



**BallenIsles Charities Foundation sets another fundraising record – awarding more than Half-a-Million Dollars in Financial Grants to local charities**

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**Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. March 27** – BallenIsles Charities Foundation (BICF), the Palm Beach Gardens nonprofit organization with a mission of "Making a Difference" in the community, has awarded a record \$575,000 in Financial Grants to local non-profits and civic organizations.

The record-setting amount brings the cumulative grants awarded by the Foundation to more than \$2.3 million over the 7 years since its formation by members and residents of BallenIsles.

"The record funds raised are a credit to the generosity of BallenIsles members and residents, the tireless contributions of all our volunteers and the terrific local businesses and Corporate Sponsors that support the Foundation's mission of "*Making a Difference*" in our local community," BallenIsles Charities Foundation President Mark Freeman said.

Speaking during the Foundation's 2018 Grants Awards Ceremony at BallenIsles Country Club, Mr. Freeman said: "The overwhelming support of our residents and our Corporate Sponsors, along with the assistance we received from the management of the Country Club, the Community Association and our dedicated volunteers has enabled us to make this our most successful campaign."

The following Forty-five deserving organizations were carefully vetted and selected to receive financial grants as the 2018 Designated Beneficiaries of the BallenIsles Charities Foundation:

**ADOPT A FAMILY OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.**

Provides school readiness kits for homeless children; Also grocery and gas gift cards for homeless families in emergency shelters

**ALLAMANDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Provides current books for grades K thru 2 in a "Growing Readers Program"

**ALZHEIMERS COMMUNITY CARE**

Provides funding for ACC's Family Nurse Consultant Program

**BACK TO BASICS**

Provides school uniforms for underprivileged children

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.**

Provides funding to maintain and enhance the Clubs' STEMulated Minds Program

**BUSCH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

Provides interpretive signage of Florida's wild flora and fauna

**CARIDAD CENTER, INC.**

Provides pediatric dental care for uninsured and underserved children

**CARSON SCHOLARS FUND**

Provides a Carson Reading Room in an elementary school

**CENTER FOR TRAUMA COUNSELING**

Provides for child and adolescent therapy

**CHILDNET**

Provides funding for children brought into the foster care system



**CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA**

Provides funding for mothers and babies in the Transitions Home Program

**CLINICS CAN HELP**

Provides funding for the purchase of durable equipment for disabled children

**FEED THE HUNGRY**

Provides funding for a food program serving over 1,400 impoverished families

**FIRST TEE OF THE PALM BEACHES**

Provides funding for the First Tee after-school program

**FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN**

Provides funding for a Kinship Connections Program which provides guidance for grandparents and relatives of children in foster care

**GRANDMA'S PLACE**

Provides care for children removed from their homes due to neglect or abuse

**H.A.C.E.R. MINISTRY CORP.**

Provides nutritious food to 350 low income children and families

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.**

Provides funding for the Weitz Construction Academy at Seminole Ridge High School

**HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES COALITION OF PBC, INC.**

Provides funding for Basics4Babies, an emergency pantry for infants

**HOMESAFE**

Provides funding for bedroom furniture at the Specialized Therapeutic Group Care home

**INLET GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

Provides funding for an after-school tutoring program in core content subjects

**JACK THE BIKE MAN, INC.**

Provides funding for "GOTTA GET A BIKE" after-school and summer programs

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH**

Provides funding for the Peer Support Program for mental health

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN PALM BEACH SECTION**

Provides funding for the Kids' community closet/ weekend pantry program

**PALM BEACH COUNTY FOOD BANK**

Provides funding for a 8-week weekend meals program for children and their families

**PALM BEACH GARDENS CITY HALL**

Provides funding for the BallenIsles Performance Series at Veteran Plaza

**PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE RESCUE**

Provides funding for Fall Prevention classes for senior citizens

**PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPT.**

Provides funding for a portable fingerprint and photo system

**PALM BEACH HARVEST**

Provides funding a program that rescues surplus food to feed the needy

**PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

Provides funding for first generation in college scholarship program

**PAWS 4 LIBERTY**

Provides funding for the Train Your Own Dog Program for veterans

**PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY SUPPORT TEAM, INC. (POST)**

Provides funding of the Butterfly Program which counsels children afflicted with cancer



**QUANTUM HOUSE**

Provides funding for the Family Pantry Program

**THE LEARNING ACADEMY AT ELS CENTER**

Provides funding to expand the Physical Education Program

**RENAISSANCE LEARNING CENTER**

Provides funding to purchase research-based education curriculum for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students

**SUNCOAST HIGH SCHOOL**

Provides funding for MacBook Pro computers for incorporating art in technology

**SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE PALM BEACHES**

Provides refurbished and new school musical instruments to low income or homeless children

**TEAM FIRST-PAL**

Provides funding for a 40-week after school program

**THE ARC OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**

Provides funding for the Potentials Charter School music and art therapy program

**THE CHILDREN'S HEALING INSTITUTE**

Provides funding for the TEACUP Preemie Baby Bungalow diaper project

**THE JACOB S. ZWEIG FOUNDATION**

Provides new or refurbished shoes to children in need

**THE LORD'S PLACE**

Provides funding for the Family Campus

**URBAN YOUTH IMPACT**

Provides funding for the the Leadership Academy after-school program for at-risk children

**WATSON B. DUNCAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Provides funding for additional technology and software for students

**WOUNDED VETERANS RELIEF FUND**

Provides funding to support Emergency Financial Relief for Veterans and their families

The BallenIsles Charities Foundation, [www.BallenIslesCharitiesFoundation.org](http://www.BallenIslesCharitiesFoundation.org) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission of "Making a Difference" in the community. It renders financial and in-kind support to area organizations providing civic, educational programs, health and human services and support for the environment.

**About BallenIsles Country Club**

Consistently ranked as one of the Top 100 Clubs in America, BallenIsles Country Club is renowned for its superb level of service. It will soon feature a newly-renovated 114,900 square foot clubhouse and a 62,000 square foot sports complex with a spa and salon, fitness center, world-class tennis facilities and swimming pools. The award-winning club has three 18-hole championship golf courses, including its famed East Course where Jack Nicklaus and many other golf legends originally qualified for the PGA Tour. Managed by Troon Privé, BallenIsles is a fully private, member-owned club with an array of best-in-class amenities. For more information visit [www.BallenIsles.org](http://www.BallenIsles.org).

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