

Paul's Place Annual Report – 2023

By Tim Kilpatrick, Director of Paul's Place After School

Now for over 20-years, Paul's Place has remained steadfast in our commitment to bring meaningful services to “*at risk*” children in the Delray Beach Community. We provide a safe haven for our students, nutritious meals and snacks, academic tutoring, as well as enriching their lives through Art, Music, Sports. Paul's Place has transformed into a program that is far more comprehensive than any other after-school program in the area. Our students do not “*age out*” of the after school. Rather, we strive to support our students through high school and into college and beyond.

Current enrollment at Paul's Place is over 35-day students ranging in age from the ages 6-18. In addition, we have college students who continue to arrive at Paul's Place to receive academic counseling, help with financial aid, computer access or just a quiet place to study. It is our hope that our relationship will empower them to successfully navigate through college culminating in the attainment of a college degree.

Here are some of the things that we are currently doing:



Serving the daily academic needs of our elementary, middle and high school students with separately tailored academic programs guided by staff and loving volunteers, followed by supervised recreational activities and a delicious family-style meal



Enrichment Programs such as Art, Music, programs by the Sandoway Discovery Center, and Tennis Lessons at the Delray Beach Tennis Center through the Delray Beach Youth Tennis Foundation.



Providing mentors for many of our students through our partnerships with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Our mentors provide the Paul's Place students with support, guidance, and encouragement.



Making regular contact with our students' teachers, guidance counselors and principals. Advocating for our students to ensure they are receiving the appropriate academic and behavioral interventions.



Guiding parents through critical social services, like obtaining employment, housing and hardship relief



Identifying scholarship opportunities at private schools for our most capable and driven students



Funding pre-college assistance, including private SAT/ACT tutoring and college tours



Providing a Summer Enrichment Program which offers simulated kinds of real world activities that are intended to prepare our teens for adult responsibilities. Some of the activities include career planning, finding jobs, paying bills, grocery shopping, budgeting, live interviews and managing the curve balls that come in life



Offering continued assistance to our former students, who are in college (i.e., registration help, academic counseling or quiet study areas).



Building upon the success of the Stretch Gardiner Scholarship Fund which enables us to help support our students in private schools and in college.

For the '23/24 school year, we have Thompson Auguste as our Activities Coordinator. He has formed a good connection with our students and is an excellent role model.

Paul's Place is unlike any other after-school program. Experience has taught us that changing the lives of these low-income students requires more than a safe place to play. It takes an intervention. With that in mind, we are making every effort to influence the positive outcomes of these children and young people. We are grateful to the Clergy, Vestry, and the Parishioners of St. Paul's, as well as the wider Community, for always supporting us in our mission and ministry