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CFB is Wild about Brevard Zoo

We caught up with Keith Winsten, Executive Director of Brevard Zoo to get an update on two of the projects funded through generous donors at the Community Foundation for Brevard.

First, we're excited to share that the much needed Sea Turtle Healing Center opened this past April. Prior to the center's opening, existing rescue facilities were great distances from our local beaches. By having a facility this close, the survival rate for injured or stranded sea turtles will greatly improve. Also unique about the new center is it includes two



Brevard Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center

separate holding facilities – one of which is specifically designed for turtles who are fibropapilloma (FP) positive. FP is a contagious, viral disease that causes tumors to grow inside and on the turtle. Brevard Zoo is one of only three facilities that accept FP turtles.

The center has served 20 patients and seven turtles are currently in its care. Their first patient, Uno, a Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) who came to the center in April has been rehabilitated; and we're happy to report he's expected to head back to the water soon. The Community Foundation's donors provided over \$11,000 to the center's \$150,000 construction costs. There is still a funding need for this important conservation initiative. To make a contribution to the **Sea Turtle Healing Center Matching Fund**, contact the Foundation.

In November of 2013 the "Treasures of the Caribbean" trail opened and features the Grand Cayman Blue Iguana exhibit, made possible through Community Foundation grants. By the end of 2014, the trail will feature additional rare, indigenous island species such as the Green- and Red-feathered Cuban Amazon Parrot, which was also funded through a 2014 competitive grant. Keith shared that there are also plans to incorporate some "villains" in this Caribbean-themed trail which will include the Marine Toad and Cuban Tree Frog.

"The list of conservation efforts continues to grow at the Brevard Zoo and our exhibits and efforts will just get better with continuing support," said Winsten. If you have not been out to explore the Brevard Zoo lately, be sure to visit to see what's new. Please consider supporting the great work of our local zoo by contributing to the **Brevard Zoo's Agency Endowment Fund.** ■

— 2014 Competitive Grant Awards —

The Community Foundation for Brevard has awarded \$146,608 in competitive community grants to 37 organizations serving Brevard County. The grants support a range of causes including arts and culture, recreation, animal welfare, wildlife conservation, education, food and shelter, behavioral health and at-risk youth programs.

The 2014 competitive grant recipients are:

American Cancer Society, Inc.	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Brevard County, FL, Inc.
Boys & Girls Club	Henegar Center for the Arts
Brevard Aiding Shelter Animals Project	HUBBS-SeaWorld Research Institute
Brevard C.A.R.E.S.	IMPOWER
Brevard Family Partnership	Junior Achievement of the Space Coast
Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition	Keep Brevard Beautiful
Brevard PALS	LEAD Brevard
Brevard Rescue Mission, Inc.	Links of Hope
Brevard Symphony Orchestra	Melbourne Municipal Band
Brevard Zoo	Pregnancy Resources
Catholic Charities	Rolling Readers Space Coast
Children's Home Society	Sea Turtle Conservancy
Central Brevard Humane Society	Shiloh Adventures, Inc.
Circles of Care	Space Coast Early Intervention Center
Club Esteem	SPCA of North Brevard
Dance Arts	Special Olympics of Brevard
Family Counseling Center of Brevard	Walk on Water Equine Assisted Therapy
Family Promise of Brevard, Inc.	Women's Center
Florida Wildlife Hospital and Sanctuary	

In addition to its competitive grants program, the Community Foundation awards more than one million dollars annually in other grants recommended by its donor advisors and scholarships. We are delighted to assist so many agencies through unrestricted funds, as well as through the support of our donors and fund partners who give generously to our community. ■

LEAD Brevard Partners with Community Foundation

Brevard County's renowned organization for leadership development, LEAD Brevard, has partnered with the Community Foundation to create the **LEAD Brevard Foundation Fund**. The fund was created, in part, to begin an endowment to support and sustain the programs of LEAD Brevard with scholarships to Leadership Brevard, its signature program, and other organizational support. Entering its 30th year of service to Brevard, they have trained and deployed more than 1,200 community leaders since its inception. Sandi Scannelli, President of the Community Foundation comments "Brevard County is fortunate to have an organization so clearly committed to developing strong and dedicated community leaders. They serve a vital and unique role among the county's nonprofit organizations." Those interested in contributing to the LEAD Brevard Foundation Fund should contact Sandi Scannelli. ■

"This fund represents the culmination of many dedicated community leaders' efforts as volunteers with LEAD Brevard over the last thirty years. The LEAD Brevard Foundation fund will assure that LEAD Brevard can provide a forum for critical leadership learning and candid community discussions far into the future. "

- Milo Zonka, 2013-2015 Chairman, LEAD Brevard Board of Directors, Leadership Brevard Class 2005.

Welcome Lisa Davidson, Grants & Program Manager!



Lisa Davidson

Lisa Davidson joined the Community Foundation in May as Grants and Program Manager, replacing Robert Watts who resigned to enjoy retirement with his wife Karin. Lisa comes to us from Harris Corporation where she served for over 9 years in capacities including; Manager of Corporate Communications, Manager of University Relations, and supporting Corporate Relations and the Harris Foundation. A long-time resident of

Brevard County, Lisa graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BA in Communications. She also is a 2011 graduate of Leadership Brevard. As Grants & Program Manager, Lisa will manage all grant and scholarship processes, programs and follow-up and preparing outcome communications to the Foundation's Board, Donor Advisors and the community. Her successful track record in taking projects, programs, and strategies from concept to implementation complemented by a knowledge of the community has already been an asset to the work of the Foundation. Welcome Lisa! ■

Brevard Dances – The Power of the Arts

Summer dance program for at-risk youth

It is said that dance heals the soul. But, can you join together ballet, tap and free-movement to change the future and educate a community of at-risk youth? Through a 2014 Competitive Grant and an anonymous donor, the Community Foundation for Brevard was able to help **Dance Arts Centre's (DAC)** president and director, Sarah Balda fund Brevard Dances, an outreach program of DAC. Brevard Dances is a free dance program designed to promote dance education to youth residing in underserved, low-income areas of Brevard.

Sarah has a strong desire to educate others on the art of dance and is dedicated to making dance accessible to our community's youth regardless of their ability to pay. "These peer-to-peer experiences are valuable tools in helping to build confidence, self-awareness and self-esteem, as well as creating new dance artists, enthusiasts and participants," shared Sarah.

This summer, Brevard Dances is taking place at two locations, **The Boys & Girls Club, Temple Terrace** branch and **The Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids (DOCK)** inside the Booker T. Washington



Dance program provides kids with introduction to the arts

neighborhood. Lisa Davidson, Grants and Program Manager at the Foundation, visited both sites to get a first-hand look at the program, meet the dance instructors and the kids benefiting from the program. "To increase commitment, it is up to the child to decide if they want to register for this dance class – we had a great turn-out of all ages and gender," says Botavia Jackson, Director at the DOCK. She continued, "The program is interactive and uniquely tailored to each site for maximum benefit to those served."

Participants at each location engage in a twice-weekly dance and wellness lesson during the eight week program. Students who show the most engagement will be selected to perform in various community performances, including one next spring at the Henegar Center, bringing family and other students together. "The kids are excited about this program and the opportunity to perform. For most, it will be their first time in a performing arts center," says Richard Yount, Service Director at the Boys & Girls Club. ■

NEW FUND SPOTLIGHT

The Bond Family Foundation Fund was created this month by Cliff and Nancy Bond. With thanks to Cliff and Nancy for sharing their story...

"We started our 'family' with a puppy-mill companion. We loved her and her foibles. Eventually we attended one of Central Florida's rescue festivals. We were surprised at how many organizations there were out there. And shelters. And animals awaiting forever homes. We couldn't help wanting to do something. We'd gifted in the past, but in a random sort of way. With Community Foundation for Brevard, we feel that we're now giving in a more organized way and to better effect. Not only can we be assured that the organizations we give to are the best stewards of the gifts they receive, we can also participate in selecting grant recipients and have a clearer knowledge of what needs are out there. Now we can't help but feel that we are doing something. And with an endowment fund, we'll be helping long after we're gone." – Cliff and Nancy Bond



Cliff and Nancy Bond

Florida's Governor Honors Florida's Community Foundations



Pictured l-r: Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam; Joy Watkins, Community Foundation of North Florida; Governor Rick Scott; David Biemesderfer, Florida Philanthropic Network; Rena Coughlin and Jeff Atwater, Nonprofit Center of NE Florida

On April 22, David Biemesderfer, President & CEO, Florida Philanthropic Network accepted a resolution passed by Florida's Governor, Rick Scott, and Cabinet honoring Florida's community foundations for "their service to communities all across the state."

In the resolution, the Governor and Cabinet acknowledged that because of the work of Florida's community foundations, "local residents who have an in-depth understanding of their communities' issues and needs are able to combine their charitable funds and the future earnings from those gifts for the benefit of all, improving the quality of life in those areas."

Florida is home to 29 community foundations that cover every county of the state. Combined grants awarded in 2012 made them among the largest vehicles for community good in the state. ■

Foundation Helps Greater Titusville Renaissance

In May, Sandi Scannelli co-facilitated a visioning and planning retreat for the Greater Titusville Renaissance along with LEAD Brevard's Executive Director, Kristin Bakke. The Greater Titusville Renaissance



Commissioner Robin Fisher, Sandi Scannelli, Kristin Bakke & Mayor Jim Tulley

(GTR) is a grassroots community volunteer initiative which seeks to enhance north Brevard's quality of life through the thoughtful balance of nature and commerce, the inspiration and initiation of arts and culture, and the preservation and showcasing of our pristine natural resources. Now three-years old, the organization affirmed its mission and discussed goals to build upon its successes going forward in the next 3-5 years. ■

Florida Community Foundations Convene in Orlando

More than 55 representatives of Florida community foundations convened in Orlando on June 17-18 to share best practices, network and hear new thinking about their work. The meeting featured the first-ever presentation of a new study from The Monitor Institute's "What's Next for Community Philanthropy" initiative, which aims to engage the field in re-imagining processes and models for improvement.

As early adopters of the statewide endowment building campaign, Sandi Scannelli also presented an update on **Endow Brevard's Future** initiative, which has been fueled by Florida Today's generous ad campaign. The Community Foundation for Brevard's staff also participated in this great learning opportunity. ■

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