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Grant Plants Seeds of Hope for Homeless

A check for \$3,000 will definitely boost the growth of fresh vegetables and herbs in the garden outside the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center. The garden is a project of the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County to offer the 70 homeless guests at the Lewis Center a positive outlet. The Florida Department of Health was awarded a Healthy Food Grant from a local organization to revitalize the vegetable garden.

“We installed this garden as a kind of therapy for the residents at the Lewis Center. As they grow and change during their stay here, they can work the soil and watch the vegetables grow,” said Homeless Coalition Executive Director, Marilyn Munoz. “We are so proud of our volunteers for taking the initiative to get this grant to improve the garden.”

Donna Ward, RDN, LDN, CDE, a nutritionist from the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County who volunteers in the garden, helped secure the grant. “First, I plan to refresh the soil and then enhance the garden with additional fruit and vegetable plants,” Ward said. “Then, I hope to incorporate the garden and healthy eating into educational sessions for the clients at the Lewis Center.”

Please join us on Friday, August 12 at 9:30am in the vegetable garden at the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center: 1000 45th Street, West Palm Beach FL 33407. The grant check will be presented, garden supplies will be delivered and then volunteers will get their hands dirty.

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The Homeless Coalition

For 30 years, the Homeless Coalition's purpose has been to generate awareness through advocacy, education and community outreach and to motivate a community-wide response to raise funding, resources, partners and involved citizens to end homelessness in Palm Beach County.

The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County is a 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization. The Coalition's Federal Employer Number is 65-0125852. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free within the state: 1-800-HELPFLA (435-7352) or via the internet at WWW.800HELPFLA.COM.

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