

Foundation Focus

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Heaven's Rays



Finding Hope and Purpose in Tragedy and Grief

Ten-year old Becky Moseley brought home from school her colorful crayon drawing she named "Heaven's Rays", depicting sun rays beaming through the clouds. She told her mom, Wendy, that people who die go to heaven through these rays of light. Wendy was touched by this beautiful, thoughtful, and caring illustration. A few days later as Wendy was driving, Becky saw these beams of sunlight and said "Look! It's heaven's rays! I think someone is going to heaven now." Little did they know that at that moment, Wendy's other daughter, 4-year old Emily was losing her life in a tragic accident. Wendy recalls this experience, and attributes the timing as God's gift and message of



Emily & Tom Moseley

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hope. The family struggled to cope for years through their despair, leaning heavily on their faith.

Then, another loss. Ten years later, Wendy's husband Tom suddenly died and she was again thrust into the shock and despair of loss – without her partner through all the trials. Recently, as she poured through old boxes of memorabilia, she found the sweet crayon drawing of Heaven's Rays, and in that moment, felt 'called' to refocus her life into helping others. Wendy established the **Heaven's Rays Fund** with the Community Foundation in loving memory of Thomas and Emily Moseley to provide grants to programs that help individuals, children, and families through loss, grief, and difficult circumstances. The charitable purpose also honors her husband, a psychiatrist who specialized in child and adolescent psychology. Wendy is joyful about the opportunity to help others and plans to start a website with links to resources and inspirational messages. "I don't know how I would have coped without my Christian faith and the support of others. I realize not everyone has the comfort and strength of faith and family. If I can help provide wellness opportunities during times of emotional crisis, I too will continue to strengthen knowing that I will be fulfilling God's purpose for my life forward." ■



Wendy Moseley with daughter Becky and son Jonathan.
(Not pictured, son Matthew)



◀ Suplee Ladies Luncheon

Wonderful ladies luncheon at EGYC! Thank you to former board member, Linda Coleman for reserving yacht club location and special thanks to our host and sponsor, Susan Suplee.

▶ No Limits Academy

With a grant from the Gloria Barrington-Armstrong Fund, No Limits Academy was able to install a Smartboard to enhance learning in the classroom. This technology allows students with physical disabilities to excel regardless of physical limitations.



◀ MRC

With help from the James H. and Betty O. Gooch Fund, MRC created a lagoon-focused STEAM learning experience allowing students and visitors to explore lagoon habitats and species on hand-held computers.

▶ Space Coast Rolling Readers

Teachers and students appreciate the new books for students to take home thanks to the Christine P. Lance Foundation Fund, the John K. & Julia R. Roach Fund, and the Myles And Kimberly Wilkinson Charitable Fund.



◀ EFSC – The basics of grants & a philanthropy class

The CFB team loves sharing ways to give back with the next generation of philanthropists! Here's Lisa at Eastern Florida State College in Titusville teaching the basics of grants and philanthropy to the Community Involvement and Success Strategies classes.



Why start a *Donor Advised Fund* with the Community Foundation?



A donor advised fund is a charitable giving account set up by an individual, a family, or an organization. The account is called a “Fund” and offers immediate tax benefits for the gift. Then, the donor may recommend grants over time to whatever nonprofit organization the donor chooses – locally or elsewhere. Grants awarded from a donor advised fund can be made anonymously or in the name of the fund. A popular naming option is to use a family name, such as The Smith Family Fund – a meaningful way to honor your family and even involve your family in choosing grants. A donor advised fund is an easy, economical, and appealing alternative to a private foundation.

Setting up a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation for Brevard offers donors several benefits and advantages, namely:

- ✓ expertise and guidance as you shape your charitable goals;
- ✓ knowledgeable staff to help you identify nonprofit organizations and programs that address your specific goals and interests;
- ✓ tours and introductions to organizations in which you want to learn more;
- ✓ help and support in creating the most impactful and effective strategies for giving;

- ✓ follow up to learn the results of grant awards and to ensure accountability on any restrictions;
- ✓ opportunities to connect with other philanthropists who share common interests and goals; and
- ✓ simplified tax preparation with one gift acknowledgement letter (required by IRS for all charitable gift deductions over \$250).

Wondering what it takes to get started? You can create a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation for Brevard with a minimum gift of \$10,000, which is tax deductible. Then, use the fund to make grants to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations when and as you wish. The initial gift can be made in the form of cash, stock, real estate, and other non-cash assets. Additional gifts to your fund may be made in any amount and at any time. By transferring an appreciated asset like stock, the gift can be made without incurring capital gains taxes, allowing the full value of the proceeds to be used for charitable gifts.

Donor advised funds are the fastest-growing charitable giving vehicle in the United States because they are one of the most flexible, easiest, and tax-advantageous ways to give to charity. Call us if you want to learn more or to get started. ■

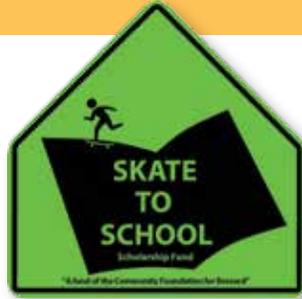
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Students Are Catching "Air" with the Skate to School Scholarship Fund

Congratulations to the April 2016 Skate to School Scholarship recipients:

- \$1,000 awarded to Jackson Parrish
- \$750 awarded to Killian Horne
- \$500 awarded to Landon Swan



The **Skate to School Scholarship Fund** was envisioned and created by Cocoa Beach's Robert "Scooter" Newell to reward top skaters of local skateboard competitions with college education scholarships.

Scooter Newell shares on his website... "We love skateboarding and consider it an honor to work hard to bring scholarship opportunities to kids who ride skateboards."

Stop by the Cocoa Beach Skate Park this coming October to check out the next scholarship skate contest, enter a student, or donate to the fund! (cfbrevard.org/skate-to-school-scholarship) ■



(l to r) Landon Swan, Jackson Parrish, Killian Horne

DID YOU KNOW you can also set-up a fund with the Community Foundation for a cause that you're passionate about? Learn more: cfbrevard.org/giving-with-us

Licci Barham Joins Foundation Team



Licci Barham joins the Community Foundation for Brevard as a part-time office assistant supporting the president/CEO and assisting with processing and tracking grants & scholarships. The Sunshine State native is a retired service member, having served over 22 years in the United States Air Force alongside her husband, Rob. The Barham team took on multiple assignments all over the United States/world to include Virginia, Texas and even Panama! She is a

skilled mentor with unmatched leadership experience, notorious for her infectious energy and eagerness to lend a helping hand. After being away from Florida for 15 years, she and her husband received an assignment to Patrick Air Force Base; placing her closer to her hometown, but more importantly--her family.

Licci earned her BA in Business Administration and MBA in human resources management from Saint Leo University. This die-hard basketball mom of two puts family first, but also enjoys exercising, playing tennis and volunteering. Licci's diverse background, professionalism and expertise make her an excellent addition to the CFB team. ■



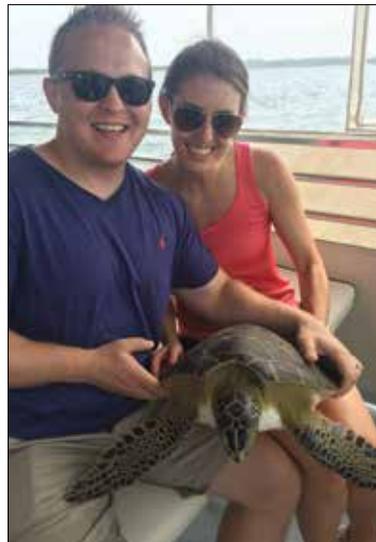
All Aboard for Green Sea Turtles, Leatherbacks, Loggerheads...oh my!



On May 17, several board members and philanthropic friends of the Community Foundation for Brevard shared in two amazing experiences along the Brevard County coast.

First, we watched two Green Sea Turtles swim free after being released back into the ocean from the Brevard County Barrier Island Center after months of being rehabilitated at the Brevard Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center. "It was rewarding to witness the ongoing success of a project that Community Foundation donors helped to fund two years ago," said Amanda Smith, Community Foundation for Brevard board member and attorney with Gray Robinson, PA. "The Sea Turtle Healing Center is so vital to our local conservation efforts and for the health of several sea turtle species."

Next, aboard a pontoon with David Godfrey, Executive Director of the Sea Turtle Conservancy as our guide, we embarked from Sebastian Inlet State Park into the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) to meet up with researchers from UCF's Marine Turtle Research Group who have been



conducting a long-term monitoring program of the juvenile sea turtle population in the Indian River Lagoon.

Once on the river, we were treated to a very rare experience in the IRL ... a Leatherback Sea Turtle, the largest of all living turtles which rarely comes into the lagoon. It was a great hands-on and educational day for all aboard with several Green Sea Turtles, stingrays, and a Loggerhead caught during UCF's sampling.

During this exclusive educational experience for Brevard's philanthropic community, participants learned from Dr. Llew Ehrhart, Professor Emeritus at UCF, about the history of the Carr Refuge and local sea turtle conservation activities. There is no doubt everyone on board fell in love with these amazing turtles while learning about their habitat, local conservation efforts and several organizations supported by our generous donors. ■



Community Blueprint-Brevard is now the Brevard Veterans Resource Network



The Community Blueprint-Brevard initiative has united with a Leadership Action Project team from LEAD Brevard's Leadership Brevard class of 2016 to become the unified Brevard Veterans Resource Network. Together, the groups provide a robust "one-stop shop" of information, services, and support reaching thousands of active duty military, veterans and their families.

Individuals can access Network resources through several channels:

- An exclusive web portal on the 211 Brevard website, 211Brevard.org, features a categorized and descriptive database of veteran- and military-serving community service organizations and contact information
- A Veterans Response Team Specialist at 211 Brevard offers full-service care coordination over the telephone to meet individuals' needs
- The Brevard Veterans Resource Network Facebook page highlights the latest news and upcoming events
- The Brevard Veterans Resource Network website, bvrn.nationbuilder.com, provides information and an additional access point for veterans and their families, as well as for groups, individuals, and volunteers supporting our military community

A broad coalition comprises the Network, which includes representation of government, corporate, nonprofit entities as well as private individuals and community leaders. Network members and guests meet quarterly throughout the year, to update and learn from each other, assess gaps

in service and collaborate to address needs. At its April meeting, Belinda Stewart reported that 211 Brevard had served 1,397 veterans and family members through the first quarter of the year, including 532 active duty and veteran callers.

A leadership group that provides strategic guidance and oversight of the Network is made up of representatives from 211 Brevard, Brevard Veterans Council, CareerSource Brevard, City of Palm Bay, Community Foundation for Brevard, Eastern Florida State College, Military Officers Association of America-Cape Canaveral, LEAD Brevard and the Veterans Administration.

The Boeing Company has provided critical funding for the program through 2016. Initial support was provided by the Fulton's Folly Fund in Memory of Robert M. Fulton, Harris Corporation Charitable Fund, and the Petre Family Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation. Additional support is needed and welcome. If you are interested in funding the Brevard Veterans Resource Network – or any aspect of its program – please contact Theresa Grimison at 321-752-5505 or theresag@cfbrevard.org



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