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BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME....



Welcome to PROPEL's New Flagship Location in Boca Raton!...

We are thrilled to announce that PROPEL has officially moved into our new flagship location, right in the heart of Boca Raton! This marks an exciting chapter in our journey as we expand our ability to serve the community and continue empowering youth in South Palm Beach County.

LOOKING AHEAD...

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PROPEL CLUB**

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Located in partnership with Church of All Nations, this new space allows us to offer a wider range of programs and resources, all designed to help middle and high school students excel academically, grow as leaders, and make healthy life choices. Our new location also serves as a hub for our alumni, providing ongoing support for college students and young professionals.

The space has the feel of a home, creating a warm, nurturing environment where students can come to learn, connect, and grow. Equipped with a computer lab and areas designed for mentorship and tutoring, the new PROPEL House is the perfect place for students to thrive both academically and socially.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans to build a kitchen, as we believe that building relationships around the table is key to our mission. We also envision creating a game/lounge room for students to relax and bond, as well as leaving room for future expansion to meet the growing needs of our community.

We are excited to share this new chapter with all of you, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have on the lives of the youth we serve!

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15th ANNUAL PROPEL GOLF CLASSIC



A Swinging Good Time...

This year's 15th Annual PROPEL Golf Classic was a tremendous success, thanks to the incredible support from our sponsors, participants, and the community. Held at Deer Creek Golf Club, the event brought together local businesses, community leaders, and supporters of PROPEL to enjoy a great day of golf, all in support of our programs that empower youth in South Palm Beach County.

Shout-Outs:

We want to give a shout-out to [Boca Bagel Bar](#) for providing a delicious breakfast to kick off the day, and to [Crazy Uncle Mike's](#) and [Biergarten](#), who generously donated their libations and time to keep the fun going. Shawn at [Florida Charity Golf Events](#) wowed participants with the exciting ball-launching experience, while [BNT](#) and [Sherwin Williams](#) held it down under the tents, offering their time and support.



A big thank you to the **Libation Ladies** for keeping everyone refreshed, and to our **Amazing Volunteers**, who made sure everything ran smoothly. The event's entertainment reached new heights thanks to [John B Born](#), who mesmerized guests with his "Miracles & Mindgames" performance, and Lixii and the team from [Kanpai](#), who bartended with flair during the evening portion of The PROPEL Experience—a memorable mix of auction and dinner. We are also thankful to Grand Stand Auctioneers for their contribution of incredible auction items and creating a top-notch experience. Lastly, a special thanks to [Steve Pearl](#), whose photography captured the day's most unforgettable moments!

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Sponsor Highlights...

A special thank you to our generous sponsors who made this event possible. Your commitment to PROPEL ensures that we can continue to provide valuable resources and opportunities to the youth we serve.

We would also like to recognize the other sponsors who contributed to making this year's tournament a success:



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The day was filled with competitive yet fun rounds of golf, great food, and a shared sense of purpose in supporting our mission. From the exciting ball-launching contests to the lively atmosphere during The PROPEL Experience, the event was a perfect blend of camaraderie and charity.

Looking Ahead...

We are already planning for next year's tournament and look forward to building on this year's success. Thank you to everyone who played, sponsored, or volunteered—we couldn't do it without you!



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Sponsor Feedback...

This feedback from some of our esteemed attendees highlights the event's success and the commitment of our sponsors, who helped make it all possible.

"Kudos on pulling off an outstanding event despite the weather. I have been to many of these in the NY area. Your event was user-friendly for donors, sponsors, vendors, and staff. Importantly, you managed to focus on putting the revenue to the mission, while not excessively stewarding the attendees. While difficult to balance these needs, you did it expertly. It was clear that most of your attendees keep coming back, the hallmark of professional donor and sponsor cultivation. Thanks for making it a memorable event for me and my guests. I will be back to continue to support Propel and this mission." Augie Wolf

"Thanks Kristin for all your help in putting together this amazing event, we had a blast!"
Sean Barnes ~ Redi Carpet

"It really was an amazing day - I am so proud and honored to be a party of this wonderful organization."

*"Thank you for the wonderful update on the PROPEL Golf Tournament....
I had a fantastic day watching everyone have a wonderful time and so enjoying their time on the Golf course."* Lynne A.

"Thank you so much for making us part of your event, we had a great time. Greatly appreciate your professionalism." Sergio ~ Sherwin Williams

"Event was great as always" Doug G.

"A big "THANK YOU" first and foremost for your hospitality and support throughout the whole process! Look forward to seeing you guys again in the future." Alex P



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PROPELIAN PERSPECTIVES...

"My favorite part of our new PROPEL location are the sofas, that help give PROPEL a more homey feel. I also enjoy that we have more space to walk around outside, and a big garage which helps for serving. Our computer room is also a great part of PROPEL because it gives us a quieter place to do our work. I think something everyone at PROPEL will appreciate is a kitchen area to make serving a little easier." **-Isabella A**

"I love the new PROPEL location. It's very welcoming to walk into a space and see a bunch of people I can talk to. My favorite things are the couches and the comfortable bean bags. One thing I would like to see added is a kitchen, as serving in the garage can be a little difficult."

-Matthew



"I have been involved with PROPEL as a coach for over a year. I am Currently Propels' IEP (individualized education planner), and I directly handle all of our students' grades and make sure that they are staying on track to succeed in school. One of the most important roles I have is my "one-on-ones" with the students. During this time I'm able to gain a more intimate look at their struggles or accomplishments either in school or at home. These individual conversations help give me a greater understanding as to what our team can do to make sure that the individual student has all of the tools and support necessary to achieve whatever they set their mind to. Propel has helped me find my calling in so many ways. I knew, while starting my job here, that I wanted to continue in the field of social work and child psychology. The opportunities I have had through Propel and with these kids has solidified my ambition and drive to get my master's in child psychology and hopefully open my practice one day. The joy I get from seeing the kids every day and getting to watch them go through such an important stage of life is so fulfilling, even more so due to the fact that I get to be present with them through it. Propel is truly magical in the way that it can so drastically transform a life, I can speak from my own experience but also getting to watch how these children grow, learn, and evolve is incredible." **- Isabella M**

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PROPELIAN PERSPECTIVES (cont'd)...

"I really love PROPEL's new location. The big field in the back is awesome because I can play football and soccer there whenever I want. It is so fun to have such a huge space for sports and just hanging out with friends. I also think it would be super cool if the new place had a kitchen so we could make food and have more events. Overall, the new PROPEL is perfect."

-John

"The new PROPEL building is very nice. I love the lounge areas decorated with led lights, it brings a very comfortable and welcoming vibe to the place. I love how PROPEL has separate areas specific for what you want to do. A computer room for quiet homework time and a backyard for fun activities. If PROPEL adds a kitchen, we would have more space to serve. Nevertheless, PROPEL is perfect for any and everyone." **-Shayla**



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"As both a coach and driver, I get to see many sides of our students. When they're fresh out of school, rowdy, full of energy, at our home while they do homework, fellowship, and on the way home when stomachs are full, winding down for the evening. Being present in these moments grows my appreciation for life and compassion for people. I'm big on relationship building and savor the moments in between when I learn something new about one of them or we have meaningful conversation. I've never had a job where I was not motivated by money. As I look back on my own personal growth and what I've gained through this program, sometimes I feel like I should be paying them! Kidding. But seriously, PROPEL is more than an afterschool program, we are an extended family. We love, we laugh, and we fuss all the same. I'm grateful to see that environmental shifts could not disrupt the aura of intimacy and authenticity we've carefully curated." **-Tanisha, Coach & Driver**



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