

# The Philanthropy Tank Story

During his tenure as a founding board member of Advisors for Philanthropic Impact, Evan Deoul had an idea to create an organization to mentor young leaders who had innovative ideas to address some of the most challenging issues facing Palm Beach County. Evan partnered with fellow board member, Michael Kohner and in 2016 – Philanthropy Tank, Incorporated was born.

In 2020, Philanthropy Tank (PT) celebrated its fifth year of serving students in our community and our first year in Baltimore, Maryland. Philanthropy Tank empowers and inspires the next generation of change leaders – our youth! Palm Beach County and Baltimore students 8th-12th grade, identify issues that confront our community. The program challenges, empowers, and equips students to develop and execute sustainable initiatives and solutions to solve those problems. Philanthropist Investors fund student initiatives, investing in their own community projects. Through one-to-one mentoring, philanthropist investors fuel students' desire, helping them execute initiatives, while increasing their ability to make meaningful change.

The fundamental aims of Philanthropy Tank are to help shape students' leadership paths and, through their creative solutions, address and improve social issues in our community while embracing the core of our mission - **Empowering CHANGEmakers.** 





Philanthropy Tank is unique in that our programs are conceived, led, and implemented by the students. The students have a support team to advise and mentor them through the development and strategic planning process of their program. Philanthropist Investors give of their own charitable dollars and select those programs that they would like to support and champion. We do not assign the programs. This has been a successful element as we want to ensure that the programs our of personal interest and passion for those who will be embarking on mentorships.

Since our inception, Philanthropy Tank has engaged over 500 teens and launched 48 programs impacting hundreds of thousands of individuals who benefitted from the services and resources provided. We have awarded over \$600,000 in programming funds. Baltimore alone awarded \$100,000 to 8 projects in its inaugural year. Of the programs launched, 85% completed their intended program goals and a total of 65% of our Year One through Year Five programs remain active, sustainable programs serving their communities. Over a third of all the programs awarded have progressed and acquired their own 501c3 status, becoming independent nonprofit organizations.

\$600,000
in grants
TO STUDENT
ENTREPRENEURS

200,000 lives

DIRECTLY IMPACTED
BY STUDENT PROJECTS

500 students
INVOLVED IN CLUBS
SUPPORTING PHILANTHROPY
TANK PROGRAMS

88% of projects
COMPLETED

65% of projects
STILL ACTIVE

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Philanthropy Tank strives to reach all teens who would like to participate in the application process. That means students in traditional and non-traditional learning environments. In addition to outreach efforts with school systems, our team has established relationships with agencies who work with teens outside of the school setting. This has enabled us to reach at risk teens who now have access to the Philanthropy Tank experience. Diversity and inclusion are key objectives of our strategic plan. It is important that our staffing, leadership, and volunteers reflect the students we engage and the communities we are serve.









# Alumni Updates



### **Bricks Busting Boredom**

Team: Daniel and Sarah Clein

Bricks Busting Boredom is a 501(c)3 student-led organization that brings creativity and smiles into children's hospitals with LEGO bricks.

The program has donated over 3,000 pounds of used Legos, and 1,250 new Lego sets to children's hospitals, homeless shelters, and emergency shelters across Florida.

Recognition: Florida's Champion of Service Award-Gov. Rick Scott Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Scholarship 2016

### Glades Teen Summit

Team: Je'Cynthia Nonar

The Glades Teen Summit was an initiative that sought to break down the barriers between the local community and law enforcement with a secondary goal of teen employability.

The program hosted a summit for 300 Glades area teens to discuss education and employment themes while also fostering partnerships with 40 different non-profit organizations.

Recognition: Boys & Girls Club Palm Beach County's 2017 Youth of Year Top 5 - State of Florida Youth of the Year



### **Student and Program Impacts**

Daniel Clein, Bricks Busting Boredom

Florida's Champion of Service Award-Gov. Rick Scott Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Scholarship 2016

Alyson Reeves, Go For Green

FAU High School Experience Scholar 2016-2017

Sage Albert, Go For Green

Prudential Spirit of Community Recognition Award Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Scholarship 2017

le'Cynthia Nonar, Glades Teen Summit

Boys & Girls Club Palm Beach County's 2017 Youth of Year Top 5 - State of Florida Youth of the Year

Palm Beach Post Pathfinders Award - Community Involvement

Joseph Rubsamen, Shoes2You 2018 - Winner Sophia Zheng, Find the Keys 2019 - Runner-up Adryena Flores, Little Angels 2020 -Winner

Cristina Lindner, Art for the Soul
2020 AFP Palm Beach County Chapter Youth
in Philanthropy Award

Noah Rubin, canCode 2020 Winner, National Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards

### BEING THE CHANGE Human Rights

2,000+ students attended
Women's Empowerment Week

**500+** copies of woman empowerment book published

3,500+ feminine products donated

250+ period packs created for donation





# Environmental Activism

7,500+ peppers donated to local food banks from new hydroponic system

1,500+ pounds of trash collected from beaches

6+ water bottle refill stations installed at PBC Elementary schools

300+ pounds of trash collected from beaches



# BEING THE CHANGE Health and Human Services

250,000+ citizens with access to sunscreen application machines

5,000+ pediatric cancer patients provided with legos and visited by princesses and superheroes

1,000+ pairs of shoes donated to children in need

# Arts and Culture

**50+** youth musician and art mentors offering free lessons

150+ children given access to free music camps

30+ instruments donated by the community



# BEING THE CHANGE Community Development

**1,500+** pieces of soccer equipment collected and donated

**50+** videos created to educate and inform the migrant community

2,550+ students taught CPR and emergency situation trainings

**300+** students attended Glades Teen Summit





**Education and Youth** 

**500+** swim lessons given to students of all abilities

200+ instructional hours logged through STEM initiative

2,000+ at risk and special needs children received free horseback riding lessons

**150,000+** special needs youth have access to new barrier-free playground

# Market Spotlight





palm beach county





baltimore

### **Innovator Partner**



### Founding Partners













### Founding Partners





Fader Innovation Center



Beth & David Swirnow Charitable Fund











Girls Help Girls Hello Hygienics Idea Lab South Florida Tech for Seniors Money Buddies Venture Stand Up, Be Counted

### **GIRLS HELP GIRLS**

Aims to help women in need receive proper hygiene products such as diva cups and pads by raising awareness about the lack of access women have to proper hygiene products.

Team: Rithika Kacham Investor: Julie Fisher Cummings
Schools: Suncoast High School Amount Awarded: \$15,000



### Julie Fisher Cummings

"Girls Help Girls brings an innovative approach to ending period poverty in Palm Beach County. The group is not only providing products but advocating at the state and local level to ensure all menstruators have access to period supplies!"

### SOUTH FLORIDA TECH FOR SENIORS

This program will work to help local senior citizens with their technology needs while teaching them basic skills to be self-sufficient.

Team: Sam Friedman Investor: Evan Deoul

Schools: Suncoast High School Amount Awarded: \$13,500

### Sam Friedman

"Philanthropy Tank has always pushed me to go the extra mile, stay organized, formalize processes, and make sure everyone knows the good work we're doing."





ExploFoods
Hungry for Change
Life, Light and Power Podcast
Linking for Brilliance
Memory Creation

NOT FOR SALE Play Your Way Reducing Waste Entrepreneurship (RWE)

### **NOT FOR SALE**

NOT FOR SALE is a student-led human trafficking initiative that focuses on raising awareness of human trafficking by providing resources to youth in the Baltimore City Community.

Team: Ania McNair, Naim Adams, Marque Knox, Zion Pittman,

Lanae Williams Investor: Stephanie Amponsah

Schools: Reginald F. Lewis High School Amount Awarded: \$11,500

### **HUNGRY FOR CHANGE**

Hungry for Change is a student initiative that hosts meal preparation services and classes to help low-income and minority communities in Baltimore avoid developing life-threatening health diseases.

Team: D'Mond Davis Investor: Kera Ritter and Tony Rogers
Schools: Patapsco High School Amount Awarded: \$12,000



### INVESTOR Stephanie Amponsah

"Baltimore City youth are extremely talented and I'm grateful that outlets like this exist that encourage students to dream up ideas and solve real world problems."

### STUDENT D'Mond Davis

"With Philanthropy Tanks guidance and leadership, I hope to advance my communication skills and develop lasting and useful working relationships."



### SUPPORT CHANGEMAKERS Be an Investor/Mentor Be a Volunteer

Mentor and invest in intelligent and innovative 8th - 12th graders during the year-long project implementation process.

### Be an Advisor

Join our Advisory Board of esteemed leaders to share your leadership and expertise, and help shape the strategic direction of Philanthropy Tank.

### Be a Sponsor

### **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT**

- Student Engagement
- Student Mentoring
- VIP Access to Events
- Networking Among Peers

### **BRAND EXPOSURE**

- Impact Investing
- Customer Goodwill
- Top Flight Branding Peers
- Social Media Exposure

### **MARKETING**

- Naming Rights
- Printed & Digital Collateral
- Web Site
- Social Media

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### **AMBASSADOR & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Spread awareness and elevate the Philanthropy Tank mission to your networks.

### **EVENT & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Create meaningful experiences. Join us to design, plan and implement Philanthropy Tank events and activities.

#### **GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Capitalize on your knowledge and passion for philanthropic and social issues facing the community by joining your peers to evaluate student applications.

### **COACHING COMMITTEE**

Prepare students for their live pitch by teaching them how to effectively craft and communicate their message, perfect their presentation and feel confident.

#### PRO BONO LEGAL VOLUNTEER

Guide and help students through the process of establishing and filing for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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