2021 Report
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Community Engagement

Resident Engagement
- Northend RISE has engaged more than **600 neighborhood residents, in 2021.** Northend RISE engages residents to identify long-term residents, individuals, and families with pressing housing, education, employment, and health needs.

Resident Surveys
- Since inception, Northend RISE has surveyed **more than 2,000 residents** to understand community priorities. Surveys were conducted either door-to-door or online.

Resident-Led Planning
- Northend RISE led neighborhood residents through a planning process to further identify community priorities and opportunities to meet individual and family needs.
Community Priorities: Mixed-Income Housing

- Create innovative rental housing solutions for seniors, single parents, persons with disabilities, and others
- Renters become owners
- Renovate and repair owner-occupied homes
- Vacant lots become owner-occupied duplexes
- Identify vacant homes and create a plan of action per property
Community Priorities: Cradle-to-Career Education

- Northmore Elementary becomes an “A” school
- Establish an early learning and family center
- Adult language, employability, and workforce development trainings
- Northboro Elementary preference area is expanded
Community Priorities: Health & Wellness

- Crime reduction, safety, and community walkability
- Parks improvement plan
- Improve sidewalks, bike paths, and lighting
- Increase healthy food options and access
- Establish Northend RISE Home Base
- Establish neighborhood-based healthcare clinic
2021 Impact: Mixed-Income Housing

- **25 households** have received urgent home renovations or repairs through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Community Partners of South Florida.

- **Four homes or vacant lots** are being renovated by Northend RISE partners for purchase by area residents.

- **Five families** have become first-time homebuyers, purchasing their first home in the RISE community.
Ms. W's story:

- Reached out to Northend RISE in need of urgent home repairs
- Through the work of Northend RISE, volunteers, and nonprofit partners the repairs were made to Ms. W’s home
- Community Partners of South Florida and Urban League of Palm Beach County also assisted Ms. W with a mortgage modification
- Ms. W is now in her home comfortably and is a dedicated Northend RISE volunteer
2021 Impact:
Ms. W's Home
On August 7, Northend RISE hosted its 3rd annual Back to School Bash at Florida Power & Light’s Manatee Lagoon.
- **2,500 backpacks** filled with high-quality school supplies were provided to neighborhood students.
- The event also offered medical and dental exams; COVID-19 vaccinations; clothes and shoes; healthy foods; art supplies; and books to students and their families.

- **40 residents** have received job training and employment assistance through CareerSource, SOFI, and North Tech.
- **20 residents** have been placed in living-wage jobs through the connections of Northend RISE.
In partnership with Palm Beach Atlantic University, nursing and pharmacy students and faculty conducted door-to-door wellness checks and health needs surveys.

- Students knocked on over **1,000 doors** and interviewed **125 individuals or families**.
- Identified mental health, COVID-19, nutrition, diabetes, and hypertension as the most pressing needs among community residents.

**330 residents** have participated in **five health and wellness events** hosted by Northend RISE and health and wellness providers.

Northend RISE has held four vaccination events in the community.
- **30 residents** received COVID-19 vaccinations.
50 residents and resident volunteers launched the first Northend RISE Community Garden.

Location: 723 39th Street (adjacent to the Northend RISE offices)
2021 Impact: Community Garden
Northend RISE’s Community Ambassador, Mikeal Addison, has conducted **200 one-on-one meetings** with neighborhood residents in 2021 to identify individual and family needs as well as connect households to necessary services.

- Position supported by Quantum Foundation
- Mikeal has built and maintained strong working relationships with local housing, education, health, employment services, and basic needs providers.
In 2021, Northend RISE expanded its target geography to include the Coleman Park and Pleasant City Neighborhoods.

The expansion was catalyzed through strong support from resident leaders, the city, business community, school district, and nonprofit partners.

With support from Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Northend RISE hired a **new Community Ambassador**, Shakema Glover, to serve the expansion neighborhoods.
Target Area Expansion

Restoration of Historic Roosevelt High School

- Partnership with the school district, Health Care District, Historic Roosevelt Alumni Association, and many stakeholders
- Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties will serve in the lead fundraising role
- Restored site will include:
  - Health & wellness clinic
  - Healthy food access
  - High-end academic center
  - Community-access media center
  - Adult education and training
  - Restored gymnasium