

# Foundation Focus

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## Foundation Board Elects Officers for 2016 and Welcomes Two New Directors

**Linda J. May** was elected to the role of Board Chair of the Foundation beginning January 2016. May has been a board member since 2010. She is president of L. Mayco Inc., a wedding consulting firm. She and her husband, Randy, are active members of the community and reside in Merritt Island. Other officers elected for 2016 include:



*Linda May*

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**Past Chair** - Brian Fisher, CPA, *Berman Hopkins Wright & LaHam, CPAs and Associates, LLP.*



*Elizabeth O. Shorr*

**Elizabeth O. Shorr** and **James F. Suplee** joined the foundation's board in January. Shorr was the founding President and CEO of The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges and led the development of sustainable philanthropy for the Maine Community College System until 2014. She previously served as president and CEO for the University of Southern Maine Foundation, vice president of university advancement for the University of Southern Maine and senior vice

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president for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine. Shorr has served on boards for nonprofit organizations throughout her career. She and her husband, Bill, have owned a business in Brevard for years and reside in Suntree.

A businessman, photographer and artist, James Suplee directed the Suplee Envelope Company for 25 years and was creative advisor for its subsidiary, Filx Inc. of Philadelphia. He was instrumental in transforming the business model of the Philadelphia Ballet, as a member of its leadership team and Board. A Brevard native, Suplee graduated from the Florida Air Academy in Melbourne, attended business school in Delaware, and graduated from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. He and his wife, Susan, live in Cocoa Beach.



*James Suplee*

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“I’m excited to follow in the footsteps of Brian Fisher and welcome Elizabeth Shorr and James Suplee. It is a great honor and privilege for all of us to be working with the philanthropists of our community,” May said. “Their inspired vision and enduring support are truly the substance of our collective future. We look forward to realizing their goals and engaging even more individuals in important work still yet to be done.”

Returning board members include: Ronald E. Bray, CPA (retired); Bill Fillmore; Matthew Kucera, CRPC, Merrill Lynch; Lynne Laughna Strynchuk, CFP; Moisand Fitzgerald Tamayo, LLC; Juliette Mondesir Adams, Rockwell Collins; Robert J. Naberhaus III, Esq., Dean Mead; Kurt D. Panouses, Esq., Panouses Law Group; Bob Sukolsky, CLU, Northwestern Mutual; and Mick Welch. Todd Russell, CPA, Davies, Houser, & Secrest, concluded his active term as board member and joins more than 100 alumna board members who have served over the foundation’s 35 year history. ■

# Five More Agencies Partner with the Community Foundation to Build Legacy Funds

## **Aging Matters in Brevard** **agingmattersbrevard.org**

**A**ging Matters in Brevard has worked to promote and maintain independence and maximize the quality of life for the citizens of Brevard County, particularly for the elderly and disabled for over fifty years. Aging Matters in Brevard cares for over 5,400 seniors each year by providing help with personal care, light housekeeping, short term homemaking, respite, minor home maintenance, a ride to medical appointments, caregiver support, safety checks, hot nutritious meals, or just a friendly smile. Brevard seniors can count on our caring staff and volunteers to make sure they have the help they need! Gifts to this endowment will continue to provide assistance to the growing number of seniors in Brevard County.



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## **Club Esteem, Inc.** **clubesteem.com**

**O**perating now 20 years, Club Esteem offers after-school and summer programs to over 175 children in 1st – 12th grade from economically disadvantaged communities. We create opportunities that help children break free from the cycle of poverty and develop into successful adults. We provide academic and personal enrichment programs that work! 92% of our students scored at or above grade level in math, 88% scored at above grade level in reading (the Florida Department of Education statistics show 46% of economically disadvantaged students were on or above grade level in math and reading). 100% of our seniors graduated high school, 89% matriculated to college, and 10% enlisted in the US military. Grants from the endowment fund will be used to support our programs.



## Keep Brevard Beautiful [keepbrevardbeautiful.org](http://keepbrevardbeautiful.org)



**K**eeep Brevard Beautiful, better known as KBB, has been in operation for the improvement of Brevard County for over 35 years and is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. The mission of KBB is to develop,

motivate, educate and activate community partners to reduce litter, recycle, beautify, and sustain the environment for the benefit of Brevard County. KBB not only works to keep our county clean and free of litter, they teach recycling education to all 4th and 5th grade students throughout the county, and offer programs for beautification efforts and sustainability. The endowment fund will help assure the longevity of KBB for future generations who live, work and play in Brevard County.



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## Preeclampsia Foundation [preeclampsia.org](http://preeclampsia.org)



**B**ased in Brevard, the Preeclampsia Foundation is the nation's only not-for-profit patient advocacy organization

serving the 5-8% of pregnant women who are affected by preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. Preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure in pregnancy. It can happen to any woman during the second half of her pregnancy, or up to six weeks after



delivery. Our mission is to save the lives of mothers and their babies impacted by these disorders. To spread awareness locally, our Space Coast Promise Walk for Preeclampsia® is held in May – National Preeclampsia Awareness Month. Grants from the endowment fund will be used to provide patient education and support, raise public awareness, catalyze research, and improve healthcare practices.

**Serene Harbor, Inc.**  
**sereneharbor.org**



**S**erene Harbor is a confidential place where domestic violence victims, their children and pets come to escape dangerous relationships. A place where they are safe to heal and grow while rebuilding their lives. Since 1992, the Center has provided safe, confidential services to over 25,000 individuals. Approximately 10 incidents of family violence occur every single day in our community. Every 43 minutes someone fears for their life as they suffer abuse by the hands of someone they once trusted and loved.



Grants from the endowment will ensure the future of the Center’s mission, to reduce domestic violence in Brevard. Serene Harbor wants for survivors what they want for themselves, a life that is safe and a future that is hopeful.

**OTHER AGENCY ENDOWMENT PARTNERS WITH  
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INCLUDE:**

- Brevard Achievement Center
- Brevard Family Partnership
- Brevard Humane Society
- Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition
- Brevard Rescue Mission
- Brevard Zoo
- Bridges Foundation
- Cancer Care Centers of Brevard Foundation
- Candlelighters of Brevard
- Central Brevard Sharing Center
- Daily Bread
- Florida Wildlife Hospital and Sanctuary

- Gilchrist Educational Foundation
- Junior Achievement of the Space Coast
- LEAD Brevard
- Love INC of Brevard
- Melbourne Central Catholic High School Scholarships
- Rolling Readers Space Coast
- Sea Turtle Conservancy
- Space Coast Early Intervention Center
- The Haven for Children
- Zonta Club of Melbourne

# Five Brevard Public School Art Educators Selected for Nancy Baur Dillen Art Teacher Scholarships

Five Brevard Public School art teachers were selected as recipients of the **Nancy Baur Dillen Art Teacher Scholarship**, through the **Nancy and Rick Dillen Fund** of the Community Foundation for Brevard, namely:

- Kelli Coats, Heritage High School in West Melbourne
- James Finch, West Shore Junior/Senior High School in Melbourne
- Ashley Heribacka, Manatee Elementary School in Viera
- Kristina Latraverse, Columbia Elementary School in Palm Bay
- Amanda Shaw, Cambridge Elementary Magnet School of Art and Science in Cocoa



*Kelli Coats*



*James Finch*

The scholarship provides funding to cover tuition, related fees, and room and board for a one-week workshop at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee during the summer of 2016.

Artist and retired Eastern Florida State College professor of art, Nancy Baur Dillen and her husband Rick created the scholarship so that art teachers would have an additional opportunity to share, develop and grow as artists and as educators in order to influence and inspire the skills, creativity and techniques of new generations of artists. A committee of artists, educators and other community members reviewed the applications and recommended finalists for awards.

“Looking back on my early years of teaching, I often wished I had more opportunities to connect with and learn from other artists and educators. Luckily, I was eventually introduced to Arrowmont and spent many summers immersed



*Ashley Heribacka*



*Kristina Latraverse*

in learning, art-making and so many other valuable lessons that informed my work and my students. We want to share that opportunity with as many people as we can," said Nancy Baur Dillen.

"The Nancy Baur Dillen Art Teacher Scholarship is a huge boon for our arts program. We will be inviting the award recipients to share their experiences during in-service days, allowing us to leverage their learning on behalf of all of our community's arts educators,"

said Bridget Geiger, K12 visual arts and theatre resource teacher for Brevard Public Schools.

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is a national art education center. The school offers weekend, one- and two-week workshops for the beginner to advanced artists taught by national and international practicing studio artists and university faculty. Students work and learn in professionally equipped studios on a 14-acre residential campus in Gatlinburg, TN. ■



*Amanda Shaw*



*Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts*

## Funding Provides Safer, Cleaner Play Area for Animals at the Brevard Humane Society

Grants and Program Manager Lisa Davidson follows up on grants awarded with visits to see grants in action. Recently, she visited the Merritt Island Adoption Center where Theresa Clifton, Executive Director, shared a tour of the center and a behind-the-scenes look at the opportunities for growth. Then Lisa visited the Cocoa facility to see three new artificial dog runs made possible through grants by the **Leah M. Combs Endowment Fund**, the **Cover Family Fund**, and **Fulton's Folly Fund** (in memory of Robert M. Fulton). These grants created a cleaner and healthier playing area for the fur babies! Learn more about how you could contribute to the Brevard Humane Society's Endowment Fund. Visit: [www.cfbrevard.org/giving-with-us/make-a-donation/brevard-humane-society-fund](http://www.cfbrevard.org/giving-with-us/make-a-donation/brevard-humane-society-fund). ■







**DanceArts** – Cards of thanks from the students at the Boys and Girls Club and BNDC’s D.O.C.K. for the Dance Arts Center program made possible through a grant from the **James H. and Betty O. Gooch Fund**.

## Grant-maker Briefings

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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 nearly 150 nonprofit organizations and representatives, sharing an update of their priorities and processes for grant-making.



We thank this year’s presenters, Ingrid Piedrahita, Global Corporate Citizenship, The Boeing Company; Johnette Gindling, Executive Director, Space Coast Health Foundation and Dawn Hannon, Chief Financial Officer, Space Coast Health Foundation.

Last year’s Competitive Grant program reinvested over \$170,000 into non-profits working hard to improve and enhance our community. We are looking forward to seeing the diversity of potential impact this year’s grant proposals may bring to the community. ■

# College Scholarships: \$13,425 Awarded in Scholarship Funding to Six Brevard College Students



Helping someone achieve their potential is an experience you will treasure for your lifetime. Providing much needed scholarships to deserving students is a wonderful expression of philanthropy, and it's because of amazing donors, 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 six deserving students, four at Eastern Florida State College and two at the University of Central Florida, will be fulfilling their educational dreams thanks, in part, to the generous donors of the Community Foundation. These six students are the recipients of \$13,425 in scholarships awarded from the following funds:

- **Norma S. Annabal Scholarship Fund**
- **The Geraldine L. Cabic Charitable Fund Scholarship**
- **The Culpepper Nursing Scholarship**
- **The Pablo Enriquez Memorial Scholarship Fund**
- **Ella Josephine Goodman Horn Fund Scholarship**
- **Tony & Missy Shannon Memorial Scholarship**

The Community Foundation makes awards based on the criteria established by the scholarship fund donors. Students were evaluated by a committee of community volunteers and based on criteria that included the written application, academic performance, references, community involvement/volunteerism, and interviews.

Congratulations to the following awardees for their well-deserved recognition:

- Amanda Akimenko / UCF / Major: Psychology
- Amber Hasegawa / EFSC / Major: ADN (Nursing)
- Rachel Kelleher / UCF / Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Brittany Rhodes / EFSC / Major: ADN (Nursing)
- Gladys Veintimilla / EFSC / Major: ADN (Nursing)
- Felicia Rolfe / EFSC / Major: AS-Veterinary Technology

# The IRA Rollover is now Permanent

If you are 70 1/2 or older, the IRA rollover is a great way for you to make an IRA rollover gift to support the causes you care about. IRA rollover gifts can make a huge difference. Here are a few details about the IRA rollover:

- The IRA rollover allows donors 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to charity each year.
- An IRA rollover gift is a tax-exempt distribution. Qualifying individuals can make charitable gifts using pre-tax IRA assets rather than taking a distribution, paying income taxes and using after-tax assets to make a charitable gift.
- An IRA rollover gift can be used to meet all or part of an IRA required minimum distribution.
- A permanent IRA rollover will give qualifying individuals certainty, allowing them to better manage their income, taxes and charitable giving.

If you are considering making an IRA rollover gift, please give us a call. We would be happy to talk to you more about this wonderful gift opportunity. ■

## ~ *IRA Rollover Gift* ~



### *Charitable IRA Giving*

Congress has changed the rules for charitable gifts made from IRAs. If you are over age 70 ½, the Federal government now permits you to rollover up to \$100,000 from your IRA to charity without tax.

To learn more about IRA Rollover Gifts, visit our web site or consult your tax advisor.

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