Compass & Lake Worth Beach

Our impact together, 2007 to today



October 27, 2026 Julie Seaver on behalf of Compass Community Center

1978

Background

- In July of 1978, the City purchased 201 N Dixie to establish the county's 1st multi-purpose center to serve the large growing senior population
- City used funds earmarked from the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 to meet urgent community needs to benefit low to moderate income families and/or eliminate urban decay and blight. Hence, CDBG grants were born from this legislation.
- Under the provision, "no portion of the building would be used for any governmental or political offices."



2007

Compass Revitalizes

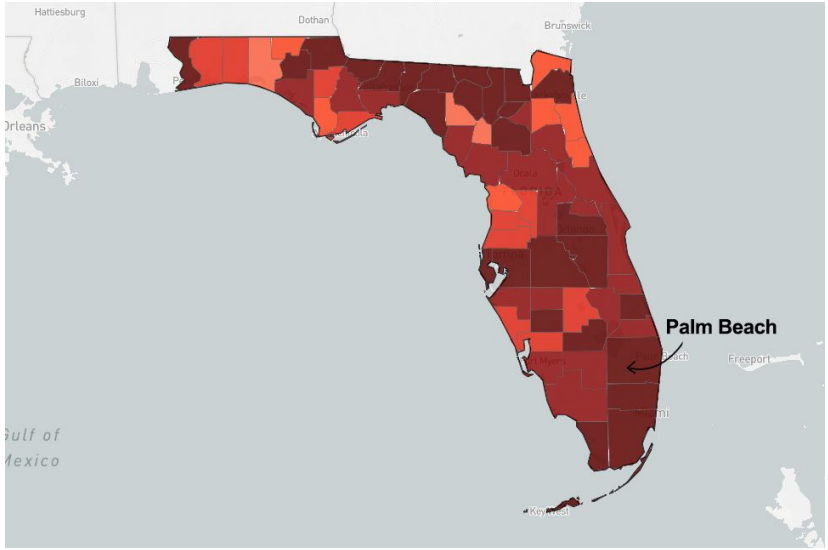
- In April 2007, the City approved a low-rent lease to Compass to provide social services to the public
- City lacked the financial resources/plans to to renovate the building and provide recreational and social services to the residents
- Compass agreed to renovate at its own expense and maintain the facility's insurance, staffing and operating expenses providing valuable meeting space for the community
- Renovations for the building were estimated at $875k, but Compass absorbed actual costs of $1.25M that year



2009

Expanding services for our neighbors

- Children and Families: the PBC Children's Services Council identified Lake Worth/Lantana as a multiply stressed community across multiple demographics
- Health: Rapid Assessment & Response Evaluation (RARE) projected determined the City of Lake Worth as 1 of 4 hotspots in the county for HIV
- Preserving downtown economic health & heritage, working with the now gone Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce
- Compass moved in after renovations in March 2009, coming in under the 1 year construction timeline





2013

25 Year Anniversary

- Compass was chosen to host an 8 week traveling exhibit for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to kick off USHMM's 20th Anniversary national tour and Compass' 25th Anniversary
- Compass received multiple awards, then and through the following years for the renovation design and programs
  - Gold Coast Builder's Award of the Year
  - Best Nonprofit of the Year
  - Largest County Cultural Event in Palm Beach County
  - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Award
  - Voices of Equality Award
  - Leaders in Education Award
  - Accreditation in Excellence in Nonprofit Management
  - Annual World AIDS Day Programming that brings the largest exhibit in the Southeast US of the AIDS Memorial Quilt





2016

Lake Worth Beach Leads the way in civil rights milestones

- In partnership with the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council (PBCHRC), the City enacts:
- Domestic Partnership Registry, Fair Housing Act, Merit Services Policy, Procurement Code in Equal Opportunity all to prohibit discrimination based on the federal protections of sexual orientation and gender identity.
- In partnership with Compass, PBSO launch the LGBTQ+ Liason Program will is still in existence today. https://pbso.org/lgbtq-liaisons-unit





2019

Deepening our community impact

- Compass hired from within a new Executive Director who entered into a partnership with CAN Community Health to build a community clinic within the center to expand access to clinic and medical services to the underserved, uninsured and underinsured populations in the 33460 zip code and beyond.
- And then came 2020 and the worldwide pandemic.







2022

Celebrating our community impact nationwide





- Compass brought Good Morning America to the City of Lake Worth Beach live on air to launch Pride Month across the country highlighting the Compass' services and spirit of volunteerism City's award winning Leisure Services, partnership w/law enforcement, its residents, and the City Commission
- The Palm Beach County Clerk of Courts, Joseph Abruzzo, officiated a mass wedding at Bryant Park marrying 30 couples and positive national media attention to Lake Worth Beach and Compass.



2025-2026

Last fiscal year alone….

- 316 community civic and neighborhood meetings
- 1,226 of no cost clinical therapy hours provided to
- 157 youth and 60 families 93% demonstrated self improvement & coping skills
- 5,542 volunteer hours
- 96% people living with HIV retained in care, 91% HIV viral load suppression
- Undetectable = Untransmittable U=U





Our Impact at a Glance



Since 2009:
$7.6M R&M Cost Savings to the City
$6.9M in Direct Client Assistance
$52M Provided Services at no cost

25000

people served each year through direct services, programs and trusted referrals

300+

social, support, community & civic groups hosted a year

300+

active agreements, partnerships and programs a year

5000+

100+ volunteers providing over 5,000 volunteer hours a year

Now

Health & Wellness Services

- **HIV/STI Testing, Counseling, and Treatment**
- **Mental Health Counseling**
- **Behavioral Wellness and Substance Abuse Support**
- **Vaccination Access** (including Department of Health and clinic vaccines)

Financial & Resource Assistance

- **Pharmaceutical Assistance**
- **Health Insurance Premium and Copay Assistance**
- **Transportation Assistance**
- **Linkage to Housing, Legal, and Food Resources**

Specialized Support Services

- **Youth and Family Services**
- **Senior Support Services**
- **Case Management & Early Intervention Services**

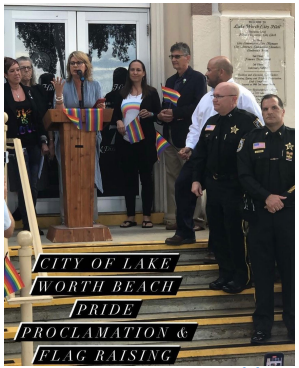
Community & Hub Services

- **Central Venue and Meeting Space** (serving over 300 community partners and groups for training, education, support, fundraisers, and organizational cross-collaboration)




SOCIETY

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County's Compass Business Alliance Mixer



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Our shared vision for Lake Worth Beach

A welcoming Lake Worth Beach

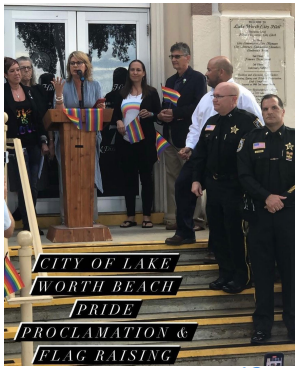
A safer Lake Worth Beach

A healthier Lake Worth Beach

A happier Lake Worth Beach















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