

Inspires and Funds Initiatives to Improve Health

The Board of Trustees for **Quantum Foundation**, under the chairmanship of **William Meyer**, recently approved 26 grants totaling more than \$3.25 million for Palm Beach County-based nonprofits.

Quantum Foundation's mission is to inspire and fund initiatives that improve the health of Palm Beach County residents. The health foundation was formed from \$125 million in proceeds from the sale of JFK Medical Center. Now in its third decade of community investment, the foundation has assets of approximately \$170 million. Since its inception, Quantum Foundation has awarded \$175 million to hundreds of Palm Beach County nonprofit grantees. Every dollar the foundation grants stays in the county to benefit local communities.

Of the grants allocated for the first and second quarters of 2025, \$275,000 was granted through the foundation's **Stronger Communities Initiative (SCI)** in West Palm Beach. Quantum Foundation's board and local city leaders have recognized decades of disparities rooted in racial inequities and under investment in West Palm Beach's Northwest, Coleman Park, Pleasant City, Northwood Hills, Pinewood Park and North 45th Street communities. These neighborhoods routinely experience limited opportunities and shorter life expectancies for their residents. Quantum Foundation's SCI grants will address these challenges by targeting social determinants of health, the medical and non-medical factors that influence an individual's health and investing in initiatives led by local nonprofit organizations working to uplift the community's well-being.

"Nonprofits are up against many challenges, including forecasting the needs of our community, adjusting to federal funding and stretching their dollar to create the greatest impact for the people they serve," said **Eric Kelly**, President of Quantum Foundation. "We are honored to fund our local nonprofits — especially those qualifying for SCI grants in these specific neighborhoods — as they respond to their calling and support some of the most vulnerable populations in Palm Beach County. We trust that they will steward each and every grant to improve the health of our neighbors and to instill hope across underserved communities."

The SCI grants are made for one-year and are designed to focus on key neighborhoods in the SCI focus area. One of the seven



Terrence Rich of Rose Trolley

grants that represents SCI funding includes **Rose Trolley**, which underscores the crucial role of transportation in community well-being. The nonprofit serves underserved communities and shuttles families to school, distributes food and hygiene kits, provides rides to church, and connects residents to mental health resources.

"Through Quantum Foundation funding, we are able to consistently provide hot, nutritious meals to our seniors — fondly referred to as our beloved seasoned saints," said **Tonia Rich**, Co-Founder of Rose Trolley. "We also distribute hygiene bags that are more than just items; they are dignity in a bag. It's powerful to witness someone stop right then and there to put on a clean pair of socks. Whether it's wellness checks with a honk and a wave, a smile, or a quick conversation from the driver's seat; our presence reminds the community that someone cares, someone sees them and someone is here."

For more information on how to apply for Quantum Foundation grants visit quantumfnd.org.