



# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

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**House of Hope** is proud to present the results of our prior fiscal year, and provide a snapshot of the programs and services that help us to **empower Martin County residents to overcome hunger and hardship**. As a community, we were plagued by the same drastic increases in the cost of fuel, rent, groceries and more that were felt across the country. These cost of living increases kept the need for our services at elevated levels. **House of Hope continues to reach over 7,000 people each month through our service centers and enrichment programs, and an additional 6,000 people through our food bank partners**, including local soup kitchens, church pantries, and other non-profits. Our extremely successful food procurement efforts have allowed us to share food with agencies all across Martin County, and into St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Palm Beach Counties. An important area of focus continues to be to improve the health of our community by providing fresh, high quality foods to our clients and partners. **We remain one of the highest ranked non-profits in the region, with 92 cents of every dollar going directly to programs and services**. Additional highlights include:

- ▶ **Our production farm** added a grove of 70 fruit trees, as well as nearly 2,000 in-ground plants
- ▶ **Construction on our commercial grade packing house** is complete and packing to begin by summer of 2023
- ▶ **We added** a nutrition education van, a food recovery van, and have ordered a second refrigerated box truck for food procurement and delivery
- ▶ **Internship and job training opportunities** now include retail, agriculture, social work and culinary
- ▶ **An outdoor classroom** was added to the Golden Gate Center for Enrichment
- ▶ **Planning is underway** to add a full time Housing Coordinator to assist clients in obtaining safe and affordable housing

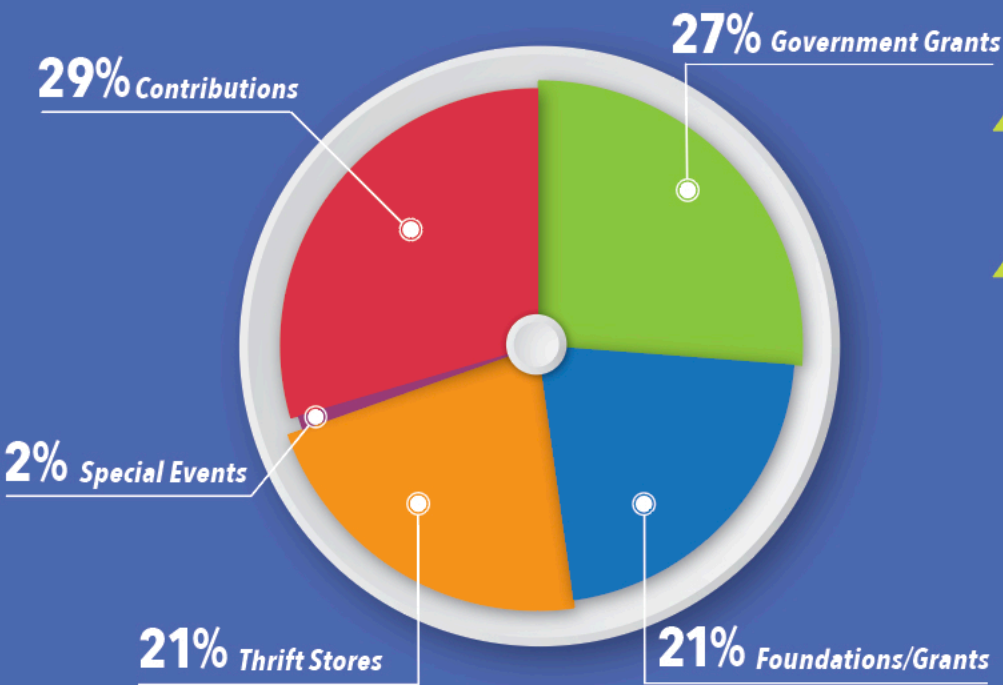
**We are also excited to add the KinDoo Center in Indiantown to the House of Hope family in the summer of 2023.** As the founders approached retirement, they selected us to continue their programs and services. We are proud and honored for the opportunity to carry on the legacy of Sister Mary and Sister Kate.

We are grateful to be a part of such a caring and generous community. Our success and our capacity to serve would not be possible without our exceptional staff, trusted partners, dedicated volunteers and compassionate donors and funders. All of you make it possible for us to continue to provide our ever growing array of programs and services at no cost to our clients and partners. **We hope that you use this report to appreciate our year of accomplishments and look toward the future with hope for our community.**

# CHOOSING HOPE



## INCOME Sources



**In-Kind DONATIONS**  
Valued at **\$1,176,491**

**Food DONATIONS**  
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**SPECIAL THANKS** to these **Partners in Hope** for their impact on our food distribution capacity

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- Colab Farms
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- Martin County Board of County Commissioners
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**.92**  
of every dollar directly  
helps people in need



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**1,488,150**  
pounds of food  
distributed

**1,784,302**  
meals



**\$95,779**  
provided in financial  
assistance



**186,046**  
items of clothing,  
housewares, furniture  
and appliances given to  
local people in need

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<b>\$10</b> per month	<b>1200</b> heads of lettuce grown locally at our Growing Hope Production Farm
<b>\$25</b> per month	<b>360</b> protein-packed sandwiches for clients experiencing homelessness
<b>\$50</b> per month	<b>24</b> weeks of nutritious groceries for a homebound senior
<b>\$100</b> per month	<b>financial assistance</b> for rent or utility bills to help a household avoid eviction
<b>\$200</b> per month	<b>Project HOPE case management</b> services over an extended period of time

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## PROJECT HOPE

Project HOPE (Helping Others Progress through Empowerment) is an organizational philosophy and the descriptive term that unites our team of case management professionals and support staff. As part of Project HOPE, we administer client assessments, assist clients in developing their personal improvement plans, provide financial assistance, connect clients to the full spectrum of House of Hope programs and services, and serve as a bridge to external resources for those we serve.



**Financial assistance** - Over **\$95,000** was provided to qualified Martin County residents for rent/mortgage, utilities, medical and other expenses



**Client Choice pantries** provided over **25,000** services focused on access to healthy and nutritious foods



**The Clothes Closet** program distributed **186,046** items to clients and partners including clothing, books, appliances, furniture and more



**Information & referral** connected our clients and others to social services and other opportunities an average of **1,200** times each month

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



House of Hope recognizes that in order to overcome hunger and hardship, opportunities for living wage employment and the potential for career advancement are vital. **The Workforce Development program uses a holistic approach, with the goal of sustainable income, promotion potential, and equitable employment for local job seekers.** We focus on providing our clients and community free career coaching services that prepare individuals for employment, address barriers, and focus on talent development.

**The Workforce Development coordinator connects with Martin County employers to form community partnerships.** These employment partnerships benefit local job seekers, meet the needs of community businesses, and help overcome barriers that may have previously affected employment. Special care is taken to connect our clients to opportunities that pay a living wage or greater.

## The HOPE SHOP

**The Hope Shop** in Stuart, with over 14,000 square feet of retail space, is our main thrift store location. This store, as well as the thrift stores in our Hobe Sound and Indiantown service centers, provide consistent revenue that fuels the success of our organization. **All three thrift locations are also important program hubs, providing over 186,000 items that were distributed through our Clothes Closet program.** The stores also provide the community with no cost access to medical equipment such as canes, crutches, shower seats, wheelchairs and more as available. The Hope Shop is also used as a training site for clients and partner agencies in the development of needed skills for careers in retail.



# GROWING HO



## NUTRITION & WELLNESS



Utilizing our four in-ground nutrition education gardens and the Traveling Nutrition Education Garden, we provide hands-on, engaging nutrition education programming across the Treasure Coast to get kids and adults excited to learn about making healthy choices. **This program has grown exponentially, reaching nearly 3,000 people last year alone.** Our gardens feature a variety of growing techniques including traditional raised beds, permaculture, food forests, and hydroponics. This year, we also added an edible landscape at our headquarters in Stuart to demonstrate how beautiful and functional it can be to grow your own food. The gardens provide an opportunity for individuals to experience how food is grown and taste fresh produce that they are able to pick themselves. These programs are proven to improve individuals' attitudes toward healthy choices, which is vital in the fight to reduce diet-related chronic illness in lower income communities. We've also added no-cost wellness programming including mindfulness, meditation and yoga to offer our clients additional ways to strengthen their mind, body and spirit.

**2,954**

individuals received gardening and nutrition education. Of the **211** children who received recurring nutrition education, **87%** increased their knowledge of nutrition concepts.



## The Centers for ENRICHMENT



**863**

individuals benefitted from **3,393** services in over **25** different classes and programs

Our two Centers for Enrichment (Golden Gate and Jensen Beach) are thriving community hubs improving social connectedness and assisting individuals on their path to empowerment by offering no-cost programs and services for all ages. **The Centers feature something for everyone with classes focusing on education, health and nutrition, job readiness, the arts, and more.** The Centers also have computer labs with free printing, free books and library access. This year, the Golden Gate Center for Enrichment added a beautiful outdoor classroom to offer another learning space near the on-site food forest. Program offerings are customized at each location, but include English as a Second Language, Kindergarten readiness, smoking cessation, mindfulness, homework help, art classes, and more. **We are thrilled to add a third Enrichment Center in Indiantown this summer as we join forces with the KinDoo Family Center.**

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## Growing HOPE Farm



Our production farm, nestled on the grounds of Palm City Farms Produce & Market, had another spectacular year of growth. **We expanded our grove to nearly 70 fruit trees, and added approximately 2,000 plants to our in-ground growing plan.** Inside our nearly 65,000 cubic feet of hydroponic greenhouse growing space, a variety of improvements to our growing practices led to more consistent harvests year round. **It is typical to have over 21,000 plants in production, both in the houses and in the ground. The farm is currently yielding over 1,600 packages of fresh produce every week, and trending upward.** We have also worked hard to reduce our environmental footprint at the farm by capturing rainwater for irrigation, using recirculating methods in the greenhouses to minimize water loss, and re-using the water used in our packing house to irrigate our grove. The long-awaited packing house is finally complete. The packing house will serve as the hub for the cleaning, packing and storing of all of the crops we grow, glean from local farms, and receive in unpacked bulk donations. In addition, we anticipate working with small, local commercial growers to be a resource for them to be able to properly pack their produce.

## The Elisabeth Lahti NUTRITION Center

The Elisabeth Lahti Nutrition Center plays a key role in the effective delivery of high quality, nutritious meals to our clients and partners. This volunteer-driven program creates sandwiches, salads, and side dishes; prepares delicious, well-balanced, pre-cooked meals; and repackages large quantities of recovered food from local markets and restaurants. It has also become a culinary training resource for clients and partners to prepare for jobs in the food service industry. **This facility is producing nearly 2,000 units of food each week.**

