

# TOPPING OUT CELEBRATION

EDUCATION FOUNDATION CELEBRATES CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE



The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County celebrated another milestone for its \$15 million *Brick by Brick, Mind by Mind* capital campaign. The Education Foundation and Proctor Construction hosted a *Topping Out Celebration* at the Foundation's future home at 1515 Barton Road, Lake Worth Beach. The event commemorated the final beam placement as construction crews complete one significant phase of exterior construction, before moving to the interior phase. The new 32,000 sq. ft. innovation hub is set to be completed in December 2024.

The new facility will help ensure high-quality public education by providing equity and access to resources and innovative programming for students and teachers in Palm Beach County. The new building also includes a training facility, offering professional development for teachers and supporting over 100 programs, including the expansion of *Red Apple Supplies* — the Foundation's signature program that equips teachers with essential resources for their classrooms.

During the celebration, the Education Foundation's loyal donors, leadership and business supporters toured the progress inside the building and left their mark by signing an interior wall of the building. In addition, a forklift was used to hoist a tree on top of the building, an age-old tradition that honors the accomplishments of the construction crew and celebrates a building milestone.

"One out of five children in Palm Beach County lives under the poverty level," said James Gavrilos, President and CEO of the Education Foundation. "In a school district our size, that's 40,000 children. That is why our Board member Meredith Trim set up *Red Apple Supplies* eight years ago. With the added space in this new building, we will make sure that every child in our district — all 180,000 — have the tools, the school supplies and the teachers they need to have a world-class, first-class education. Today is a tremendous milestone in the history of the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County and marks a new and exciting time for growth and impact."

For more information or to donate visit [educationfoundationpbc.org](http://educationfoundationpbc.org) or call 561.738.2931.

**FIRST ROW:** Michael J. Burke and James Gavrilos; Meredith Trim and Michael Thomas; **SECOND ROW:** Pam Rauch, David Nicholson and Lisa Park; Jim Moore, Michael O'Neill and Jorge Fuentes; **THIRD ROW:** Erica Whitfield and Tanya Siskind; Andrew Kennedy, John Granath and Michael O'Neill; **FOURTH ROW:** Guadalupe Quintanar Resendiz and Nalani Gordon; John Bowers and Alan Baseman. PHOTOS: EB CORPORATE PHOTOGRAPHY

