

Foundation Focus

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RESOLVE TO ORGANIZE YOUR GIVING



We are finally clear of all of the excitement and stress that comes with the winter holiday season and most of us are easing back into the regular flow of daily life. And, while most of us have our New Year's

Resolutions set, the New Year also marks a unique moment for planning one's giving efforts as yet another year of opportunity unfolds. We at the Community Foundation tend to think of this time as an excellent occasion to begin organizing, advancing (or even establishing) future charitable endeavors.

Did you know, according to Forbes, about 40 percent of all Americans make New Year resolutions every year, but a mere eight percent actually follow through? Well, we may not be able to organize your garage or lose those 10 pounds, but we can certainly help you organize and achieve your philanthropic goals for 2015.

When you manage your charitable contributions through a charitable giving fund, you save time and energy and maximize your charitable impact. Not only does our staff streamline the giving process for you by writing and mailing the checks directly to your favorite charities, you'll be thanking yourself come spring tax season when you won't have to search for any of those charitable tax receipts you're bound to misplace in that garage you still haven't cleaned. ■

2015 Officers and Directors Elected

The Board of Directors elected four new board members to start the year, replacing those with terms ending December 31. The Board also elected its officers for 2015. Board members now joining the prestigious group of alumni leaders are Wayne Cooper, Gina Rall, Erik Shuman, Kurt Weiss, and Holly Woolsey. We are grateful for the service of these leaders and trust that our relationship will continue as they become alumnae directors.

The Board is pleased to announce the following new directors:



Juliette Mondesir Adams

Juliette Mondesir Adams. Juliette received her BBA from Pace University in New York City and has over 20 years of experience as a Human Resource Professional, working for Fortune 100 companies, Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers. Currently, Juliette serves in a Human Resources position with local aerospace and defense company Rockwell Collins, which includes Community Relations responsibilities

for the Melbourne site. She has been involved with the Community Foundation for several years serving as a presenter during the annual Grant-makers Briefing, as a grant application reviewer, and she has assisted in personnel screening and selection. Juliette brings a history of community leadership having also served on the Board of Daily Bread, the Henegar Center, and as an active member of the Brevard County Chapter of Links Incorporated.

Robert J. Naberhaus III, Esq. Rob is a shareholder with Dean Mead, Viera/Melbourne office, with Board certification by the Florida Bar as expert in wills, trusts, and estate law. His legal practice is mostly in estate planning, transfer tax planning and estate and trust administration. Rob has been an active volunteer with the Community Foundation having served on its scholarship committees and serving as Junior Achievement's liaison for its endowment fund. With B.A., B.S., and law degrees



Robert J. Naberhaus III

from the University of Florida, Rob has been an active leader in his profession and in the community serving on the Boards of Directors of Brevard's Estate Planning Council, Junior Achievement, and the Visiting Nurse Association. *See more:* deanmead.com/deanmead-attorney-profiles/robert-j-naberhaus-iii/

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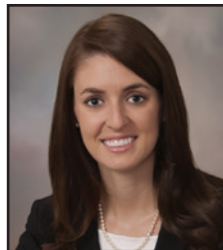
Kurt D. Panouses

Kurt D. Panouses, Esq. Kurt has been practicing law in the areas of estate planning, administration, and taxation for more than 30 years. He is the principal of the Panouses Law Group in Indialantic. Kurt holds a B.A. and M.B.A. from Stetson University and his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Kurt is Board certified by the Florida Bar as expert

in wills, trusts, and estate law. He also maintains a CPA license. Among his many affiliations, Kurt is a member of the Board of Brevard's Estate Planning Council and has served previously as a member of the Community Foundation Board of Directors. His contributions to the community are evident in his long history of community service as well as his assistance to clients in planning community legacy gifts.

See more: panouseslaw.com/aboutus.html

Amanda G. Smith, Esq. Amanda is an associate in the GrayRobinson Melbourne office with a legal practice focused on litigation including probate and trust issues. Amanda was born and raised in Merritt Island. She holds a B.A. from Emory University and law degree from FSU. A 2014 graduate of Leadership Brevard, she values the contributions of community



Amanda G. Smith

organizations and the importance of community service and leadership. Amanda also serves as legal counsel to the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of the Sheriff's Office Police Athletic League. See more: gray-robinson.com/attorneys/detail/1174/AmandaG-Smith

Board Officers elected for the 2015 year are:

Chair, serving a 2nd year, **Brian Fisher**, CPA, *Berman Hopkins Wright & LaHam, CPAs and Associates, LLP*

Vice Chair, **Linda May**, President, *L. Mayco, Inc.*

Secretary, **Bill Fillmore**, Director of North American Operations, *Percepta*

Treasurer, **Michael S. Cerow**, CPA, *Cerow & Company CPAs, PA*

Continuing on the Board of Directors in 2015:

Ron Bray, retired CPA; Juliana Kreul, CPA, *McGladrey LLP*; Matthew Kucera, Merrill Lynch; Lynn Laughna Strynchuk, *Moisand Fitzgerald Tamayo, LLC*; Todd Russell, CPA, *Davies, Houser & Secrest, CPA, PA*; Bob Sukolsky, *Northwestern Mutual*; and Mick Welch, *Seacoast National Bank*. ■

Board Member Starts Lifetime Fund



Midge and Ron Bray

In 2010, retired CPA Ron Bray of Cocoa Beach joined the Board of the Community Foundation. Ron has also been an active member of two private foundation Boards of Directors, namely the Margaret Heins Foundation and the Sue Bassett Foundation. While serving on the board of the Community Foundation, Ron not only helped guide its work, he witnessed both its high level of integrity and the benefits of working with the community foundation. He became one of the foundation's greatest supporters and advocates. In December, Ron and his wife Midge, established the **Ron and Midge Bray Charitable Fund**, an endowment to help fund the vetted grant applications of the Community Foundation that could not be funded due to insufficient resources available. The foundation considers it among the greatest endorsements of our work, when a financially savvy and community astute board member knows the intimate and full scope of what we do and has the confidence to invest his lifetime charitable resources with us to fulfill his philanthropic goals. Thank you Ron and Midge! ■

More Agencies Team with Foundation in Endowments

We are delighted to welcome four additional agencies as partners with the Community Foundation to start and grow an endowment benefitting the work of their agency. They are:

Brevard Humane Society – Founded in 1952, Brevard’s Humane Society celebrates its longevity as the oldest established animal welfare organization in Brevard County. They educate the community on responsible pet ownership and the humane treatment of animals, advocate for spaying/neutering to reduce the homeless pet population and provide quality care to Brevard’s abandoned animals by placing them with responsible, caring owners in new “forever” homes. In the last year, 1,836 animals were received and 1,299 animals were adopted. Learn More: brevardhumanesociety.com



Brevard Rescue Mission – Brevard Rescue Mission works to permanently break the cycle of homelessness in families by providing homeless women with children housing, access to health care, transportation, education, nutrition, job training and life skills in a safe, Christ-centered residential setting. Receiving no government funding, the 12-24 month program is designed to lovingly transform families from dependency to self-sufficiency through daily accountability, personal responsibility and goal advancement. In 2013, they helped 42 homeless women and children discover a life of self-sufficiency and real hope. Learn more: brevardrescuemission.org



Candlelighters of Brevard – Twenty-five years ago the Community Foundation helped in the birth of Candlelighters of Brevard by serving as its fiscal agent while it filed and awaited its nonprofit designation from the IRS. Today, we are pleased to partner again in ensuring its long-term sustainability through the start and growth of its endowment fund. Candlelighters’ mission is to provide programs, services, and financial assistance to children with cancer and their families. Multiple services are available. A large portion of funds raised is provided to families to pay for the costs of food, gas, tolls and transportation to and from out-of-county specialized cancer centers and hospitals during crucial treatments times. They also help family members remain close to their loved ones during hospital stays at no cost to the family. When families stay closer, kids heal faster. Learn more: candlelightersofbrevard.org



Bridges Foundation – Newly formed, Bridges Foundation works to build resources to support the mission of Bridges BTC, a community-based organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing informed choices for children and adults with disabilities. They offer a flexible range of cost sensitive, practical solutions to the challenges in life through employment, residential, advocacy, therapeutic, and educational programs. Bridges, formerly ‘The Arc of Brevard’, has provided services and support to children and adults with disabilities for more than fifty years in Brevard County and Central Florida. They serve more than 400 individuals each day. Over the years they have established many durable partnerships within the business, philanthropic, and non-profit communities, which has resulted in a range of new and exciting opportunities for clients. Learn more: mybridges.org



Our new partners join our existing group of agency-benefitting endowments, namely:

- Brevard Family Partnership
- Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition
- Brevard Zoo
- Cancer Care Centers of Brevard Foundation
- Central Brevard Sharing Center
- Daily Bread
- Florida Wildlife Hospital & Sanctuary
- Junior Achievement of the Space Coast
- LEAD Brevard, Inc.
- Love INC of Brevard
- Melbourne Central Catholic High School Scholarship Fund
- Rolling Readers Space Coast
- Space Coast Early Intervention Center
- The Haven for Children
- Zonta Club of Melbourne

Lifetime contributions or bequest gifts to the endowment funds that will help sustain any of these organizations should be made payable to the Community Foundation for Brevard with a memo line designation to the selected organization’s fund.

Online Contributions: cfbrevard.org/giving-with-us/make-a-donation

2015 Competitive Grant Cycle – January 12 through February 19

There's something powerful about community charity. When channeled, the gifts of hundreds of residents can actively meet the most pressing needs of the community. By offering a competitive grant-making process, we are able to garner valuable knowledge about our community and its ever-changing needs. Our competitive grant program will reinvest more than \$250,000 into non-profits working hard to improve and enhance our community.

**2015 COMPETITIVE
GRANT CYCLE:
January 12 – February 19
Visit cfbrevard.org to apply!**

From **January 12 – February 19** the Foundation will be accepting grant requests from nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organizations serving Brevard County, submitted through our online application process (cfbrevard.org/grantees/grant-application). Proposals must address one or more of the following categories:

- Animal Welfare
- Arts & Culture
- Conservation & the Environment
- Education Support
- Housing, Food, & other basic needs
- Health & Wellness (including recreational initiatives)
- Adult and Family Services
- Organizational Capacity, Civic Engagement, Community Development
- Other

Completed applications will be reviewed and scored by a Grant Review Team comprised of community volunteer leaders. Scores and reviewer comments are then submitted to the CFB Grant Committee for final review and award recommendations to the Board of Directors in late April.

"Last year we had a notable pool of nonprofit organizations with excellent proposals and we are looking forward to seeing the diversity of potential impact this year's projects may bring to the community," said Lisa Davidson, the Foundation's Grants & Program Manager. ■

\$14,987 Awarded in Scholarship Funding to Five Brevard College Students

The Community Foundation administers a scholarship program that each year helps local college students pursue their dreams and goals at colleges and universities. This year, we are excited to announce five deserving students, four at Eastern Florida State College and one at the University of Central Florida, will be fulfilling their educational dreams, thanks, in part, to our generous donors. These five students are the recipients of \$14,978 in scholarships awarded from the following funds:

- Norma S. Annabal Scholarship Fund
- The Geraldine L. Cabic Charitable Fund Scholarship
- The Pablo Enriquez Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ella Josephine Goodman Horn Fund Scholarship

The Community Foundation does not make awards solely on the basis of need. Students were evaluated by a committee of community volunteers based on a written application, academic performance, references, community involvement/volunteerism, and interviews.

"We understand that many local students do not have the financial resources for a college education," said Bob Sukolsky, Foundation board member who served on this year's review team. "It's through the generosity of our donors that these dreams can become a reality, and we are proud to provide this service to the community. Offering much needed scholarships to deserving students is a wonderful expression of philanthropy." ■

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