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# ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET OF LESS THAN \$2 MILLION



**ICU baby's** Transportation Assistance Program eliminates expensive home-to-hospital travel costs that often serve as a

barrier to parents visiting their baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Bus passes, gas stipends, parking vouchers or private transportation are provided to low-income families so that parents can be present in the hospital and engage in their baby's NICU care. This Program has helped over 300 families get to the hospital, week-after-week, to be with their baby.



**Miami Music Project** uses music as an instrument for social transformation, empowering Miami's children to achieve their full potential. For over a decade, they have

impacted the lives of more than 30,000 underserved children living in Miami, providing the tools necessary to reach their academic goals and build their confidence. Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, they remained steadfast in fulfilling their mission, implementing a virtual program to ensure the families served still had access to the life changing power of music.



UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL of MEDICINE

**Wolfson DOCS** is a community service program run by medical students from the UM Miller School from Medicine. We seek to provide care to the medically

underserved patient populations of South Florida through our health fairs and clinics. Over the last few years, we have pioneered innovative ways to transform how we deliver care. Most notably, our organization implemented our very own novel electronic medical record system allowing for real-time identification of high-risk patients as well as tracking patient results.

# ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET OF \$2 MILLION AND ABOVE



**Big Brothers  
Big Sisters**  
OF MIAMI

**Bigs in Blue** matches youth (Littles) one-on-one with law enforcement officers who serve as mentors (Bigs). The program increases public safety through the lens of positive relationships, enabling all youth to achieve their full potential. With the vast majority of program youth coming from minority backgrounds, these relationships address the inequities, biases and lack of trust between law enforcement and urban communities, developing and strengthening trust and thereby improving the critical relationship between police officers and the communities they serve.



For 25 years **Chapman Partnership** has operated as a nationally recognized homeless assistance model; today providing comprehensive programs from early childhood-to-career. Using forward-thinking approaches, we address homelessness with education and empowerment. Identified as a best in class approach to increasing economic opportunity for individuals experiencing homelessness, Chapman Partnership is key to changing the upward trajectory of a highly vulnerable population, making their financial lives better through the power of connection while contributing to the economic recovery of our local economy.



**SEED Miami** is a college-preparatory, public boarding school for South Florida's under-resourced youth. SEED provides an outstanding educational program that empowers students to be successful, both academically and socially, in college and beyond. This is a milestone year where we will move into our dorms with our Founding Senior Class on the verge of college enrollment. We are grateful for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce for their commitment to our community's children and congratulations to all of the finalists.

# OUTSTANDING BOARD LEADER



**Allan J. Pekor** is deeply involved in South Florida's volunteerism, leadership and philanthropy. Twenty years ago, Alvah Chapman asked Allan to join Chapman's Board and Chair it's Development Committee. He's also chaired the Audit Committee; served as a member of the Executive and Investment Committees, Expansion Task Force; and mentored Symeria Hudson, incoming President and CEO. Alan's contributions to South Florida are reflected in Chapman Partnership's visionary thinking, and through multiple leadership roles where his personal investment has impacted countless lives.



**Michael P. Elkin** is a dedicated professional with a vision for an inclusive and empowered community, and has served on the Breakthrough Miami board since 2002. Supporting Breakthrough Miami's transformative growth from a small operation with great promise to an independent 501c3 with a multi-site service delivery model, he has provided vigilant oversight of the organization's fiscal and operational health. A principal at Kaufman Rossin, Mike leads the firm's forensic, advisory and valuation services practice. In addition, he serves on the Goodwill Industries of South Florida board.



**Quinn Smith** is the Vice-Chairman of the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors, also serving as the Chairman of the Fund Development Committee. He has been an instrumental voice in leading the OLCDC's fundraising efforts. He is one of the founding partners of GST, a leading international dispute resolution law firm. Committed to community and social impact causes, Quinn also sits on the boards of the Community Justice Project and O, Miami.

# NOVO AWARDS TASK FORCE

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Executive Director  
PACE Center for Girls, Miami

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# PAST RECIPIENTS

## \$2 Million and Above in Revenue

Branches	(2019)
Carrfour Supportive Housing	(2018)
His House Children's Home	(2017)
The Sundari Foundation   Lotus House	(2016)
Take Stock in Children	(2015)
Miami Children's Museum	(2014)
Switchboard of Miami	(2013)
The Posse Foundation   Posse Miami	(2012)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, Inc.	(2011)
United HomeCare Services	(2010)
ACCION USA	(2009)
Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc.	(2008)
Kristi House	(2007)
Teach for America – Miami-Dade	(2006)
DFYIT	(2005)
Family Services Program	(2004)
Catholic Charities Legal Services	(2003)
Camillus House	(2002)

## Under \$2 Million in Revenue

Council for Educational Change
"I Have a Dream" Foundation of Miami
Ladies Empowerment Action Program (LEAP)
The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade
PACE Center of Girls
Educate Tomorrow
Casa Valentina
Strong Women, Strong Girls   South Florida Mentoring Program
Belafonte TACOLCY Center, Inc.
Human Services Coalition
The Education Fund
The Women's Alliance, Inc.
The Children's Bereavement Center, Inc.
Women's Advocacy Project
Heiken Children's Vision Fund
Trauma Resolution Program
Non-Violence Project
Girls Advocacy Proje

## Outstanding Board Leader

Amy McClellan, Board President, Key Clubhouse of South Florida	(2019)
Gerald Grant, Jr, Trustee, Florida International University	(2018)
Harry Kelton, Secretary, Pelican Harbor Seabird Station	(2017)
Ed Deppman, Board Treasurer, Branches	(2016)
Bob Dickinson, Chairman of the Board, Camillus House	(2015)
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Richard Brilliant, Treasurer and Finance and Audit Committee Chair, Board of Directors, FIU Foundation, Inc.	(2012)
Alex Montague, Board Chairman, Children's Bereavement Center	(2011)

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