



*Twenty-four years ago, one family received help.
Last year, 2,914 families were assisted by our programs.*





Who We Serve:

Adopt-A-Family serves families with children in Palm Beach County who meet any of the following criteria:

- Homeless children and their families
- Lower-income, working families in search of affordable housing opportunities in Palm Beach County
- Working poor who do not earn enough money to support their families and are at risk of becoming homeless
- Families in a short-term situational crisis putting them at risk of homelessness

Adopt-A-Family is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1983 by three Palm Beach County women who recognized the need to help families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to a financial reversal, illness, divorce, death or other extenuating circumstances.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



John P. Marasco
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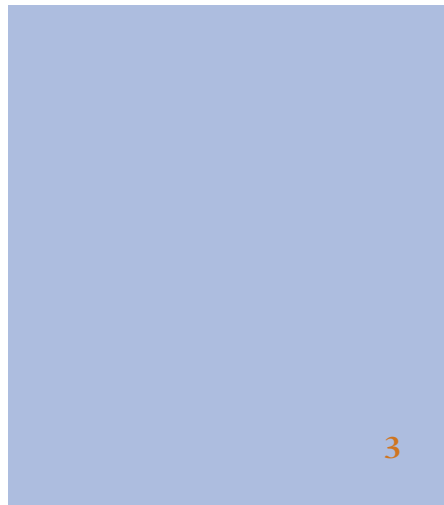
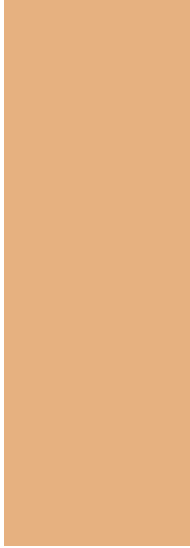
It has been another extraordinary year at Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches! We've had some challenges, but we've had some major breakthroughs as well. We served a record-breaking 2,914 families in the year ending June 30, 2007, an 18% increase over the prior year. This dramatic growth has been made possible because of the dedication and professionalism of our staff. We are also extremely fortunate in that our board of directors is an unusually active group comprised of individuals who generously give their time, resources, and expertise. And finally, we are grateful for our funders who have confidence in us and who renew their support year after year.

Our housing programs, Project SAFE and Service Enriched Housing, both experienced a better-than-90% success rate. Project UpLift and our Homeless Intervention Program saw significant increases in demand, and our case managers responded by seeing a greater number of clients than ever before. We continue to enjoy strong inter-agency partnerships through the Family Empowerment Coalition (FEC) and The Community Back to School Bash, as well as less formal relationships with a multitude of agencies throughout Palm Beach County. This network of providers serves our residents with a wide array of programs to meet some of their most critical needs.

Project GROW saw an increase in the numbers of children attending the aftercare program as well as our summer camp. As you can see by the bright, smiling faces on the pages of this report, our kids have benefited by our providing tutors, homework assistance, and educational outings, not to mention a culturally rich and fun-filled calendar of events. They are our shining example of success!

Our Community Land Trust (CLT) has blossomed this year. Our first single-family home on North C Street was completed, and the new owners moved in last spring. We are proceeding with our plans for another single-family home and our affordable rental housing units are expected to be completed in the next 18 months. We have initiated a brand new "Hope Begins with a Home" capital campaign, and the money raised will help pay for our current projects as well as those in the near future.

The next year marks Adopt-A-Family's 25th year of providing needed services to our community. With your support, we look forward to meeting the challenges that come with making positive, lasting changes to help our county's neediest families. We truly could not do this without you – our volunteers, friends, donors and staff – who make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. *Thank you!*





Adopt-A-Family Programs

PROJECT UPLIFT provides short-term assistance to families with children who are at risk of homelessness. Those entering the program are taught problem-solving skills and how to find solutions based on available, identifiable resources.

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT links families with “adopters” such as businesses, service clubs, churches and private individuals who support the family emotionally and financially for a period of one year.

HOMELESS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (HIP) provides homeless families residing in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities with resources necessary to move into permanent housing. Eligible families must be housing ready and able to maintain self-sufficiency.

PROJECT SAFE provides transitional housing and comprehensive support services to homeless families and their children. Support services include budgeting, case management, job training, daycare assistance, support groups, family and individual counseling, and access to Project GROW for their children.

SERVICE ENRICHED HOUSING provides housing to low-income, working-poor families who wish to move into home ownership within two years. The program provides credit repair, first time homebuyers’ classes and support services. The minimum monthly charge for a two-bedroom

apartment is \$400. Rent is calculated based at 30% of the family’s gross income, and any additional amount paid above \$400 is placed in escrow to be used for credit repair or home ownership.

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT) acquires and holds land for the benefit of low-income, working families and provides access to affordable homeownership and rental opportunities. An important element to this program is that comprehensive support services are provided to participating families, greatly increasing their chances of self-sufficiency.

PROJECT GROW is an after-school and out-of-school drop-in center for homeless children who reside at Project SAFE, Service Enriched Housing, and in our community. Project GROW teaches physical education and emotional, cultural, and social skills to each child while providing a safe haven to children who have had none. 95% of all children entering Project GROW are at least one full grade level behind their age group. 98% of children exiting Project GROW are at or above their grade level.

Additional services offered to the community include a **FOOD PANTRY**, **CLOTHING CLOSET**, **FREE BUS PASS** program, **FAMILY LITERACY** program, gifts during the holidays at **SANTA SHOPPE** and the **HOLIDAY ADOPTER** program, and **HURRICANE RELIEF** when needed.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The **Family Empowerment Coalition (FEC)** is comprised of 12 local agencies whose goal is to provide a seamless continuum of services that promote family stability and self-sufficiency. These services empower clients to effectively navigate the educational, social and health care systems within their communities. This “one-stop-shopping” concept provides families access to all the services they need at a much faster rate. The FEC coordinator, responsible for matching service providers with families that need assistance, is housed in Adopt-A-Family’s Community Resource Center. *Since August 2005, FEC has served 4,794 children and parents.*

FEC Partner Agencies:

*Adopt-A-Family
of the Palm Beaches, Inc.*

*AVDA – Aid to Victims
of Domestic Abuse*

Center for Family Services

Children’s Home Society

Families First

Farmworker Coordinating Council

*Legal Aid Society
of Palm Beach County*

The Lord’s Place

NOAH

Operation Hope

Salvation Army

YWCA of Palm Beach County

The **13th annual Community Back to School Bash** guaranteed that 7,665 needy children received school supplies and were ready for the new school year. At the Bash, students were paired with volunteer personal shoppers to guide them through a “store” of grade-appropriate supplies. The children – who have limited experience in making the most basic choices for themselves due to their extreme financial situations – were given the opportunity to select rulers, calculators, binders, etc. in the colors and styles they wanted. In addition to offering supplies and backpacks, haircuts, clothing, face-painting and lunch were available for the entire family to enjoy.

Our **Family Literacy** program offers both English for Speakers of Other Languages and General Equivalency Diploma classes to our clients and the community. Taught by an instructor with the school board, our program is popular and unusual because it is a day time program that offers its students childcare for below school-aged children and encourages families to read together.

The United Way/IRS **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)** program was back again in the Spring of 2007. A total of 644 filers had their income taxes prepared for free at the Community Resource Center. This was our fourth year as a VITA site, generating a total of \$1,021,245 in refunds, of which \$432,664 was earned income tax credits. Imagine how a million dollars in refunds has helped needy families in our community!





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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 469,461
Grants receivable	129,203
Prepaid expenses	3,100
Other assets	6,768
Property and equipment (net)	3,663,397
Community Land Trust	347,714
Total assets	\$ 4,619,643

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 21,579
Accrued expenses	101,923
Resident deposits	8,990
Resident escrow accounts	27,764
Loans payable	685,003
Total liabilities	\$ 845,259

Net Assets

Unrestricted	
Equity in fixed assets	\$ 2,978,394
Designated for Land Trust	650,714
Designated for contingencies	80,000
Undesignated	32,071
Total unrestricted	3,741,179
Temporarily restricted	33,205
Total net assets	3,774,384
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,619,643

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Grants and donations	
Government Grants	\$ 950,904
United Way Grants	470,675
Contributions	611,087
In-kind donations	195,435
Total grants and donations	2,228,101
Special Events	\$ 390,228
Rents	163,512
Thrift sales	104,737
Other income	6,093
Investment income	21,028
Total support and revenue	\$ 2,913,699

EXPENSES

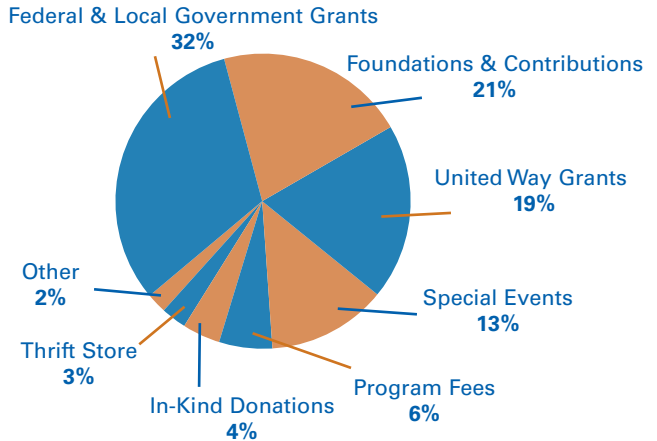
Program services	
Project GROW	\$ 218,556
Homeless Intervention Program	165,197
Project S.A.F.E.	701,832
Service Enriched Housing	214,039
Project UpLift	1,003,154
Family Empowerment	18,029
Family Empowerment Coalition	109,260
Community Land Trust	96,061
Thrift Store	88,229
Total program services	\$ 2,614,357
Supporting services	
General and administrative	278,488
Fundraising/Vol. Svcs/Development	196,076
Total functional expenses	\$ 3,088,921
Change in net assets	(175,222)
Net assets, beginning of year	3,949,606
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,774,384

YEAR-END RESULTS

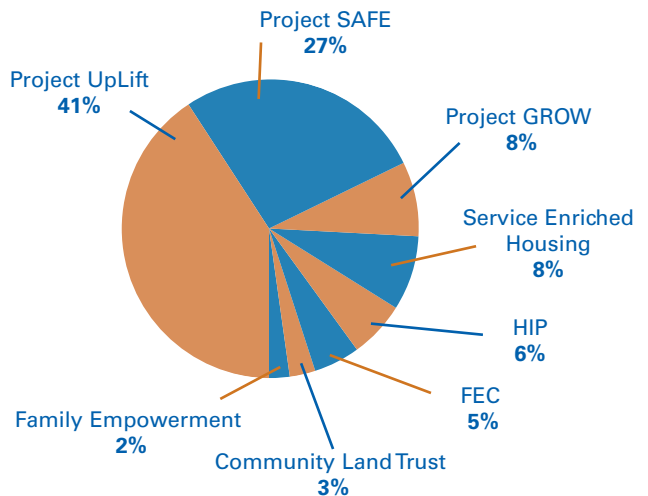
In the 2006/2007 fiscal year:

- 2,914 households were served by Adopt-A-Family programs
- 93% of families served achieved self-sufficiency
- 348 individuals received bus passes
- 29 families and their children participated in our Family Literacy program
- 378 children participated in the annual Santa Shoppe
- 151 families received gifts through the Holiday Adopter program

REVENUE SOURCES



EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM



GOLF TOURNAMENT SCORES!

The 15th annual Golf Tournament was held at McArthur Golf Club in May. Event Chairman **Jim Larschan**, CEO of Wealth Planning Consultants and this year's Tournament Sponsor, announced that more than \$65,000 was raised to support the Palm Beach County non-profit's programs and services, benefiting homeless and at-risk families. *Regions Bank served as Luncheon Sponsor*, and were presented an award for their generosity.

With teams separated into two flights, eight players took home the First Place Milk Jugs. Flight 1 winners were Don Wenk, Gene Harris, Ron Parr and Gordon Hall. Flight 2 winners were John Weisser, Kevin Boyle, Thomas Noonan and Danny Byrne. Taking home a driver for winning the Closest-to-the-Pin competition was Dick Segalini, and Ron Parr received a putter for making the Longest Drive.



Golf Chairman Jim Larschan and Executive Director Wendy Tippett



Flight 1 Winners: Ron Parr, Gordon Hall, Don Wenk, and Gene Harris



Regions Bank Representatives: Doug Gintzler, Stephen Miller, Kaela Lerner (AAF board member), and David Sand



Flight 2 Winners: John Weisser, Thomas Noonan, Danny Byrne, and Kevin Boyle



TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION LIGHTS UP THE SEASON

More than 275 guests attended the **22nd Annual Tree Lighting Celebration** at the Sailfish Club in Palm Beach. **Chairman Ruth Hennessy and Co-Chairman Beth Hennessy** galvanized the festive crowd and brought in more than \$300,000 at the silent and live auctions. The Angel Award was presented to Janet Reynolds in honor of the work of her late husband, Wiley Reynolds. To cap off the festivities, the Angel Tree was lit while the Adopt-A-Family children sang. The Angel Tree is decorated with angels representing “adopters” who have helped our families in the past year

Lawrence J. and Florence A. De George, and the Edward L. Hennessy, Jr. and Ruth S. Hennessy Foundation generously served as Grand Benefactors. Grand Sponsors were Ed and Linda Edelman, in honor of “Cece with Love,” George and Paula Michel, and Wyatt and Diana Bell. This year’s Sponsors were William and Martha DeBrule, John and Jana Scarpa, and the W. Dale Brougner Foundation. Tree Lighting Angels included Ron and Cathy Assaf, Ronald and Marianne Galione, Gene and Penny Heller, Lawrence and Jacqueline Hoff, Louis and Elaine Nicastro, and Ron and Debbie Parr.



Co-Chairman Beth, Ed & Chairman Ruth Hennessy

On the Tree Lighting Committee, Linda Argersinger served as the Children’s Project Chairman, Alice Scanlon served as the Silent Auction Chairman, and Alice Tarone served as the Orchid Chairman. The Committee also includes Ruth Behrman, Diana Bell, Peg Bonvechio, Trudy B. Brekus, Irene Casey-Ritzenthaler, Marianne Castle, Nancy Chandler, Chris Cook, Lori Corrigan, Herme de Wyman Miro, Martha DeBrule, Pamela Dupuis, Debbie Dytrych, Cecile Victoria Farris, Eva Forsyth, Julie Gambale, Dona Gibbs, Elena N. Goldfeder, Patricia Haig, Vanessa Henry, Carole Hepburn, Tish Hoyt, Rose James, Carol Jeney, Mary Lou Kromer, Carole Kurtz, Wendy Labbett, Kathy Luchs, Paula Michel, Bel Miller, Elaine Nicastro, Constance Nicolo, Chris Oberlink, Debby Parr, Annette Rickel, Cindy Rooney, Adele Siegel, Kitty Silverstein, Stephanie C. Smith, Jessica Surovek, Lynn Surovek, Alma Tambone, Barbara Thomas, Carolyn Thompson, Joyce Vaughn, Mary Wenk, and Tish Carlo Wilmering.



*Linda Argersinger &
Stephanie Smith*



Kathy & Ron Assaf



Cece Farris & Joe Davis



Lori & Harold Corrigan



Debbie & Terry Dytrych



Ed & Linda Edelman



Debby & Ron Parr



Alice & Jim Scanlon



*Elena Goldfeder &
Lynn Surovek*



Alice & Ted Tarone



George & Paula Michel

CARNIVAL AT SUNSET AIDS AT-RISK FAMILIES



Barbara & Martin Murphy, Sr.



Mark & Paula Cook



Justin Lynch & Bill Lynch



Julie & Howard Rudolph

A private Palm Beach Club set the stage for Adopt-A-Family's annual themed fundraiser – **Carnival at Sunset**. This year's auction and dinner dance had a Brazilian flair, with costumed dancers greeting guests with an ice cold Caipirinha, the native beverage of Brazil. Thanks to **Karen Marasco, Elena Murphy** and the rest of the Sunset Committee, the auction dinner dance brought in more than \$75,000 to support Palm Beach County families in need. A very special thank you to *Murphy Construction* and *Dwight and Martha Schar* for their underwriting support, *Justin's of Palm Beach* for providing take home gifts for the guests, and *Julie and Howard Rudolph* for hosting the Gift Gathering party at their home.

On the Host Committee are Elizabeth and William Atterbury, Maria Elena and Tim Coffield, Sofia and Drew DeFerrari, Kathy and Neil Elliott, Mari and Tom Frankel, Marilia and Vincenzo Giordano, Ashley and Joe Maguire, Karen and John Marasco, Kelly and Kyle McFadden, Trieste and Payne McIntosh, Elena and Marty Murphy, Mary Murphy, Beth and Mike Okun, Shannon and Peter Reed, Julie and Howard Rudolph, Brewer and Chris Schoeller, Kris and Steve Simpson, Rebecca and Cal Warriner, and Liz and Marc Yavinsky.



John & Karen Marasco with Elena & Marty Murphy





MISSION:

Adopt-A-Family is dedicated to restoring families in crisis to stability and self-sufficiency by providing access to all-encompassing services to families and their children.

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