

BEAM

About the organization:

Nearly 10 years ago, Grace Garden was created to expand BEAM's food assistance efforts and provide our Food Pantry clients with a steady, varied supply of fresh produce. Over time we have watched Grace Garden endure the Florida elements, two hurricanes, termite pests and wood rot. This summer we will be renovating Grace Garden to build a more resilient garden for 25+ years to come and are seeking \$10,000 from the PVWCA to support our renovation efforts.

BEAM provides emergency financial and food assistance to the working poor and low-income individuals and families in the Beaches area. These are the programs that our grant will directly impact:

- Access to food (via Food Pantry, Food Bank and community garden)
- Single Parent case management
- Senior Services case management
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating case management
- SNAP Benefit (food stamp) and Medicaid application assistance

Staff:

BEAM employs 27 team members (four of whom are part-time)

Funding Sources:

Individuals, corporations, civic groups, faith-based partners, foundations, grant funders, and thrift store revenue support our work.

Current Year Budget: \$3,239,786

Revenue: \$1,190,696.12 (Jan-May 2022)

Expenses: \$1,216,837.10 (Jan-May 2022)

How will our grant dollars be utilized?

PVWCA funds will support their renovation project to rebuild all 65 raised garden beds, repair the fence, garden tool/supply shed, greenhouse, and repave the sidewalk. The cost of the project is nearly \$50,000, and a \$10,000 investment from PVWCA will help BEAM cover project expenses and support the garden's annual program. Civic groups that contribute to this project will receive naming recognition on a special garden plaque commemorating the rebuild.

Description	Estimate
Composite wood	\$22,982
Ground contact pressure treated wood	\$2,629
Supplies	\$1,800
Greenhouse and garden shed repairs	\$17,000

Sidewalk	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$44,991

Website: <https://www.jaxbeam.org>

Relationships with PVWCA: Jodi Furr, PVWCA member, is a BEAM Grace Garden volunteer. BEAM was awarded our PVWCA grant in 2016-2017 which enabled them to purchase a much-needed refrigerated truck.

Assigned Lead: Jodi Furr at (770) 354-5096, jpfurr@bellsouth.net
Please contact Jodi if you should have any questions about BEAM.

Betty Griffin Center

About the organization:

Betty Griffin Center is a nonprofit organization offering social services that include:

- Emergency shelter
- Medical services at the Rape Care Unit
- Counselling, legal representation, prevention, and education at no cost to domestic/sexual assault survivors and their families in our community.

As a certified center, Betty Griffin Center (BGC) is required to offer safety planning, information and referral, crisis counseling, case management, emergency shelter, crisis hotline, legal advocacy, professional and community education, advocacy/accompaniment, and system coordination.

This fiscal year (July 1-June 30), we have already provided direct services to over 1,028 adults and children who experienced domestic and/or sexual abuse. That is an increase of 20% over last fiscal year.

Staff

- 65 full time and 7 part time employees, 2PRN (as needed)

Funding Sources:

- Federal/State/Local Grants/Private Donations/ Corporate Donations/Thrift Store Income/Fundraising.

Current Year Budget:

\$ 4,310,035

Revenue: \$3,388,077

Expenses: \$3,370,226

How will our grant dollars be utilized?

- Betty Griffin Center is requesting \$10,000 from the PVWCA Grant to assist with the Betty Griffin Center's Rape Care Unit and Sexual Assault Recovery program. As a dual center, Betty Griffin Center serves both survivors and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- The Rape Care Unit is a significant component of our emergency services that provides critical, quality and life-saving services. It is a confidential, standalone facility space that Flagler Hospital donates to Betty Griffin Center.
- Flagler Hospital supplies our Rape Care Center with hospital gowns, towels, and housekeeping. Everything else is supplied by Betty Griffin Center including medical supplies and equipment.
- When victims come to the Rape Care Unit, often everything they are wearing becomes evidence. The exam often lasts several hours depending on the emergency care the victim may need at the hospital and if they decide to

immediately report to law enforcement or take time to go over their options with an advocate.

- Betty Griffin Center also provides direct client assistance for sexual assault recovery including safety planning, confidential counselling, court advocacy and legal representation for survivors. This grant will help Betty Griffin Center with coordination of the Rape Care Unit which may include coordination of sexual assault nurse examiners education, advocacy support, supplies, prevention materials, and awareness in the community.

Funds requested are \$10,000 in total.

1. Funds will be spent on 40 recovery bags (**approximately \$1200**), awareness activities, and overall support of our direct care to sexual assault survivors at the Rape Care Unit. Recovery bags include clothing items for the victim to wear after the evidence of their clothing is collected, undergarments, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, and other soothing personal care items. This may include a variety of clothing and sizes for them to wear if their clothes are collected for evidence.
2. Additionally, **\$3000** will be spent on critical supplies including medical surgical swabs, face masks, disposable gloves, pregnancy tests, equipment to record evidence such as sim cards for cameras, costs to keep up with technology, and alcohol antibacterial swabs, refreshments for the victim following the exam, paper rolls for the exam table, and paper bags to hold evidence.
3. Funds may also assist the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and/or the Sexual Assault Victim's Advocate in their roles. This includes educational and awareness materials like a tabling tent with our helpline on it and chairs for community events, supplies, and promotional awareness materials with our 24-hour helpline on them to give away (**approximately \$5000**).
4. The remainder of the funds (**\$800**) will support our overall free direct services for survivors of sexual assault that we offer such as immediate medical needs, confidential counseling, advocacy, and forensic medical exams that are provided in a private and professional environment. This may include books, journals, art supplies, STI testing, or meeting other individualized needs of survivor. All funds will be spent before the end of the 2023 calendar year.

Estimate	Description
\$1200	40 rape recovery bags
\$3000	Critical supplies including medical surgical swabs, face masks, disposable gloves, pregnancy tests, equipment to record evidence such as sim cards for cameras.
\$5000	The enhance visibility within the community. This includes educational and awareness materials like a tent with our helpline on it and chairs for community events, supplies, and promotional awareness materials to assist the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and/or the Victim's Advocate.
\$800	To support personal direct services for survivors of Victims.

Website: <https://bettygriffincenter.org>

Relationships with PVWCA:

- Elizabeth Paul informed our agency that we are eligible to apply for this grant.

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Here Tomorrow Grant Summary

About the organization and the Founder:

Here Tomorrow is a social services organization that serves as a mental health collaborative.

Here Tomorrow's goal is to improve mental healthcare access and affordability for people at risk of suicide. Their program is "suicide prevention reimaged."

Here Tomorrow was started by "serial entrepreneur" Joe Kenney whose son committed suicide in 2019. At his funeral, Kenney pledged to "do whatever he could to prevent others from taking that same fateful step." He established Here Tomorrow with this in mind. Kenney envisions taking the Here Tomorrow model nationwide leveraging their rich data collection processes, best practices and localized sourcing methodology.

Services provided to the community:

Here Tomorrow is a social services organization that serves as a mental health collaborative. Here Tomorrow's mission is to transform lives by building a community in Northeast Florida where mental healthcare is acceptable AND accessible. Our tagline is "suicide prevention reimaged." Our goal is to improve mental healthcare access and affordability for people at risk of suicide.

The pandemic has resulted in extensive news coverage about the devastating impact of social isolation on people's mental health. News4Jax reported Northeast Florida suicide rates are higher than the average for the state or even higher than the average for the entire country! For people contemplating suicide, the need for immediate help is overwhelmingly urgent.

Yet current wait times to see a therapist are over 30 days! Do you think someone considering suicide can wait 30-plus days to talk to a mental health professional? Here Tomorrow's model serves as an "interrupter" to this long wait time by offering same-day initial assessments and appointments with licensed mental health care professionals within 3 days.

We're not just waiting for those most at-risk for suicide to come to us and ask for help. We're collaborating with the suicide hotline, community partners, and utilizing search engine optimization to identify and engage people before it's too late.

We aim to normalize the conversation about mental health and prevent suicide death by eliminating barriers and creating immediate mental health support when it is most needed. Our State of Florida Certified Peer Recovery Specialists develop a supportive relationship with clients (whom we call "friends") and walk with them for the duration of one year and minimum 8 visits, equipping families or caregivers to support at-risk loved ones, ask questions, and intervene before it's too late.

Our Peer Recovery Specialists understand exactly where people with suicidal thoughts are coming from. They have “been there” with lived experience in the mental health realm (addiction, depression, and more), some on the edge of taking their own lives in the past -- but they have been able to overcome their inner struggles and know it’s possible for others to overcome and live a full life, too.

What's more, no one has to worry about how they're going to pay for our services. All Here Tomorrow's services are free-of-charge, convenient, personalized, virtual or in-person, and non-judgmental.

Currently, Here Tomorrow offers the following FREE support groups:

- A Weekly Mental Health Hydration Group- held every Monday & Thursday.
- A Monthly Support Group for anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide -held every 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- A new Teen Support Group on Wednesdays recently started in September.
- The Spectrum Support Group called “Here Together” started in August.
- The Helping Collaborator program targets local businesses and encourages them to share the Here Tomorrow icon/QR code document with their staff, clients and families ***since more people miss work due to mental health issues than physical.***

Here Tomorrow is a free service, with no wait time! Clients can text, call or walk right into their office located in the heart of Neptune Beach. They currently receive on average 400 calls per week. Their plan is to make their services available 24/7 (It is currently available: 8am-8pm Mon-Fri and 10am-6pm Sat/Sun).

Staff

Here Tomorrow currently employs: 12 full time and 1 part time employee

Funding Sources

Here Tomorrow was established in 2020 and they have already received funding from numerous foundations including a large three-year matching grant from J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver; a multi-year Florida Blue grant, the Jim Moran Foundation, and Riverside Hospital Foundation, all of whom share our vision to make mental health services available and affordable for everyone.

Here Tomorrow’s most recent and current administrative and fundraising costs represent approximately 20% of the organization’s total annual revenue. The remainder is used for direct mental health services support in the community. Most recently, they received an \$810K grant from State of Florida for their 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline Program.

Current Year Budget

Their current 2021-year budget is \$1,284,246.

Revenue: \$606,372

Expenses: \$606,168

Description	Estimate
Funding to support Here Tomorrow's expansion plans to operate on a 24/7 basis	\$10,000*

***With their matching programs, our donation will double to \$20,000!**

How will our grant dollars be utilized?

As Here Tomorrow expands at a rapid pace -- and the demand for mental health and suicide prevention services accelerates -- the need for funding is also growing quickly.

PVWCA's generous contribution, if granted, will support their grassroots community-based efforts to make quality mental healthcare available and affordable for everyone -- especially to those at risk of suicide. They are planning to move to a 24/7 operation -- critical for suicide prevention -- which will require increased staffing.

Funds will support Here Tomorrow's State of Florida Certified Peer Recovery Program. Our Peer Recovery Specialists develop a supportive relationship with their clients (whom we call "friends") and walk with them for the duration of one year, equipping families or caregivers to support at-risk loved ones, ask questions, and intervene before it's too late. In brief, PVWCA's grant will save lives in our communities. **The \$10,000 in grant funds will be matched to \$20,000 and will be used by the end of 2023.**

Here Tomorrow Website: <https://heretomorrow.org/>

Relationships with PVWCA

- We were delighted to have been invited to apply for a PVWCA grant by PVWCA Community Support Chairs Elizabeth Paul and Sheila Rice.
- All of us at Here Tomorrow are so thankful for your willingness to consider supporting our lifesaving, life-transforming work in our local communities. It's our hope that some -- or many (!) - PVWCA members will be interested in volunteering with Here Tomorrow! There are opportunities for all!

Assigned Lead: Laura Kirkley at (404) 375-4761, kirkleyfamily@yahoo.com
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V is for Victory Grant Summary

About the organization:

V for Victory began in 2017 after a local business owner's son was diagnosed with cancer. A cancer diagnosis shakes a family to its core; the family is faced with unthinkable uncertainties and challenges and yet the outside world, and every day responsibilities continue to move forward. This Jacksonville business (V Pizza) owner saw firsthand how deeply the entire family is impacted when a loved one is battling cancer and how overwhelming it can be to focus on something as simple as lawn service or cooking a meal. Using his background in business, he developed a unique model of service delivery. A non-profit dedicated to activating local businesses and individuals in support of families in their community. We partner with local businesses that each provide one service a month at a discounted rate. V for Victory pays any associated cost and there is never any cost to the family. In this way, we are able to provide 250-350 services every month to local families battling cancer. We are currently serving 313 families throughout the Jacksonville area. We serve both adults and children with any cancer diagnosis. Our only criteria is that the individual be in active treatment. We also strive to support the whole family, as we recognize that the whole family battles together and is impacted by a cancer diagnosis. Services provided to the community:

V for Victory provides three major areas of service:

- The first is direct everyday needed services (i.e., meals, lawn care, home cleanings, auto repairs, etc.) to families who are in treatment for cancer. This is all done at no cost to the family and helps alleviate some of the mental and financial burden brought on by everyday life.
- Second, we provide one free meal EVERY week for the entire family at a local V Pizza restaurant. Last month we provided over 1,100 free meals to local families. This seemingly "simple" service provides relief to families coming home from a long day of treatment or just needing a night off from cooking.
- Third, we have teamed up with the LEGO corporation, Nemours and Wolfson's Children's Hospital to work to overcome some of the fear and anxiety around doctors visits and treatment for local pediatric oncology patients. With Project LEGO we have a 500 sq ft space filled floor to ceiling with Legos where we welcome children with cancer to visit after EVERY oncology related doctors appointment. We are already seeing an incredible impact of the program. Instead of worrying about their next appointment, children have started asking their parents "when is my next appointment so I can pick out another Lego set!" Our goal is to give them something positive to look forward to. It also provides a great resource for children who end up with extended inpatient stays. Bed-bound for weeks or days, these children spend a lot of time bored or on screens. Legos provide a great tool the whole family can do together to help pass the time in the hospital. This program launched February 8th, 2022, and we have now provided nearly 2,000 free Lego sets to local children with cancer.

Staff:

2 full-time staff members and 1 part-time staff member. The two full-time salaries are paid for by the Board.

Funding Sources:

- The majority of our funding comes from individuals in the community making donations in their local V Pizza restaurant.
- Additional funding comes through individual donors and community-led fundraisers.
- We host two annual fundraisers (a golf tournament and a holiday Pizza Party).
- ALL administrative expenses are paid directly by the Board of Directors and donations made by corporations.
- 100% of community donations are used to pay for direct services for families battling cancer.

Current Year Budget: \$500,000

Revenue: \$959,345 (\$553K is allocated towards the 6500 in kind Lego set donations)

Expenses: \$194,912

Description	Estimate
Funding to pay for services for the families living in the designated geographic area	\$9000 (90%)
Outreach to families and businesses in the designated geographic area.	\$1000 (10%)

How will our grant dollars be utilized?

This request for funding is to support families battling cancer living in St. John’s County, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, and Atlantic Beach areas.

The full amount of funding would be used to pay for services for the families living in the designated geographic area. From month to month, the needs of the families change but approved services would include:

1. Home cleaning after surgeries or treatment
 2. Car repairs to ensure safe and reliable transportation to and from treatment
 3. Urgent repairs to the home to ensure a safe living environment
 4. Lawn care services during treatment Most often families learn about our services through word of mouth.
- 10% of the PVWCA grant funding will be designated towards outreach to families and local businesses in St. John’s County, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, and Atlantic Beach. This funding will ensure families in need of support know about and are able to access our services and also that local businesses will be contacted to support the needs of each family.

- We expect that, through this effort, we will be able to increase families served in this area by 60% totaling 50 families served in the St. John's County, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, and Atlantic Beach in 2023.
- Funds would be used in full by the end of 2023.
- As of September 2022, they have enrolled and are serving 33 families in the PVWCA catchment area.

Website: www.vforvictory.org

Relationships with PVWCA

- None

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