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Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

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News Release

County Puts Handicapped Parking Fines to Good Use

Mayor Abrams announced that the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has approved funding that will benefit the local handicapped community and numerous nonprofits that work with them. The money is generated by fines collected from parking violations in disabled parking spaces.

A total of \$20,000 has been allocated through the Handicapped Accessibility and Awareness Program to qualified nonprofits to improve accessibility, equal opportunity and public awareness programs for physically disabled persons in Palm Beach County.

"I'm glad that we have an opportunity to put these funds to good use in support of the handicapped community," said Mayor Abrams.

This year's funds will be distributed as follows:

- Boca Raton Football and Cheerleading, Inc.: Safety mates for Exceptional Student Education Spirit Squad (\$5,000).
- The Arc of Palm Beach County, Inc.: Employment services program, which includes extensive training, job placement and Care Arc, a unique, reverse job fair (\$5,000).
- Florida Outreach for the Blind, Inc.: Expansion of its educational goals to include children. The Kid's Club will provide social gatherings, giving visually impaired children and their families an opportunity to share support and resources. In addition, the Kid's club administers the only Braille Enrichment for Learning and Literacy program in Florida (\$5,000).
- Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Inc.: Funds will ensure safety and improve the physical accessibility of the campus by installing automatic doors in the men's and women's bathroom and repair sidewalks in the central pick-up and drop-off area (\$5,000).

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