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 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 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 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 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 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 Strychnuk, Moisand Fitzgerald Tamayo, LLC; Todd Russell, CPA, Davies, Houser & Secret, CPA, PA; Bob Sukolsky, Northwestern Mutual; and Mick Welch, Seacoast National Bank.
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

**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

**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

**Brevard Humane Society** – 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

**Brevard Rescue Mission** – LEAD Brevard, Inc.

**Bridges Foundation** – Love INC of Brevard

**Brevard Humane Society** – Melbourne Central Catholic High School Scholarship Fund

**Bridges Foundation** – Rolling Readers Space Coast

**Brevard Rescue Mission** – Space Coast Early Intervention Center

**Brevard Humane Society** – The Haven for Children

**Brevard Rescue Mission** – 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
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- Norma S. Annabal Scholarship Fund
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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.”

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.

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.

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