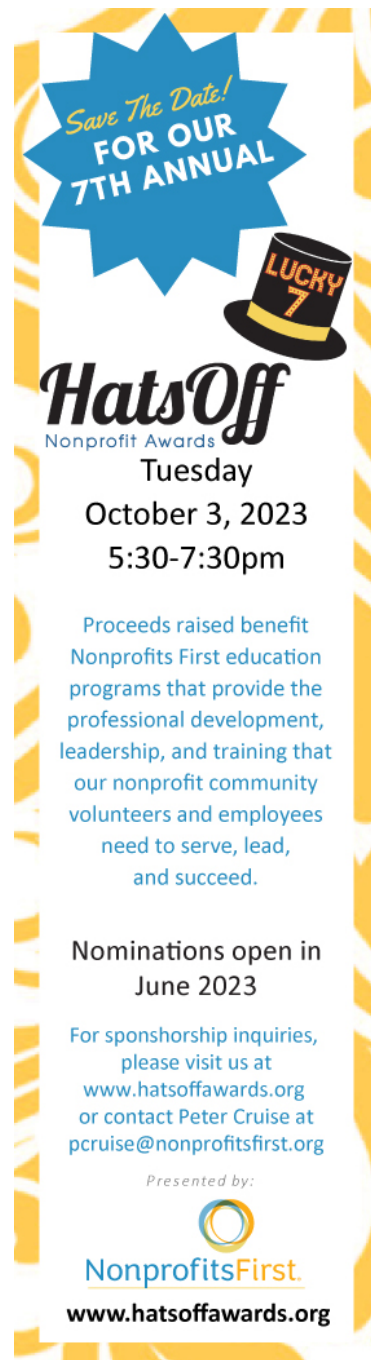
JOIN OUR MONTHLY ACCREDITATION OPEN FORUM Q&A!

Thursday
May 11, 2023
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Facilitated by
Trudy Crowetz
Director of Accreditation -
Nonprofits First



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Save The Date!
**FOR OUR
7TH ANNUAL**



HatsOff
Nonprofit Awards

**Tuesday
October 3, 2023
5:30-7:30pm**

Proceeds raised benefit
Nonprofits First education
programs that provide the
professional development,
leadership, and training that
our nonprofit community
volunteers and employees
need to serve, lead,
and succeed.

Nominations open in
June 2023

For sponsorship inquiries,
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pcruise@nonprofitsfirst.org

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Message from Jessica Cecere, CEO



Mental health issues and illness affect approximately 19% of the adult population, 46% of teenagers and 13% of children each year. Less than half of those with mental health issues will seek treatment due to a stigma and/or discrimination. We need to do better as a society to recognize and support mental health concerns. Mental health should be everyone's concern!

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, Nonprofits First is highlighting our Accredited organizations who are serving and uplifting the community through a wide array of mental health services including but not limited to education programs, suicide prevention hotlines, counseling services, employment support programs, and mental health research. To learn more about the mental health services offered in Palm Beach County, please review the list of our Accredited organizations who serve

tirelessly to provide supportive solutions for mental health issues and to create a community where people with mental health concerns will no longer suffer in silence.

ACCREDITED AGENCIES PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

Boys Town South Florida

Center for Child Counseling

Center for Family Services

Children's Home Society of Florida

Community Health Center of WPB

Community Partners

Families First of PBC

The Faulk Center for Counseling

Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family &

Children's Service of PBC

For the Children Inc.

Home Safe

Jeff Industries, Inc.

The Volen Center

Mental Health America of Palm Beach County

National Alliance on Mental Illness of PBC

Palm Beach County Medical Society Services

T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society

Nonprofits First supports "Mental Health Awareness Month" and sends abundant thanks to all organizations dedicated to creating positive change in the mental health community.

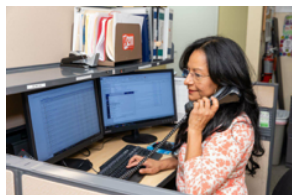
Organizations Re-Accredited During 2023:

Easter Seals Florida

Junior Achievement

The Lord's Place

DOUBLE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



With more than 50 years of service, 211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast has answered more than three million requests for help from people in our community. The local community helpline and crisis hotline helps people connect to important resources and services. Through the pandemic, the agency's staff helped local residents find

What difference has 211 made in the community through the years? With its over 50 years of service, 211 has answered over 3 million requests for help from people in our community. 211 is an easy to remember number that is the starting point and central access to health and human service programs that benefit people of all ages and walks of life. 211's highly trained and caring staff has saved countless lives. In times of crisis or for every day needs, 211 is available 24/7.

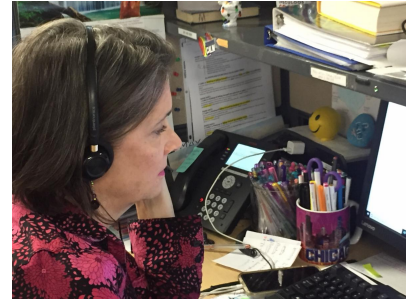
healthcare, food, and financial assistance as well as listened to their mental and emotional health concerns.

Below the staff explains in more details what they do, and the difference they make in our region.

What is 211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast, and what does your organization offer to the community? 211 is the local community helpline and crisis hotline helping people connect to important resources and services that include food assistance, healthcare, mental health providers, services for children and families, teens, elders, veterans and first responders and their families, and more. Staff are also there to listen - if someone just needs to talk. Calls and texts to 211 are free, confidential and available 24/7- with multilingual capabilities. Chat online or search for services found at 211palmbeach.org.

How has COVID 19 impacted your operations? 211 quickly pivoted to a hybrid remote work situation and continued providing 24-hour crisis support. Staff helped people find important healthcare, food, financial assistance and listened to their mental and emotional health concerns. Noting the pandemic's impact on family caregivers, 211 implemented a Caregiver Support Program in addition to its advocacy programs for children, elders and other populations. 211 also expanded its crisis chat capacity and continued to save lives as the regional responder to the national Lifeline (988) which launched in July of 2022.

What does being Accredited mean for your organization? 211 does more than information referrals. Staff is highly trained to assess caller's situations to understand the most critical needs. For crisis and suicide calls - this is of great importance. Having high organizational standards and accreditations gives credence to our ability to garner the trust of not only the people we serve, but our community partners as well.



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Barky Pines Animal Rescue & Sanctuary provides sanctuary for elderly animals and educational services to students in Palm Beach County. The agency saw the number of animals in its care triple during the pandemic, and thanks to the help from foundations, it was able to open a small clinic to handle the additional animals.

Read more below about the organization and its mission in our community.

What is Barky Pines Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, and what does your organization offer to the community? Barky Pines Animal Rescue & Sanctuary is dedicated to the homeless animals of Palm Beach County. Those at risk of being euthanized. To date we have rescued nearly 1300 dogs, dozens of cats, and hundreds of farm animals. We



have completed 1,200 families, bringing companionship and love into their lives through adoption. Barky Pines provides sanctuary for elderly animals to live out their lives with us, and educational services to students in PBC.

How has COVID 19 impacted your operations? Since the beginning of the pandemic intake, the number of animals we care for has tripled. The shutdown forced vet clinics to not perform elective surgeries, such as spay/neuter. This created an abundance of puppies and kittens being born, nowhere near the number of homes available, causing a major overpopulation crisis. Add to that the economic fallout which forced many to give up their pets. Early 2022, thanks to the generosity of our community and amazing foundations, we opened a small clinic. We provide low cost or free spay and neuter services to help quell the overpopulation issues we face here in PBC.

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TAKE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

Coming in July, 2023



101 for the 501

What is 101 for the 501?

101 for the 501 is a 6-session workshop series designed to empower the leadership of your emerging nonprofit with the skills and knowledge to take your organization to the next level of service!

Who should apply?

If your nonprofit is an emerging organization that is operating within the boundaries of Palm Beach County with a strong mission but could use a boost to build capacity, you could be selected to take part in this **FREE** workshop series.

How do you know if your organization qualifies?

*Organizations whose total revenue is between \$15,000 and \$500,000 serving Palm Beach County." (check line 12 of Form 990 or line 9 on Form 990-EZ for the most recent fiscal year.) Apply TODAY

How to apply:

Complete the application [HERE](#) no later than 5:00 pm on Friday June 9, 2023.

Space is limited - apply NOW

Here's what one of our participants had to say...

"Thank you to Nonprofits First for selecting me to participate in the 101 for 501 series. As the founder of Path to College, a brand new academic enrichment and college preparation program for disadvantaged students, I now have a clear understanding of what best practices in operational management will help my organization grow and thrive."

~Christine Sylvain Executive Director, Path to College

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WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Nathan Oliver has started as our new Accreditation Project Leader and will be supporting our Director of Accreditation, Trudy Crowetz, in managing non-profit accreditation cases. Nathan is a high-achieving graduate student at Palm Beach Atlantic University in his final semester of obtaining a dual Master of Science in International Development and Business Administration. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. As part of his master's program, he assisted in the development of a national agricultural cooperative in Costa Rica as well as the development of policy proposals designed to bolster the agricultural sector amongst small and medium growers in the country.

Nathan is the co-founder and vice president of The Organization for Social Innovation, a civil society organization working to facilitate solution-driven discussion that promotes engagement, awareness, and action regarding local, national, and global issues. Nathan's interests include sports, reading, surfing, and making coffee, a skill he honed as a barista at Johan's Joe.

Johan Henry has started as our new Bookkeeper and will be supporting our Director of Finance and Operations, Delferine Spooner, in maintaining financial records for organizations in the nonprofit community. Johan is an accomplished undergraduate honor student at the University of Central Florida studying for his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Finance. He served as a Career Pathway Leader on the Black Leadership and Achievement Team at Wellington High School, providing professional assistance and guidance to members pursuing various career paths. Additionally, Johan has three years of customer service and sales experience with success in executing retail advertising projects, improving sales strategies, and utilizing excellent intrapersonal communication skills at Best Buy, Piesanos Stone Fired Pizza, and Mercedes Benz. He said he is most passionate about the fight for equal treatment in the criminal justice system and, in his free time, he enjoys working out and listening to music.



NONPROFITS FIRST RESOURCE CENTER



EXECUTIVE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Nonprofits First is looking for professionals with a passion for helping the nonprofit community and the expertise to truly make a difference.

Contact **Trudy Crowetz**,
Director of Accreditation for
more information.

BUILD YOUR CAUSE TOOLKIT

The 501cPro Toolkit is a comprehensive online self-assessment resource loaded with crucial information to ensure your organization meets legal requirements and implements best practices that are important to staff, clients, and donors.

FOUNDATION DIRECTORY

Make an appointment to use the Foundation Directory, a platform providing our members access to Foundation Center resources and fundraising research guidance as well as professional staff to assist visitors. Contact **Tracy Amara**, Membership Directory, for more information.

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NEW & RENEWING NONPROFIT MEMBERS

African Orphan Educational Foundation
Ariel Foundation International
Boynton Beach Faith Based
Community Development Corporation
Bright Minds Processing
Connections Education Center
of the Palm Beaches

Life's Changes Palm Beach County, Inc.
Mission Clinic of Palm Springs, Inc.
Our Sacred Academy, Inc.
Riviera Beach CDC
The Arc of The Glades, Inc.

NEW & RENEWING AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Aboveboard Consulting, LLC
Coastal Click Photography
JBH Enterprises
RAND Strategic Solutions, LLC
Team Kat & Mouse
The Leadership Haven Resource Center, LLC



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