



STEVEN & ALEXANDRA COHEN FOUNDATION AND THE ELMORE IMPACT FOR GOOD INITIATIVE FUND DONATIONS TO THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY are...

Worth Knowing

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County recently received two transformative gifts that will impact students and teachers for years to come. The Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, led by Foundation President Alex Cohen, provided a \$500,000 grant to support the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County's *Brick by Brick, Mind by Mind* capital campaign, which helped fund the new 32,000 sq. ft. innovation hub in Lake Worth. In addition, the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County received a \$400,000 donation from George T. Elmore's Impact for Good Initiative, through the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, which will go towards an endowment for future programs and operational expenses.

CAN YOU GIVE OUR READERS AN OVERVIEW OF THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY?

James Gavrilos, President and CEO of the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County

Founded in 1984, the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County serves as a vital link between the county's public schools and the community. We award grants, support innovative programs and scholarships, and provide necessary school supplies and resources through *Red Apple Supplies*, our signature program. With more than 100 initiatives, the Foundation helps close achievement gaps, prepare students for post-secondary success and create measurable, positive change for over 100,000 students.

WHAT DO THESE GIFTS FROM THE STEVEN & ALEXANDRA COHEN FOUNDATION AND THE ELMORE IMPACT FOR GOOD INITIATIVE MEAN FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY CLASSROOMS TODAY, AND HOW WILL THE ENDOWMENT ENSURE LASTING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN THE YEARS AHEAD?

James Gavrilos

These impactful donations are already making a meaningful difference in Palm Beach County classrooms by expanding access to innovative programs, supporting teachers with critical resources and ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed. For example, at the start of the school year more than 30,000 Palm Beach County students went back to school with a free backpack filled with school supplies. Just as importantly, the endowment provides lasting stability and sustainability. It allows us to invest thoughtfully in education year after year, respond to evolving needs and ensure that both students and educators continue to benefit from these resources for generations to come.

THE STEVEN & ALEXANDRA COHEN FOUNDATION HAS A REMARKABLE TRACK RECORD OF UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WHAT INSPIRED YOUR SUPPORT OF THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Alex Cohen, President of the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation

Like all of our grantees, the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County has a longstanding commitment to helping its community rise, and that commitment makes a real difference in everyday lives. Their new center creates an environment where all students and teachers can come to access resources, expand their imagination, and explore the new ideas that will help them thrive.

IS THERE A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OR STORY THAT SHAPED YOUR PASSION FOR SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES?

George Elmore, Founder of Impact for Good Initiative

There is. As a student, I struggled academically and was often a C or D student until one algebra teacher changed everything for me. That teacher helped me understand not just numbers, but how problem-solving and critical thinking could open doors. Once it clicked, I became an A student and those skills stayed with me throughout my career.

EDUCATION IS AT THE HEART OF COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. WHY IS SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN PALM BEACH COUNTY SUCH A MEANINGFUL FOCUS FOR YOU?

Alex Cohen

We have a home in Palm Beach County and it's a community we care deeply about. We are dedicated to supporting good people doing good work in the places where we live, and children's education has always been at the heart of our giving. We view education as the great equalizer and its impact is felt far beyond the classroom.

George Elmore

Our future truly lies with our youth. Supporting education means giving young people the tools, confidence and training they need to carry forward what previous generations have worked so hard to build. When we invest in education, we are investing in long-term success — not just for individual students, but for our entire region.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE THIS DONATION INSPIRES WITHIN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMUNITY?

Alex Cohen

We hope that our giving inspires others to support their communities in whatever way feels personally significant to them — we call it "Inspired Giving." There is no action too small to make a difference, whether that's through making a donation, volunteering, or simply showing others kindness when it's needed most.

George Elmore

I hope this gift helps students discover their individual strengths and passions — that moment when something finally "clicks" and they realize what they're good at. Success looks different for everyone and I want students to feel empowered to pursue what they enjoy and build fulfilling, productive lives.

WHAT MESSAGE WOULD YOU SHARE WITH OTHER PHILANTHROPISTS OR BUSINESS LEADERS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING LOCAL PUBLIC EDUCATION?

Alex Cohen

Public education plays a foundational role in shaping opportunity. When communities come together to provide support for their public schools, they are reminding every student and teacher that they deserve to shine.

George Elmore

Investing in our youth is one of the most impactful investments we can make. By supporting public education, we help students build skills, independence and an entrepreneurial mindset, empowering them to succeed on their own terms and give back to the community for generations to come.

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