

SOCIETY PHOTOS

Members of THE FUND
for West Palm Beach Police

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Members of THE FUND for West Palm Beach Police improve the quality of life in the city by supporting public safety programs and promoting excellence in police performance.

On December 3, 2023, The Bristol hosted a reception to honor leading donors. Guests were inspired by comments from THE FUND Chairman, Al Adelson, and Police Chief Frank Adderley, who spoke about the success that the department has experienced in reducing crime in the City. President Bill Bone recognized the Council Members in attendance who together contributed over \$500,000 last year to support projects of THE FUND.

Recent programs and community initiatives supported by THE FUND include providing hot meals to home-bound seniors and people with disabilities on Thanksgiving and Christmas day, community pop-up events, Shop with a Cop, Cops & Scholars, Operation PUSH, Police Explorers, Scholarships, Run with the Cops, the Victims Assistance Fund, Policemen vs. Firemen Basketball Game, and a Youth Skills Camp.

Join THE FUND and help the West Palm Beach Police. Your support directly supports superior policing and improves the relationship between the Police and the community with the goal of reducing crime by increasing the assistance of residents in high-crime areas who have historically been reluctant to report the crime for fear of reprisal. For more information and to become a member of THE FUND, visit thefundforwpbpolice.org.



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1909 Has a New Home

1909, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to the holistic growth of early-stage entrepreneurs, has a new home in downtown West Palm Beach.

1909 offers workspace, mentorship, business education, and a support community to like-minded individuals who are committed to building a better tomorrow for themselves, their families, the community, and the world. Following years-long challenges in the commercial real estate landscape, the nonprofit will move into the historic Comeau Building at 319 Clematis Street in downtown in the Spring of 2024.

The new space is nearly 9,000 square feet, double 1909's former West Palm Beach location. 1909 has 177 active members, who have generated over \$37 million in economic benefit for Palm Beach County. The headquarters at the Comeau Building will accommodate the growing number of businesses looking to join the nonprofit as well as current members who are actively expanding their teams. The new space also doubles the number of offices available to members which will help to address 1909's current two-year wait list.

"In a challenging commercial real estate environment, we sought affordable space to support emerging local businesses and maintain the culture we cherish," said Shana Ostrovitz, Executive Director of 1909. "Securing a partner who understands our needs and values our community contribution was crucial to the process. The West Palm Beach business sector is just beginning to live up to its potential and with entrepreneurship and innovation as economic development drivers, 1909 is here to make sure we all reach our full potential."

The move was made possible thanks to a new partnership with Morning Calm Management, a vertically integrated real estate management firm based in Boca Raton.



Above: Members of 1909. (Courtesy photo)

The Comeau Building will also provide 1909 and its members with additional conference rooms, alleviating the high demand for collaborative spaces in their current location. This will offer members more opportunities to brainstorm, meet with clients, engage with their teams, and attract potential investors. The new facility will feature a quiet room to prioritize mental health, a gym to promote physical well-being, a dedicated music listening room, expanded event space, and enhanced security available 24/7. Additionally, this expansion will enable 1909 to broaden its programming for members aiming to take their companies to the next level, scale, or to pursue acquisitions – a resource not currently offered in Palm Beach County.

The Knight Foundation and the Stacy and Keith Palagye Foundation also made significant contributions to make the relocation possible.

For more information about 1909, visit weare1909.org



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