Diabetes Coalition
Palm Beach County

Impacting Our Community

A SHOWCASE OF OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AND PARTNERSHIPS
2018-2019
Formed in 2012, the Diabetes Coalition of Palm Beach County is a voluntary, 501(c)3-designated nonprofit alliance of over 50 organizations in Palm Beach County.
Our Mission

To prevent diabetes and improve the lives of people living with the disease and those touched by it, through awareness, education, advocacy, and access to care.

Our Vision...

Palm Beach County is recognized as a national model for controlling and preventing the incidence of diabetes.
Why We Do It: People Helping People

Diabetes is the 7th-Leading Cause of Death in the US and Palm Beach County

The number of adults with diabetes has doubled in 20 years

Diabetes and prediabetes disproportionately affects historically underserved communities and the most vulnerable among us

1 out of every 7 dollars spent on health care in the US is spent on diabetes & its complications

SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES:

- Heart Disease
- Stroke
- End-Stage Kidney Disease
- Blindness
- Amputation
- Death

Source: American Diabetes Association and Florida Department of Health Statistics & Data
Why We Do It: The Alarming Impact of Diabetes

USA
- 30.3 Million with Diabetes
- + 84.1 Million with Prediabetes
- = 114.4 Million

FLORIDA
- 2.4 Million with Diabetes
- + 1.9 Million with Prediabetes
- = 4.3 Million

PALM BEACH COUNTY
- 119,000 with Diabetes
- + 48,600 with Prediabetes
- = 167,600

$327 BILLION
$25 BILLION
$1.1 BILLION

Source: American Diabetes Association
Thank you so much for your support of all of the students who are navigating school with diabetes on board. Thank you again for all that you do to educate and unite our local community!

The machine is so much easier to use. Thank you and your affiliates so very much for what you all do. I am doing well and doing so much better with my food choices since I attended the classes on diabetes. Should you plan on having more classes in the Glades please let me know.
What We’re Doing: Moving Forward

Over the last two years, the Diabetes Coalition has moved away from paper screenings, and implemented mobile tablets that allow for immediate data entry and streamline our screening and reporting processes.

Keiser Office Donation

In 2018, Keiser University graciously donated an incredible office on their Vista Parkway campus, providing a permanent home for the Coalition.

On July 19, 2018, the Coalition received formal designation as a nonprofit organization by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Diabetes Coalition also received a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waiver, establishing quality standards for laboratory testing to ensure accuracy and reliability.
New and Exciting Partnerships

Supporting future health professionals through expanded partnerships with Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy and Keiser University Nursing Programs.

Engaging current health professionals through new partnerships with Black Nurse Practitioners of Palm Beach County and Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida.

NEW PARTNERS

- American Heart Association – Southeast Region
- Dedicated Senior Medical Care
- Division of Senior Services, Palm Beach County Community Services Department
- Palm Beach County Library System
- Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department
- The Lord’s Place
- YWCA of Palm Beach County
Our Members

With over 50 health care organizations and community partners, we continue to be a member-community partner-driven organization, with the majority of the Coalition’s work completed through our committees – providing opportunities for members to contribute and become more involved!
Since 2016, the Diabetes Coalition has been proud to lead Palm Beach County into each November by working with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to have the month proclaimed “Diabetes Month in Palm Beach County.”

Our thanks to all the Commissioners for their continued support of our efforts!
Our Work in the Community: Volunteers Rule!

Our own Barbara Jacobowitz, Debby Walters, Marge Sullivan, and Siobhan Gross have been honored as “Heroes in Medicine” by the Palm Beach County Medical Society.
Our Work in the Community

Since 2012, the Coalition has screened over 13,000 people in Palm Beach County for diabetes through our outreach and prevention programs, and about 57% are at risk!

STRENGTHENING OUR PROGRAMS

The Diabetes Coalition uses state of the art, point of care, FDA-approved rapid testing devices to provide participants with immediate results they can use to take charge of their health.

Thanks to PTS Diagnostics for their partnership and support of our work!

DID YOU KNOW?

- At least 68% of people 65+ with diabetes die from heart disease?
- Adults with diabetes are 2-4X more likely to die from heart disease?

Our new partnership with the American Heart Association will help us better address heart diseases like heart attack, heart failure, and stroke for people with diabetes!
Held since 2013 at Palm Beach Outlets, Diabetes Awareness Day is the Coalition's signature annual event, bringing people together for free diabetes risk screenings with activities, contests, partner organizations, healthy snacks, and lots of fun for the whole family!

Through these efforts, we’ve changed the lives of thousands of our neighbors.
Partnerships with the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and the YMCA of South Palm Beach County have allowed us to greatly expand the availability and affordability of evidenced-based Diabetes Self-Management classes available to area residents.

These classes have been proven to help people prevent and/or control diabetes better and improve their health outcomes.
Disrupting the cycle of diabetes within families

The Coalition’s Healthy and Ready to Thrive program focuses on youth, particularly in underserved and high-risk communities. By educating young people and encouraging healthy behaviors, we aim to change lives by preventing or delaying the onset of diabetes.

We’ve adopted the national, evidence-based nutritional education program, Go Slow Whoa, introducing it in school-based summer programs.
Our Work in the Community:
Targeted Community Prevention & Educational Outreach

We believe it’s important to go where people already are. That’s why we work hard to make sure our outreach and services extend all across Palm Beach County, from Jupiter down to Boca Raton, and all the way out to the Glades, meeting people in their own communities. Here are just a few examples:

- Diabetes: Don’t Sugar Coat It! – Glades Health Fair
- Food Farmacy Pilot Project - Jupiter
- Keiser University Diabetes Awareness Day
- The Breakers Employee Health Expo
- The Lord’s Place Residential Campuses
- Palm Beach County Branch Libraries
- The Women’s Shelter – Lake Worth
- El Sol Community Research Center – Jupiter
- Bridges at Boynton Beach – St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church
- Pahokee High School Diabetes Awareness Day Health Fair
- T. LeRoy Jefferson Health Fair
- West County Senior Center – Belle Glade
- Bethel Baptist Church - Delray Beach
- TN Cristo Church - Delray Beach
Annually since 2016, the Diabetes Coalition has been proud to produce a day-long educational symposium for professionals. Physicians, nurses, diabetes educators, pharmacists, nutritionists and dieticians, and others gather to hear the latest updates in science, technology, and professional practices from experts in their fields.

Through our partnership with Jupiter Medical Center, we are proud to offer Continuing Medical Education and other continuing education units for this program.
Diabetes Coalition Scholarship Program

GOALS:

- To recognize health care professionals who are making a difference in their community;
- To support applicants’ efforts to follow best practices in the care of patients with diabetes or prediabetes; and
- To provide financial assistance with diabetes-related educational opportunities for health care professionals.

CONGRATULATIONS

Michaelle Schutt-Aine and Dyes Tervil
Recipients of Diabetes Coalition Scholarships

2018 Scholarship Recipient

2019 Scholarship Recipient
The Barbara Jacobowitz Memorial Fund

Barbara Jacobowitz is the founding member of the Diabetes Coalition of Palm Beach County and, in that role, always remained steadfast in her commitment to the Coalition’s mission and vision, serving in various leadership roles for the Coalition and numerous other community organizations, agencies, and boards.

On Sunday, July 7, 2019, Barbara passed away suddenly. Although no longer here with us, Barbara will always surround us with her vibrant and beautiful spirit – challenging us to strengthen and carry on her incredible legacy.

The Coalition has established a permanent memorial fund in Barbara’s honor to fund scholarships, diabetes camp and conference registrations, and to continue her work throughout Palm Beach County.
Karen Harwood, MSW
Interim Chair, Board of Directors, Co-Chair, Awareness and Community Outreach Committee
Director of Education and Resources, Palm Beach County Medical Society Services

Kathleen Waddell, MS, RD/N, LDN
Vice Chair, Board of Directors, and Chair, Awareness and Community Outreach Committee
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Community Liaison, Appleton Home Health, LLC

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Associate Director, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach

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Assistant Dean, College of Pharmacy, Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach Campus

Avis Spradley Brown DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-BC
Co-Chair, Membership Experience Committee
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse at St. Mary’s Medical Center

Debby Walters
Executive Director
Diabetes Coalition of Palm Beach County

José Fernando Vázquez Defilló, MD
Clinical Advisor
Assistant Chief Medical Officer, Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.
**How We Do It: Your Impact**

The Diabetes Coalition received over $88,000 in *in-kind* donations including office space, furniture, and salary.

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### Revenue Sources

- **Grants**: 48%
- **In-Kind Donations**: 36%
- **Sponsoring Partners**: 12%
- **Educational Symposium Registration Fees**: 3%
- **Individual Donations**: 1%
- **Annual Membership Dues**: <1%

**Support our Children’s initiative Healthy and Ready to Thrive to receive a hat!**

*$10 Donation*

*We thank you for your support*
A Very Special Thank You to Our Funders and Sponsoring Partners

The Diabetes Coalition is truly grateful for our funders and sponsoring partners in their firm stand with the Coalition in our efforts to prevent, manage, and control diabetes.

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Our Founders, Funders, and Sponsoring Partners

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Leading Change for Better Health

OUR FOUNDING FUNDER AND SPONSOR

Sponsoring Partners

In-Kind Donations
A VISIBLE IMPACT IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

In dedication to and celebration of our founding member Barbara Jacobowitz, our members, volunteers, and sponsoring partners without whom our work and achievements would not have been possible!

A Heartfelt Thank You to All of Our Diabetes Coalition Champions for their Giving and Fighting Spirits–We Salute You!!

We invite all who share our mission, vision, and commitment to come join us, and become an active member of the Diabetes Coalition of Palm Beach County.

LEARN MORE AND STAY CONNECTED
Visit our website at: www.diabetescoalitionpbc.org