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Modeling Family Philanthropy

The Covers are the newest family defining local family philanthropy and its role in shaping the next generation of local philanthropists. Gretchen and Nelson Cover, Jr., along with their son Nelson Cover III, have established a donor-advised fund upon son Nelson's relocation to Brevard to join the family business, Chell Financial Services – started by Gretchen's father, Paul Chell. The Cover family has long recognized the important role of nonprofit organizations in shaping a healthy community in which to live and work – and have modeled the personal investment necessary to maintain its amenities and culture of community care.



Nelson Cover III

Nelson Cover III will take the family lead as **The Cover Family Fund** advisor recommending grant awards. He's excited to be back in Florida and wants to have a positive impact. Nelson left Florida to attend Roanoke College in Virginia and graduated with a degree in English. After completing his degree, he accepted a position working for his fraternity, Pi Lambda Phi, as an expansion counselor to help new and existing chapters around the country. Last year he had the opportunity to return to Florida and join the family business. While working toward becoming a Certified Financial Planner, he continues to serve as an advisor to the Pilam chapter at FIT. Nelson is excited to return and "wake up in paradise every day." He remembers spending much of his childhood on the Indian River Lagoon fishing, boating and being involved in all kinds of water-based activities. His fond memories have led to a special interest in organizations that help care for our natural environment and both domestic and wild animals. Having visited zoos all over the country, he is especially fond of Brevard Zoo for its natural environment and care for the animals. Nelson's grandmother, Gretchen Chell, a long-time resident and generous philanthropist, was also an active supporter of Brevard Zoo before her passing last year.

We look forward to working with Nelson as one of the area's newest local philanthropists, representing his family and serving as a model for his generation.

Call the Community Foundation or email sandis@cfbrevard.org to learn more about family philanthropy. ■



GRANT-MAKER BRIEFINGS

The Community Foundation hosted its annual grant-maker briefing in January as part of its kick-off of the annual competitive grant application process. In addition to Lisa Davidson, Grants and Program Manager of the Community Foundation, three other local grant-makers spoke to 165 nonprofit organizations and representatives, sharing an update of their priorities and processes for grant-making. We thank this year's presenters, Sarah Balda, Executive Director of the Balda Family Foundation; Brenda Sheets, President, Harris Foundation; and Johnette Gindling, Executive Director, Space Coast Health Foundation. ■

LEAD Brevard Holds Nonprofit Board Governance Training



Chuck Loring and
Kristin Bakke

This year, again through grants from **Boeing** and the Community Foundation's **Sendler Family Charitable Fund** and the **R. Patricia Wallburg Endowment Fund**, LEAD Brevard hosted Chuck Loring to train board members of local nonprofit organizations in the role, responsibilities, and in governance as board leaders. More than 80 local board members attended the training. To find out about the next Board training, call LEAD Brevard 632-8222 ■

Deffebach Family Shares Message to Endow Brevard's Future

Kim and **Bud Deffebach**, along with **Mary** and **Harry Deffebach**, generously hosted a gathering of neighbors and friends to share the message of considering charitable legacy gifts. Sandi Scannelli presented on the future of philanthropy in Brevard County and the impact and importance of legacy giving to a local charitable endowment. Brevard is home to more than 1,612 public charities that have been formed and nurtured by local residents. Legacy gifts will help the next generation sustain the founding work and investment in Brevard's worthy organizations and community causes. ■



From L to R. Wendy & Bill Potter, Linda May, and Kim & Bud Deffebach.

DID YOU KNOW? Bill Potter was the first Board Chair of the Community Foundation. Linda is currently Vice Chair - That's 35 years between their leadership roles (CFB will be 35 years old in 2016).

Encore! Melbourne Municipal Band's 50th Anniversary Celebrated



With a grant from the **R. Patricia Wallburg Endowment Fund**, the Melbourne Municipal Band celebrated its 50th Anniversary in a special concert entitled "From Sea to Shining Sea" performed at the Maxwell C. King Center. The spectacular performance of this all-volunteer band filled every seat of the King Center and concluded with loud applause, energetic cheers, and a standing ovation. ■



Brevard Family Partnership's Birthday Party Builds Endowment!

Celebrating its 10 year anniversary, **Brevard Family Partnership** announced at its birthday party the start of its agency's endowment fund to help sustain its work and mission. Sheriff Wayne Ivy led the audience in an on-the-spot campaign for cell-phone initiated pledges to kick off the endowment. BFP raised \$10,250 toward the \$100,000 goal for its new endowment! *Brevard Family Partnership provides child abuse prevention, foster care and support, adoption, independent living and community outreach services to the children and families of Brevard County. Call us to celebrate BFP's birthday with an endowment gift!*

LUNCH WITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AT MCC!

The Foundation hosted a Scholarship Luncheon for current recipients of two Community Foundation scholarship funds, the **James W. & Mary Alice Libby Scholarship Fund** and the **MCC Alumnae Scholarship Fund**. Michael Burke, MCC President and Susan Riebsame, Director of Student Services participated in the bi-annual event held at Melbourne Central Catholic High School with Lisa Davidson, Grants and Program Manager. These four students represent 2012, 2013 and 2014 scholarship recipients and are wonderful examples of the young leaders being developed at MCC.



Gilchrist Educational Foundation Establishes an Agency Endowment Fund

A new Agency endowment partner, the **Gilchrist Educational Foundation** supports Christian education in North Brevard County, Florida, by raising funds for scholarship assistance and facilities improvements. Since 2003, the organization has provided approximately \$129,670 in need-based scholarships to families, as well as almost \$20,400 to Christian schools for facilities upgrades. Named in memory of Bob and Peggy Gilchrist, lifelong educators and servants of Christ, the Foundation is an independent public charity with a local board of directors comprised of educators, professionals, and local community leaders. *To contribute to GEF's endowment, go to www.cfbrevard.org/giving-with-us/make-a-donation. ■*



HTEA Philanthropy Class Makes Grant Award

After spending the fall of 2014 creating a grant-making process, soliciting applications, and a class review and discussion of the applications submitted, **Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy's Philanthropy Class** selected **Brevard Rescue Mission** as recipient of a \$1,500 grant. The funds were given to the class by the Community Foundation to give them an opportunity to apply their learning in a real-world experience. Students presented the grant check to Stacia Glavas, Executive Director, at a school-wide assembly. ■



— Rolling Readers Co-founders Remembered —

In the last year, Brevard lost two co-founders and long-time volunteers of **Rolling Readers Space Coast**, **Pauline “Polly” Cordell** and **Mary Eason**. Both women were active members and leaders of AAUW, which launched Rolling Readers Space Coast in 1997. Mary, 96, passed away last September and Polly, 91, passed away in January 2015. Colleague and third co-founder, Joan Borders, remembers her friends warmly, “I can remember all the fun we had working together and working with children, the schools, and the volunteers.” In honor of both of these remarkable women and the



Pauline “Polly”
Cordell



Mary Eason

organization they started together, Joan made a special legacy gift to the Rolling Readers Space Coast Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation. Joan adds, “I am so pleased to know that my memorial gift will keep giving each year to Rolling Readers Space Coast.” Mary and Polly’s work and legacy in building a community of volunteers to inspire a love of reading will be celebrated each year with the grant from the investment earnings of Joan’s gift to the organization’s endowment fund.

Call us if you’d like to add a gift to the Rolling Readers endowment in remembrance of Polly and Mary. ■



Have They Gone Wild?

Thanks to the **Brevard Zoo** and its Executive Director, Keith Winsten, a group of the Foundation’s animal-loving **Legacy Partners** were invited to attend a special behind-the-scenes tour of its new exhibits, the Animal Care Center, and the Sea Turtle Healing Center. ■



SEE the Shelter Animals...and Take One Home!

With a grant from the **Bond Family Foundation Fund** and **Fulton’s Folly Fund** in Memory of Robert M. Fulton, the Brevard Aiding Shelter Animals Project, Inc. installed windows in the doors at the Brevard County South Animal Care and Adoption Center. The ability to see the animals enhances care and opens the opportunity for even higher adoption rates. ■



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