



## American Academy Capital Campaign Fund

**Our Mission.** American Academy serves our youth and community through quality after-school programs, summer camps, walkathons and sports programs, focusing on disadvantaged elementary and middle school students. Our youth development programs are designed to promote students' health, well-being, and success in school, relationships, and life.

**Our History.** American Academy started as a result of Mark Roseme's personal experience: at 16, he found himself alone

and shouldering the sole responsibility of providing for his four younger siblings. A chance meeting with a caring and dedicated athletic coach gave Mark hope for a better future; with his mentor's support, Mark went on to complete high school, earn a B.A. in Psychology, and closed the loop by becoming a valued athletic director within his community. Mark's experience inspired him to give back to disadvantaged children and families just as his coach did for him. In 2005 and together with Silka Cuba-Ortiz's almost two decades' work as an educator, academic dean, and extensive work with at-risk students, American Academy was born.



**Our Success.** American Academy champions at-risk youth and families who do not have support or tools for success in our increasingly complex society. American Academy provides free tutoring services, athletic programming, afterschool care, "school's out" care, summer camps, familial support services, and integrates volunteerism activities to include serving over 400 community members per week at a local soup kitchen. Identified by Boca News as "a favorite charitable organization," American Academy collaborates with Delray Beach Police Department Community Board to leverage community partnerships for youth services, local nonprofit "Arms of Hope" to provide practical help to families, and AmeriCorps to provide student mentorships.

**Our Need.** Without a building for American Academy to call its own, we will continually be dependent upon agreements with outside schools/community centers. Our programming is ready to expand to service the increasing number of families and youth in eastern Lake Worth Beach, designated as an "Opportunity Zone." These zones are typically riddled with stressors that often lead to a child's sole focus on day-to-day survival. Most homes do not have internet and computer access, and most youth have limited options for transportation to access resources/opportunities outside the area.



**Our children and families desperately need a sense of belonging, permanence, and access to resources.** Children and families will self-identify as part of our organization, find a "home" with support and services, and take pride in their surroundings. It is imperative we secure funding for American Academy's new campus – giving the Lake Worth Beach Opportunity Zone new life and purpose, thereby investing within the same area where our families and youth both live and work, creating a winning scenario for all.

**Our Request. Please consider a contribution to our Capital Campaign Fund.** Our new Center will provide fully individualized spaces for daycare, preschool, VPK, and aftercare. The Center will also include a brand-new greenspace for sports and wellness, a fully functional "classroom kitchen" space, an indoor gym and activity center, and individualized learning spaces for applied learning opportunities (financial management, auto shop technology center, etc.).

**To discuss a gift,** contact Mark Roseme at (561) 692-1313 or [Mark@americanacademy.info](mailto:Mark@americanacademy.info)  
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