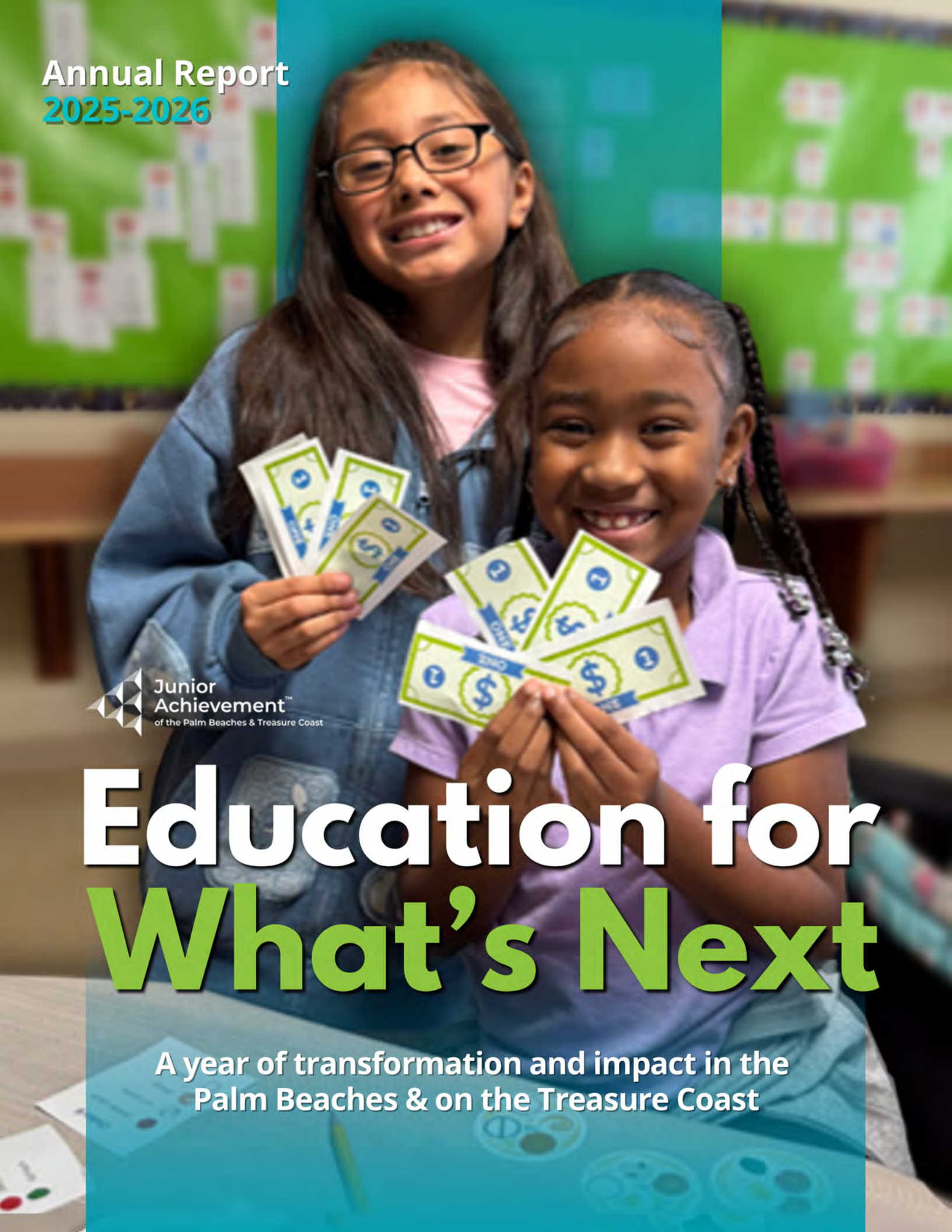
Annual Report
2025-2026



Junior Achievement™
of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast

Education for What's Next

A year of transformation and impact in the Palm Beaches & on the Treasure Coast

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Letter from Leadership

The Impact of *JAPBTC*



Katie Thompson
President

As I reflect on the 2025–2026 fiscal year, I am incredibly proud of the momentum Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast has built and even more excited about where we are headed. This year marked an important milestone for our organization as we launched a new strategic plan focused on expanding our impact, strengthening partnerships, and preparing even more young people for *What's Next.*

Together, we served more than 77,000 students across Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties through hands-on learning experiences in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.
With the support of more than 1,500 dedicated volunteers, we strengthened our district-wide partnerships, expanded career-connected learning opportunities, and continued working alongside educators, businesses, and community leaders who share our belief that every student deserves the opportunity to achieve economic success.

Perhaps most exciting, this year we laid the foundation to officially bring *JA BizTown*® back to our community in January 2027. This transformational initiative represents far more than a new program. It is an investment in the future of our region, giving students immersive experiences that connect classroom learning to real-world careers, personal finance, and entrepreneurship while helping build the workforce our community needs.

As we look ahead, our focus remains clear: creating pathways that improve economic mobility and ensuring every student is prepared for *What's Next*. The progress we've made this year would not have been possible without the dedication of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, educators, donors, and community partners. Your belief in our mission continues to open doors and create life-changing opportunities for thousands of young people.









Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are building momentum, creating opportunity, and inspiring the next generation to dream bigger and achieve more!

Our Vision in Action: **The Stories Behind the Mission**

OUR MISSION

To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy through classroom programs and experiential simulations that focus on financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship.

OUR VISION

A world in which young people have the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities.



Scan to watch a *JA College Champions* Testimonial

TEACHER SAID:	**"I think it's important to start implementing these concepts early in children to allow them to see how important they are in maintaining a happy community and helping others."**
STUDENT SAID:	**"JA gave me the confidence to believe I belong in the future I'm working toward."**
VOLUNTEER SAID:	**"It was truly a pleasure to engage with the students and be part of an event that encourages them to explore their interests and envision their future paths."**

Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast (JA) is dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices.

Junior Achievement was founded in 1919 and, locally, our chapter was created in 1981 by the West Palm Beach Rotary Club. Federal ID: 59-2333738







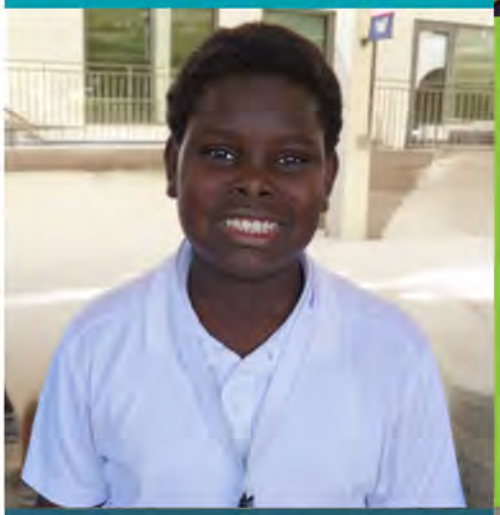


5 Reasons why JA was impactful **in 2025-2026**

23,235
Elementary Students Reached



15,670
Juniors & Seniors Reached at JA Career Exploration Fairs® (High School)



77,404
Students Reached Across our Territory



10,680
Middle School Students Participated in the *JA Inspire*® Career Exploration Program



111
Schools Reached

2025–2026 Highlights at a Glance

Hundreds of Thousands Inspired. **Countless Futures Changed.**






School District Partners:

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

St. Lucie PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PALM BEACH COUNTY
69,608 students

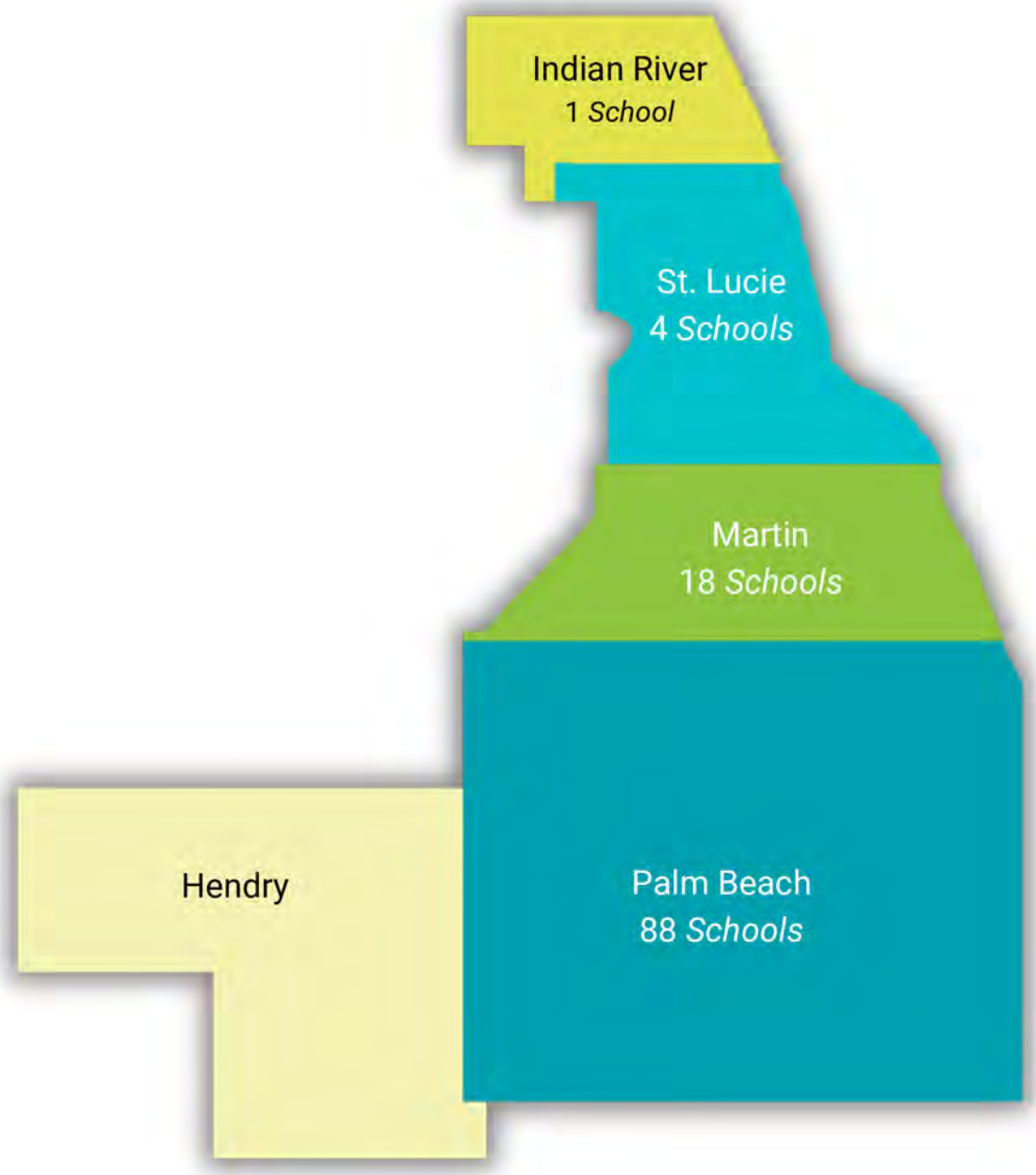
MARTIN COUNTY
7,256 students

ST. LUCIE COUNTY
510 students

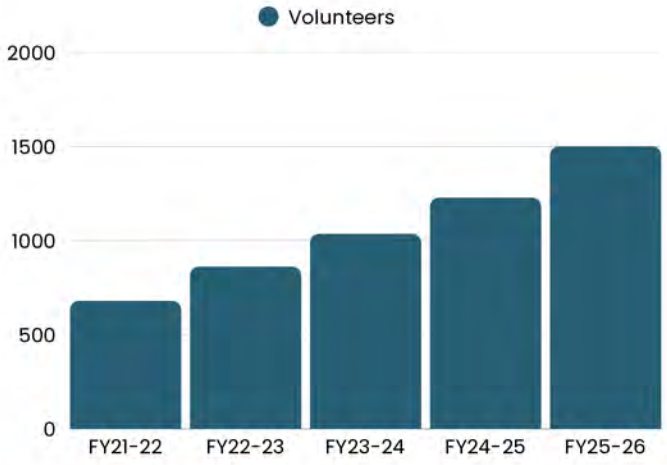
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
30 students

2025–2026 Highlights at a Glance

Mapping the **Difference** **JA Makes** in the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast.



2025–2026 Highlights at a Glance



4 SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

growing access to JA programs for all students

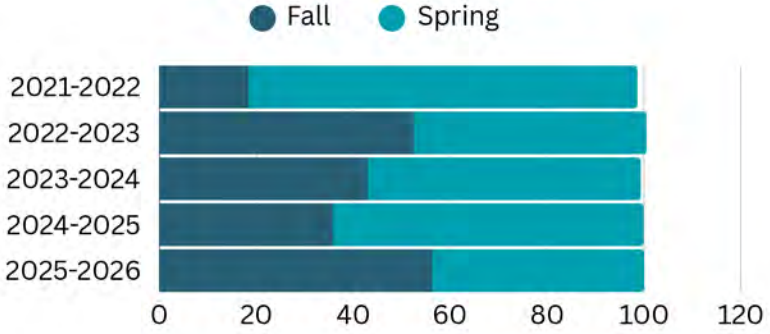


1,509 VOLUNTEERS

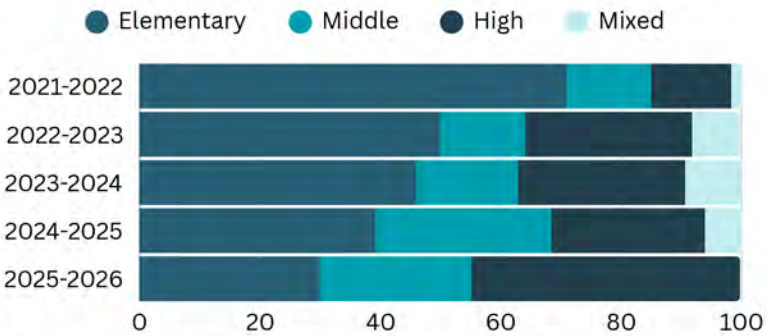
helped to bring JA events & programs to local students



STUDENTS BY SEMESTER



STUDENTS BY SCHOOL LEVEL







OVER 409,291

instructional contact hours were delivered to students K-12





When Students Discover What's **Possible**

Programs in Action

Eyes Opened. Confidence Gained. **Futures Reimagined.**





















JA Career Exploration Fair™ (Elementary)

Special Events

Golf by Day, Laughs by Night: **Fundraisers Benefiting JA**

Laugh Your A$$ets Off











Play4JA Golf Tournament











JA Team at Play4JA

Special Events

Reins and Rings: **Fundraisers Benefiting JA**

Great Charity Challenge













Kendra Scott Fundraiser











JA Team at The Great Charity Challenge



Because of JA Volunteers, **Dreams Take Flight**



The Power of Volunteers in Junior Achievement

Thank You!

Volunteers are the driving force behind Junior Achievement's mission. From classroom instruction to experiential learning, our programs thrive thanks to dedicated business professionals, parents, and community leaders who invest their time and expertise in the next generation.

Whether it is a single hour spent broadening a student's horizons or a full day shaping their career vision, every moment creates a lasting impact. This collective generosity, totaling thousands of hours annually, is what makes the JA experience deeply transformative.

"JA provided our students with an invaluable 'big picture' view of their potential futures. We are incredibly grateful for the commitment and preparation that went into every session."
- JA Educator

Volunteer with JA

Through hands-on volunteer opportunities, Junior Achievement enables community members to create a profound, positive impact on the next generation.







Volunteers & Community Partners

- "B"ing The Best, Inc.
- 19th Judicial Circuit
- 3DE by Junior Achievement
- 7 Point Wellness
- 99Lives LLC
- ABA Centers of Florida
- Access 365 Urgent Care
- Ace Dog Training
- Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
- Advanced Rebar & Engineering Services
- Aegis Sciences
- Algae Power
- AmeriCorps
- Anchor Wealth Management Group LLC
- Angari Foundation
- AppleOne Employment Services
- Atlas Event Rental
- Aurum Jewels Co.
- Author League
- B.E. Blank & Company
- Bank of America
- Baptist Health Bethesda Hospital
- Barky Pines Animal Rescue & Sanctuary
- Beighley, Myrick, Odell, & Lynne
- Bianco Horizons, LLC
- Blizzard Entertainment
- Boca Raton Museum of Art
- BOK Modern
- Boynton Beach Fire Rescue
- Boynton Beach Police Department
- Boynton Beach City Library
- Boynton Beach, City of
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County, Cole-Clark Club
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Max M. Fisher Club
- Brandsmart USA
- British Swim School
- Brooklyn Water Bagels Corp.
- Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, Inc.
- C&P Growers
- Cacti Park of the Palm Beaches
- Caleb Wesco LLC
- Cardonas Academy of Martial Arts
- Career Source Palm Beach County
- Cashflow Couple
- Centennial Bank
- Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach North
- Chapman Capital Advisors
- Chapman School of Seamanship
- Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, The
- Children's Rainbow Fund
- Chiropractic Culture
- Citibank
- City of Greenacres
- City of Palm Beach Gardens
- City of Port St. Lucie
- City of Stuart
- City of West Palm Beach
- Class 101 College Planning
- Club SciKidz Treasure Coast
- Coastal Eco Group
- ConnectOne Bank
- Council on Aging of Martin County
- Crowe LLP
- Curry Tabanca, Inc.
- Daher Aerospace
- Dentrilogy Academy
- Discover the Palm Beaches
- Dress for Success Palm Beaches
- Edwards Henderson, PLLC
- Element Materials Technology
- Embry-Riddle Aero University
- Engel & Volkers
- Equitable
- ESPN West Palm
- Everbank
- Everglades Equipment Group
- Evergreen Private Care
- Fama Technologies
- FHI 360
- Fifth Third Bancorp
- Fighting Hunger One Bite at a Time
- Finfrock
- Fire Sprinkler Guy
- First Citizens Bank
- First Energy
- First Horizon Bank
- Five Guys
- FL Surf Experience
- Flagler Credit Union
- Flagler Museum, The Henry Morrison
- Florida Army National Guard
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Atlantic University - Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute
- Florida Blue
- Florida City Gas
- Florida Coast Medical Center
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida House of Representatives
- Florida Mentor
- Florida Polytechnic University






- Florida Power & Light
- Florida Training Services
- Florida Virtual School
- FM Bookkeeping LLC
- Forest Hill High School
- FoundCare, Inc.
- Fred Astaire Dance Studios
- Friends of Palm Beach
- Full Sail University
- Garrett Art Foundation, Inc.
- Gary Hugnafel, Inc.
- General Plumbing & Air Conditioning
- Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, Inc.
- Glades Central High School
- Glades Eye Care
- Glades Initiative, Inc.
- Globowl
- Gold Coast Federal Credit Union
- Good Karma Brands
- Google
- Grand Canyon University
- Greenacres Bowl
- Greenacres Fire Rescue
- Greg Panas Studios
- Guardians Credit Union
- Hand Foundation, The
- Hand Lab, The
- Hasbro
- HCA Lawnwood
- HCA Palms West
- HCI College
- Heel 2 Heal Dog Training
- Hendry Regional Medical Center
- Hilton Grand Vacations Inc.
- Hobe Sound Nature Center
- Hog Technologies
- Home Solutions Team, LLC
- Hope Centennial Elementary School
- HSS Florida
- Indian River State College
- Indiantown High School
- Industrial Skills Training Academy (ISTA)
- Infant Swimming Resource
- Intuit
- Inwater Research Group
- iTHINK Financial
- J.R. Show Stables
- Jensen Beach Bowl
- Jensen Beach High School
- Jerry Thomas Elementary School
- John I. Leonard High School
- Johnson & Johnson
- Johnson-Davis Inc.
- Jolly Times Party Rental
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast, Inc.
- Junior League of the Palm Beaches
- Jupiter High School
- Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum
- Jupiter Police Department
- Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue
- KB Social Artworking
- Keiser University
- Keisha Cakes
- Kelley Kronenberg
- Keystar Construction
- Kiddy's Classics
- Kolter Hospitality
- Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, The Raymond F.
- Lake Worth Beach, City of
- Lake Worth Community High School
- Law Offices of Malcolm E. Harrison
- Law Offices of Matthew Konecky
- LCA Automotive Services
- League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County
- Lesser, Landy, Smith, & Siegel Law Firm
- Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches
- Live Fit
- Lloyd Johnson Electric, Inc.
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Loggerhead Marinelife Center
- Lord's Place, The
- Lots of Yachts
- Lovett Enterprises
- Loxahatchee River District
- Luis Rodea Realty
- Lynn M. Doyal, Artist
- Mandel JCC
- Marco's Pizza
- Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, Inc.
- Mark Your Life Coach
- Marlin Consulting Services
- Martin County Airport
- Martin County Board of County Commission
- Martin County Fire Rescue
- Martin County Healthy Start Coalition
- Martin County High School
- Martin County Library System
- Martin County Mosquito Control
- Martin County Public Works
- Martin County Sheriff's Office
- Maschmeyer Concrete
- Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience
- McDonald's Corporation
- Melaleuca
- Merritt Family Chiropractic
- Miller Electric Company
- Minor Chores LLC
- National Alliance of Mental Illness Palm Beach County
- National Equipment Dealers






Volunteers & Community Partners

- Netjets
- New Light Photos
- New York Life Insurance Co.
- NextEra Energy, Inc.
- NIAN Hair Restoration
- Nicklaus Children's Hospital
- Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, The
- NPC Financial
- NUCA of South Florida
- Oxford Global Resources
- Ozinga
- Pace Machine & Tool Inc.
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Palm Beach Central High School
- Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control
- Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Engineering and Public Works Department
- Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics
- Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
- Palm Beach County Library System
- Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation
- Palm Beach County Police Athletic League
- Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office
- Palm Beach County Public Works
- Palm Beach County School Police
- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
- Palm Beach County Youth Services
- Palm Beach Gardens City Council
- Palm Beach Gardens High School
- Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
- Palm Beach Healing Institute
- Palm Beach Lakes Comm. High School
- Palm Beach State College
- Palm Springs Library
- Palm Tran, Inc.
- Park Vista Community High School
- Path to College Fellowship
- PATHOS
- Paws Fur Recovery
- Pediatric Neurologist of Palm Beach County
- Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League
- PeopleOne Health
- PGA National Resort & Spa
- Pinewood Elementary School
- Pipe U Apprenticeship
- PNC Bank
- Pollo Tropical
- Port of Palm Beach
- Pratt & Whitney
- Printera
- Private Auto
- Publix Super Markets, Inc.
- Pursuit Aerospace
- R.C. Hatton, Inc.
- RealStep Career and Education Inc.
- Regions Bank
- Renken Remodeling
- Revolution Mortgage
- Rhythm & Hues
- Ridgeway Plumbing
- Riviera Beach Fire Rescue
- Riviera Beach Police Department
- Sales Bounty Hunter
- Salvation Army, The
- Santaluces Community High School
- Savage Flight LLC
- SBS Mental Health
- School District of Martin County
- School District of Palm Beach County
- Score At The Top Learning Center & School
- Scotts Miracle Gro
- Sea Glass Healing
- Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, PA
- Senior Helpers
- Serenity Stuart Apartments
- Shaffer Auto
- Signature Barber Academy
- Site Pro 1
- Skin Gades
- Skin Sense by Joi
- Skyworks Equipment Rental
- SOAR HR Consulting
- Sokoloff Anesthesia Associates
- Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
- Something's Goin' On Productions, LLC
- Sound Royalties
- South Florida Operating Engineers Training & Apprenticeship
- South Fork High School
- South Indian River Water Control District
- South University
- SouthState Bank
- SouthTech Academy (9-12)
- St. Lucie County Fire District
- St. Mary's Medical Center
- State Energy Air
- State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company





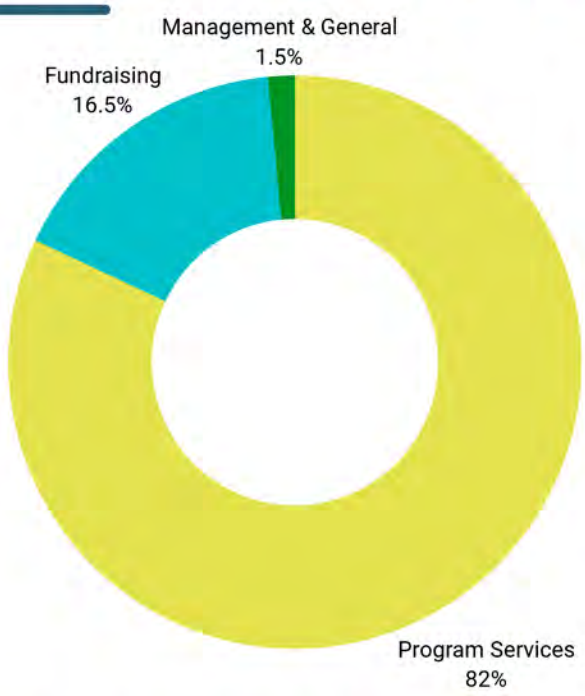

Volunteers & Community Partners

- Still Waters Family Healthcare
- Stuart Fire Rescue
- Stuart Police Department
- Stuart Scuba
- Stunning and Brilliant Events
- Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida
- Summit Fire Casualty
- Suncoast Community High School
- Synovus Bank
- Take on Trades
- Team Parks Construction
- That's Fernando
- The Beauty Institute
- The Healthcare Assisting and Team
- The Law Office of Jessica T. Sebag, PLLC
- The Rose Grows
- The Sole Survivors Inc.
- The Talented Teen Club
- Thrive Therapy of Palm Beach
- TIAA
- Town of Jupiter
- Travel With Casey W
- Treasure Coast Builders Association
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
- TRIO - Palm Beach State College
- Truist
- Truly Nolen
- Trust Your Birth
- TSD Creations
- TWC Services
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Concrete Products Corp.
- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Sugar Corp.
- United States Air Force
- United States House of Representatives
- United States Postal Service
- Universal Technical Institute
- University of Alabama
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida - Everglades Research and Education Center
- University of Florida - Scripps
- UPS
- Urban Youth Impact
- Velocity Community Credit Union
- Village of Indiantown
- Village of Palm Springs Parks and Recreation
- Vipers Baseball Club, Inc.
- Volta Music Foundation
- VoSKILL
- Waters Car Wash
- Wellington Community High School
- Wells Fargo & Company
- West Palm Beach Fire Department
- West Palm Beach Police Department
- West Technical Education Center
- WGI Inc.
- World Diamond Center
- Xcel Mentoring
- Yarden LLC
- Young Orthodontics
- Youth Empowered to Prosper
- Zeus Consulting Services Corp.

To every volunteer, business leader, and partner listed on these pages: thank you for believing in our students! By sharing your real-world experience, time, and resources, you help young people discover what is possible, plan for their careers, and claim their own path to economic success.

We are profoundly grateful for your partnership and dedication.

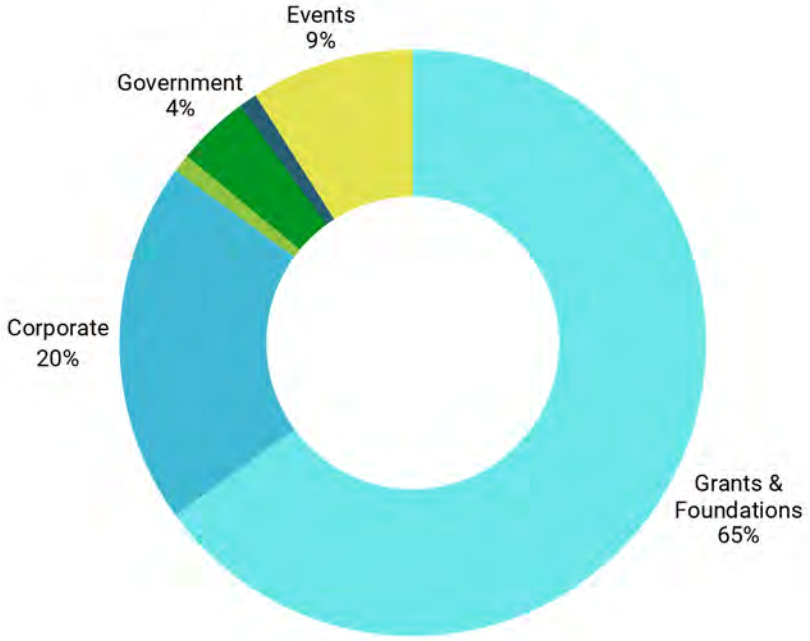
Financial Overview



82¢ of every dollar supported programs and services







Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents
$474,199
Accounts Receivable
$165,000
Prepaid Expenses
$750
Property & Equipment
$1,804

TOTAL = $641,752

Financial information presented reflects unaudited fiscal year-end results and is subject to adjustment upon completion of the organization's independent financial audit.

Donors & JA Champions

Recognizing our generous supporters who contributed $2,500 or more during the year.



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Looking Ahead:
JA BizTown is Back!

Excitement is building for the FY27 launch of *JA BizTown*® hosted at the Greenacres Community Hall! This groundbreaking pilot program will serve over 1,500 fifth-grade students across 15 confirmed schools during the Pilot 2026-2027 academic year.

Combining 12 teacher-led classroom lessons with an immersive, three-hour simulation inside a custom 16-storefront pop-up town, *JA BizTown*® lets students apply for jobs, earn wages, manage budgets, and operate local businesses. This hands-on experience aligns directly with Florida academic standards in math, reading, and career readiness, turning classroom lessons into real-world financial literacy, practical workforce skills, and civic responsibility for local youth.

"The return of JA BizTown® reflects the power of partnership and a shared commitment to preparing students for what's next. We are deeply grateful to our school districts, educators, volunteers, donors, and community partners for making this opportunity possible. Together, we are equipping young people with the financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurial skills they need to build brighter futures and strengthen our community," said Katie Thompson, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast

JA BizTown® is made possible through the generous support of The Hand Foundation.

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Volunteer with JA

You can volunteer with Junior Achievement and make a profound difference in the youth of our community.

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Your donation will directly impact the lives of youth right here in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Hendry Counties.

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