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# BEAM

*Sustaining Families For 25 Years*

**HISTORY:** In 1985, Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry was formed through the Beaches Ministerial Association, representing several churches in the Beaches and West Beaches area, in an effort to provide a central location where families could go for food and financial assistance. An individual donor, Henry T. Blackstock, provided \$25,000 in seed funding to make BEAM a reality.



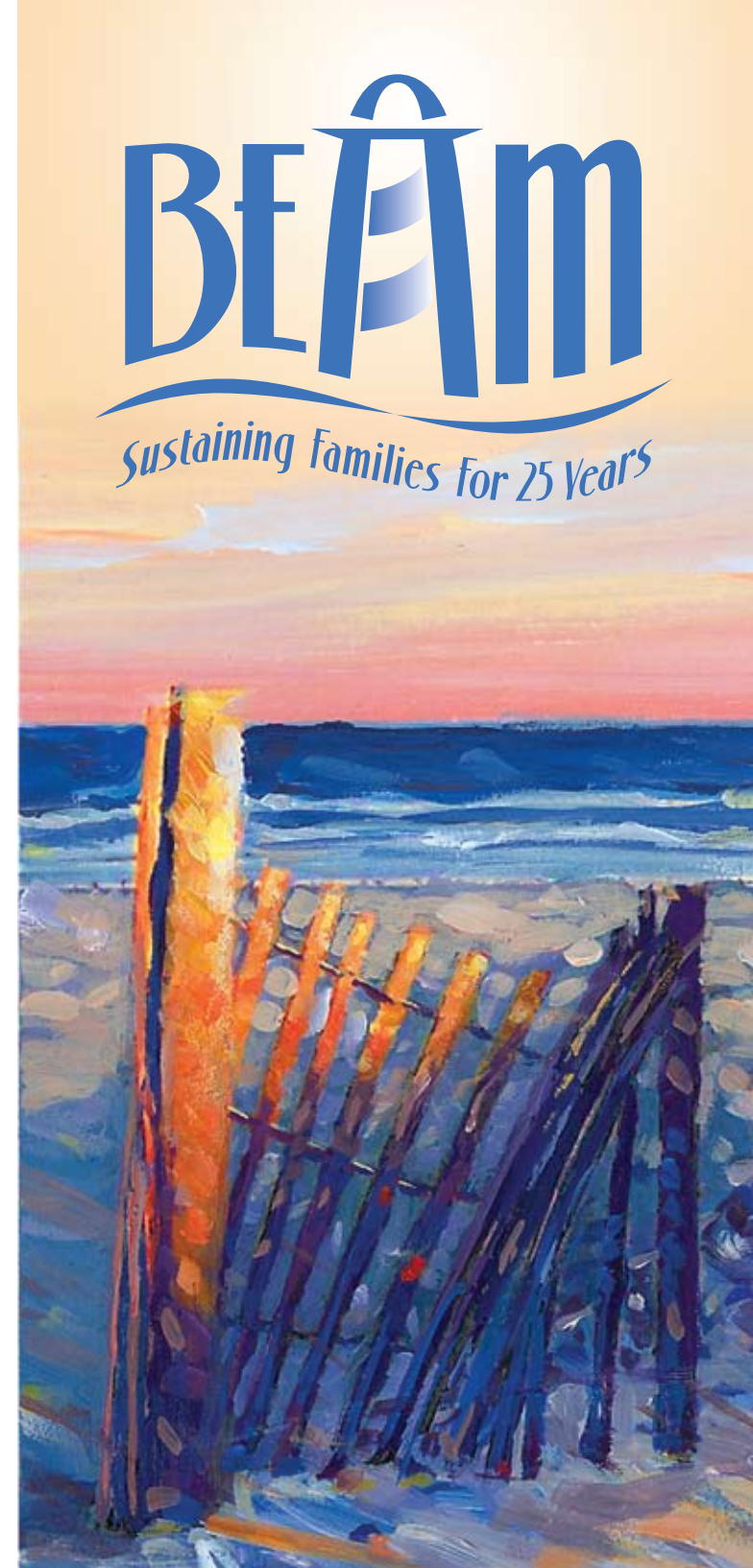
## BEACHES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

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Client information and appointments: (904) 241-2326  
 BEAM is open to clients M-Th, 9-4, F, 9-1



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“Thank you so much for the help that you gave my family this summer. We would not have been able to stay in our apartment without it. God bless all of you. Your hard work is appreciated more than you know.”

## WHAT IS BEAM?

BEAM is a 501(c)(3) that serves families in the Jacksonville Beaches communities from Mayport to Ponte Vedra Beach. Financial, food, and volunteer support comes from generous individuals, civic organizations, businesses, schools, service groups, private family foundations, the City of Jacksonville, Housing and Urban Development, as well as from area churches.

### Who Does BEAM Help?

BEAM helps residents living in the following zip codes: 32082, 32224, 32233, 32250, 32266, encompassing Ponte Vedra Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, and Mayport.

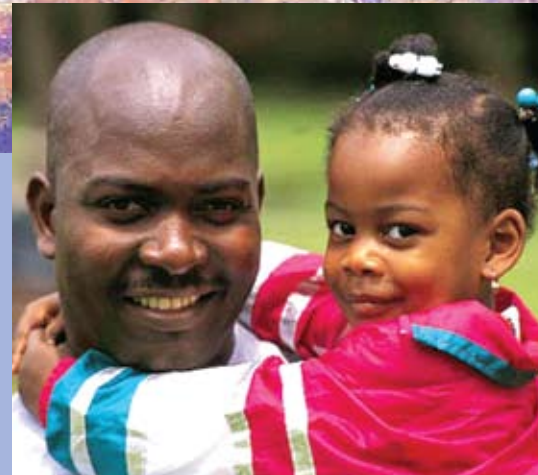
### Core Services

BEAM's food pantry serves residents of the above zip codes. Families are asked to schedule appointments for food pick-up and can come once every 30 days if they need food.

BEAM offers financial assistance for rent and utilities for qualified residents of the above zip codes. This service is available every 18 months, and an appointment is required.

### Additional Services

BEAM is a partner with the Department of Children and Families to help families apply for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or "food



stamps") and Medicaid. No appointment is necessary for this service.

Beaches Energy Service (BES) partners with

BEAM so that BEAM can administer assistance to qualified BES customers who need help with their BES bill. BEAM administers all the funds available through BES's "CARE" program. No appointment is necessary for this service.

BEAM's partnership with United Way's REAL\$ense Prosperity Campaign enables trained BEAM volunteers to offer free income tax preparation to families during tax season. Appointments are available for Friday afternoons and Saturdays beginning late January of each year and continuing through mid-April.

### BEAM offers additional help for families seasonally, as follows:

- August: BACK TO SCHOOL WITH BEAM helps Beaches families get their children ready for school with new backpacks, school supplies, underwear, socks, shoe vouchers, gently used clothing, haircuts, books, and more.
- November: Thanksgiving dinner baskets are donated to BEAM and provided to families who sign up for food to prepare a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner.
- December: Santa's Workshop provides an opportunity for families to sign up for toys for their children ages 0-12 and gifts are provided by generous Beaches neighbors.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

### Donate

How to donate:

We welcome your gifts to BEAM on our web site: [www.jaxbeam.org](http://www.jaxbeam.org), by mail or in person:

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We welcome gifts of any size. For naming opportunities and major commitments, please contact Vivian Southwell, Executive Director.

### Volunteer with the BEAM TEAM!

BEAM is blessed with 100+ hard-working weekly volunteers as well as hundreds more who help with outreach events, fund-raisers, food drives, and more. Join the BEAM TEAM and help families in need at the Beaches!



BEAM volunteers sort, shelve, pick, pack and bag food for about 1,100 clients each month. In addition, volunteers help our families apply for food stamps and Medicaid, meet with families to determine eligibility for financial assistance, and much more! We always have openings!

### VOLUNTEER JOBS AVAILABLE

- Front Desk: Answer phones and greet and assist clients at window
- General office work: Filing, copying, etc.



- Data entry / record keeping
- Interview clients for financial assistance
- Food pantry: Fill food orders, replenish shelves as needed with food and/or personal care items.
- Assist clients with Food Stamp / Medicaid applications
- Letter Writers: Thank you letters
- REAL\$ense Prosperity Campaign: Free tax prep for qualified clients (requires special IRS training)

SPECIAL PROJECTS including but not limited to:

- Back to School with BEAM, August—our largest and most comprehensive outreach effort
- Holiday Food baskets for families at Thanksgiving
- Holiday Party for Beaches children in December
- Christmas toys for families with children 0-12
- Organizational help for fund-raisers

### TO JOIN THE BEAM TEAM

Complete the BEAM Volunteer Application available on our web site at [www.jaxbeam.org](http://www.jaxbeam.org) (or call/come by BEAM for an application) and e-mail, snail mail or deliver to:

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We look forward to meeting you!

BEAM'S MISSION IS TO HELP FAMILIES STAY IN THEIR HOMES AND BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT