



# *The Golden Years*

A Brief History of the  
Community Foundation for  
Palm Beach and Martin Counties

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
for Palm Beach and Martin Counties



# 50 Years of Leadership

For five decades, the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has been a steadfast leader in building vibrant communities through visionary philanthropy. Since our beginnings, we have been focused on meeting the community's most pressing needs as they change and grow with the times.

We have been the stalwart that our community's nonprofit ecosystem relies on to fortify its changemaking work, giving out nearly \$200 million in grants and scholarships in 50 years. This booklet not only celebrates our past and present, but it also gives a glimpse into our future; thank you for being a part of it.

With gratitude,

Julie Fisher Cummings  
Chair, Board of Directors

Danita D. Nias  
President and CEO



## 50 YEARS OF IMPACT *by the* NUMBERS

**\$366  
MILLION  
RAISED**

**9000 DONORS**  
(including 725 fundholders)



**23,000  
GIFTS**



**\$200  
MILLION** **DISTRIBUTED IN  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND GRANTS**

**15,000**  
grants  
awarded



**2,500+**  
scholarships  
awarded



**3,400**  
organizations  
supported



**\$250  
MILLION** *in* **TOTAL  
ASSETS**



# Our Origins

IN THE EARLY 1970s, OUR AREA NEEDED A CHARITY THAT COULD FACILITATE AND INSPIRE PHILANTHROPY TO SOLVE THE GREATEST CHALLENGES FACING THE COMMUNITY AT ANY GIVEN TIME. IN THE 50 YEARS SINCE, SEVERAL PHILANTHROPISTS AND LEADERS HAVE SHAPED THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S STORY — PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.



## WINSOME AND MICHAEL MCINTOSH

Winsome and her late husband, Michael, moved to Palm Beach from New York City in 1972 and started the Palm Beach County Community Foundation the same year with a \$50,000 seed gift. Their goal was to build a charitable endowment that would meet the changing needs of the community in perpetuity.

*“The Foundation’s growth in assets and grantmaking has exceeded far beyond anything we ever hoped for,” said Winsome. “Fifty years later, I am astounded by the Foundation’s enormous impact and all it has accomplished to improve the quality of life for residents in this region. I am confident the Foundation will continue to honor our original vision to be a leader for good – forever.”*

# Our Origins



## SHANNON SADLER HULL

Shannon became the first full-time executive director in 1982, leading the Community Foundation for 28 years as President and CEO. In 2009, when Shannon retired, she became Chairman Emeritus and continues to be a strong advocate for the Foundation.

*“It was a great privilege to lead the Community Foundation at its beginning, working closely with our Foundation’s founders, including Mrs. McIntosh, board members, and generous donors,” said Sadler Hull. “During my tenure, we increased our assets and impact significantly and began what has become an endless source of opportunity for the people of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.”*



## ANNA MARIE GRABER MARTENS

In 1991, Graber Martens bequeathed \$15 million in unrestricted funds, doubling its assets at the time and expanding the Community Foundation into Martin County. Her gift inspired the Foundation to change its name to reflect its expanded operating area.

Born in New Jersey in 1918, she spent most of her life in Wisconsin, and later moved to Boca Raton where she died in 1990. She was the former president and owner of Autohaus Mercedes-Benz in Pompano Beach and co-founder and former president of the Graber Company of Middleton, Wisconsin.



# Our Origins



## JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

The MacArthur Foundation's visionary philanthropy has not only been critical to the Community Foundation's success story – it has uplifted the entire Palm Beach region that John and Catherine once called home and where they concentrated part of their business interests.

Since its first gift in 1985, the MacArthur Foundation has given nearly \$30 million to the Community Foundation, transforming our ability to support the people and programs within our footprint. Since then, we have granted out \$18.5 million to local changemaking organizations who focus on everything from youth development to housing, mental health to access to the arts.



## MARY AND ROBERT PEW

The Pews' Public Education Fund was established with a \$25 million gift to the Community Foundation in 1998; their gift is the Foundation's inaugural supporting organization. The Pews' primary philanthropic objective was to positively impact children's lives by providing access to high-quality instruction and educational enhancements.

To date, most of the Fund's work has involved elementary schools that serve student populations in which 85 percent or more qualify for free or reduced-rate lunches – ranging from Warfield Elementary in Martin County to Glades-area schools and those bordering the railroad tracks, north and south, in Palm Beach County.



# Our Volunteer Leaders

OVER THE DECADES, MORE THAN 100 VOLUNTEER LEADERS HAVE SERVED ON THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS ESTEEMED GROUP HAS GOVERNED THE FOUNDATION, ESTABLISHED POLICIES, SET PRIORITIES, AND MADE FINAL GRANT DECISIONS THAT HAVE IMPACTED COUNTLESS PALM BEACH AND MARTIN COUNTY RESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.



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# Our Volunteer Leaders

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# Our Scholars

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS  
HELP TURN OUR AREA'S  
BRIGHTEST MINDS  
INTO OUR STRONGEST  
LEADERS.



*First scholarship recipients in 1985*



SINCE 1985

**\$16M+** distributed

**2,500+**  
scholarships awarded

**125+** dedicated  
scholarship funds

## **Tonny Salomon**

2021 Scholar; The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Scholarship  
Florida State University



*"The scholarship through the Community Foundation has provided me with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: the freedom to prioritize my studies and not have to worry about any financial burdens. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that the Community Foundation has given me."*



## **Alexandra Melnick**

2010 Scholar; Lisa Bjork Memorial Scholarship; Harry and Bertha Bronstein Memorial Scholarship; Claire B. Schultz Memorial Scholarship  
Millsaps College, University of Mississippi

*"My scholarship through the Community Foundation helped give me the life I have today. I am profoundly grateful for the support I have received, and pay it forward every day through my career as a communications director for a nonprofit. I believe every student deserves a chance to succeed, and I'm so thankful I received my chance through the scholarships."*



# Our Scholars



## John Cedeno

2021 Scholar; Edward T. Bedford Foundation Scholarship  
Florida Atlantic University

*"Receiving the Community Foundation scholarship has made such a difference in my life. I benefit from working fewer hours, which allows me more time for studies and building my campus community. I feel blessed beyond measure that I was selected. Thank you goes beyond words."*

## Evan Cabrera

2020 Scholar; Robert P. Koch Memorial Scholarship; George and Arlene F. Lepeska Scholarship; Claire B. Schultz Memorial Scholarship  
Florida Atlantic University



*"My Community Foundation scholarship means that someone recognized my hard work and dedication for all my efforts to better my future. This gives me the self-assurance that I will succeed in higher education and in my future endeavors."*

## Kristy Shore

2011 Scholar; Ellen Beth Eddleman Memorial Scholarship;  
Lawrence A. Sanders Scholarship for Creative Writing  
Florida International University

*"The Community Foundation scholarship gave me peace of mind when attending college. Without worrying about tuition payments, I could fully engage with on-campus opportunities and grow by getting involved. Through these experiences, I learned valuable leadership traits and developed skills that helped me be successful in my career."*



## Catherine Chen

2015 Scholar; Edward T. Bedford Foundation Scholarship  
University of Southern California

*"The Edward T. Bedford Foundation scholarship from the Community Foundation gave me the resources to help me focus on my filmmaking career, during such a crucial part of my education."*



## Our Milestones

FROM THE BEGINNING, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR PALM BEACH AND MARTIN COUNTIES HAS SERVED AS A GRANTMAKER AND A CIVIC LEADER, AWARDING GRANTS TO THE REGION'S NONPROFITS TO HELP MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS, FULFILL DONORS' PHILANTHROPIC WISHES, AND STRENGTHEN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR.

### OUR FIRST GRANT: \$2,500 to 211 HELPLINE

The Community Foundation's first-ever grant provided \$2,500 in funding to the Center for Information and Crisis Services (later renamed 211 Helpline) to seed its inaugural programs; the center was founded in 1971. Additional grants over several years supported "Crisis Line" services and training, a Teen Awareness project, a Community Education Specialist, and to start its minority outreach program.



### OUR FIRST DECADE

The Community Foundation spent ***the 1970s*** establishing its roots, building its infrastructure and making modest grants to local nonprofits. This period also marked the beginning of building its reputation as a strong partner for our area's philanthropists.

# 70s



# Golden Spotlight

Some of the Community Foundation's early grants were awarded to the **Children's Home Society of Florida**, which enabled it to hire a family resource specialist, a case manager for program expansion to Indiantown, and to start a tutoring program in Belle Glade. Additional grants over many years supported a new Family Resource Center in Northwood, the Unwed Mothers Project, Child Witness to Violence Program, School Survival Skills, and mentoring programs, among others.



## 1972

Winsome and Michael McIntosh donate \$50,000 to establish the Palm Beach Community Foundation.



## 1976

The Foundation has supported Big Brothers/Big Sisters over several years with grants to establish an office in Boca Raton and to hire a part-time case manager for at-risk children.

A grant was given to the Arthritis Foundation to establish an arthritis clinic at Good Samaritan Hospital.

## 1979

The Foundation receives its first bequest when West Palm Beach resident, Ilse Klassen, leaves \$244,000 from her estate. The Ilse Klassen Fund has since granted almost \$1 million in grants to local nonprofits, a wonderful testament to the power of endowment.



## Golden Spotlight

The **Girl Scouts** received grants throughout the Foundation's early years to support camp tuition for low-income girls, to create a Girls Scout troop for girls with special needs at Lincoln Elementary School, and to establish a program for Haitian girls in Belle Glade.



*Girl Scout Troop at Lincoln Elementary (1982)*

## OUR SECOND DECADE

**Moving into the 1980s**, the Community Foundation was in full growth mode. It began hiring full-time staff, began its endowed scholarship program, and expanded in a big way by adding Martin County to its footprint.



## 1982

Shannon Sadler Hull is hired as first full-time Executive Director.



## 1983



*l to r: Bebe Warren,  
Dr. Donald Warren  
& Helen Cluett*



First annual dinner dance is held.



The first memorial scholarship fund is established by Jupiter residents LaRue and Donald Dahlberg in memory of their son, Don Dahlberg.



The Foundation's Scholarship Program is established.

## 1984

Board members create endowed scholarships.

## 1985

John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation issues a \$250,000 challenge grant.



## OUR SECOND DECADE

### 1986

The MacArthur Foundation issues a second, three-year challenge grant of \$1.5 million.

### 1989

Glades Community Based Development Project is established after a seven-month survey of the social, economic, and health environments in the Glades.

### 1990



A Community Foundation satellite office opens in Belle Glade.



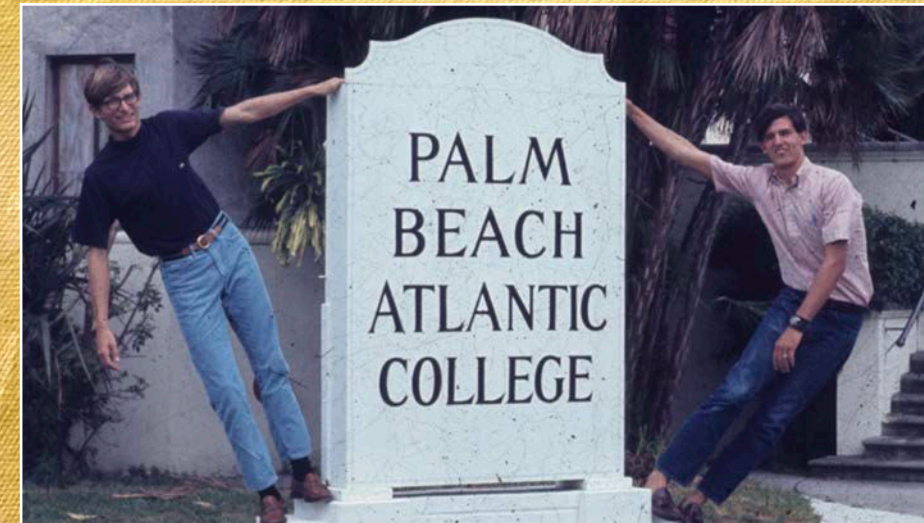
The Estate Planning Core Group (later renamed the Philanthropic Advisory Council) is established.

### 1991

Anna Marie Graber Martens of Boca Raton bequeaths \$15 million in unrestricted funds. As a result, the Community Foundation changes its name and operating area to include Martin County.

## Golden Spotlight

Over several years, the Community Foundation has fostered a partnership with its neighbor, **Palm Beach Atlantic College** (now University). The Foundation has awarded many grants for PBAU's diverse programs, starting with scholarships and to support the LeMieux Center for Public Policy, Social Enterprise Conference, Coastal Biodiversity Conservation project, Homeless Census in Palm Beach and Martin Counties, and the Jewish-Christian Dialogue Series.



## OUR THIRD DECADE

As the Community Foundation continued to **grow into the 1990s**, its work was buoyed by Mary and Robert Pew's transformational contribution of \$25 million, which significantly helped expand the breadth and depth of its impact.



## OUR THIRD DECADE

### 1993

The Dwight Allison Fellows Program is initiated to honor ordinary citizens who make extraordinary contributions of time and energy to their communities. The first one-time fellowships of \$5,000 unrestricted grants are awarded to five individuals.



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### 1994

Glades Community Based Development Project forms an independent nonprofit entity, Glades Community Development Corporation (GCDC) to assist the Glades community.

### 1995



Mary and Robert Pew contribute \$29.8 million to establish the Mary and Robert Pew Education Fund as a supporting organization of the Community Foundation. Its mission is to improve public education for children from low-income families in Palm Beach and Martin Counties.



The Endowment Society is established to acknowledge gifts of \$100,000.



The Ford Foundation awards \$100,000 for a 2-year nationwide initiative, *Community Foundations: Planning for Changing Communities, Diverse Needs*. The purpose is to help prepare community foundations for dramatic demographic changes that will occur by 2010.

### 1998



First grants awarded from the Mary and Robert Pew Education Fund Pew Fund.



The Legacy Society is started to recognize individuals and families who have arranged planned gifts to the Community Foundation.



Anson M. Beard Jr. and Lore Moran Dodge at a Legacy Society Luncheon.

### 2000



The Foundation breaks ground on its new 30,000 sq. ft. building in Downtown West Palm Beach, which offers office leases for nonprofit tenants.



The Foundation's permanent home was built under the leadership of Arthur I. Meyer.





## Golden Spotlight

The Community Foundation has supported **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** over several years mainly to increase their ability to serve more individuals in need. Grants funded the hiring of a part-time case manager for at-risk children, to expand staff hours in Martin County, and to establish an office in Boca Raton.



Last year Jim Martz, the “Big” and Dr. Andrew Hope, the “Little,” celebrated 50 years of friendship.

## OUR FOURTH DECADE

Now a seasoned philanthropic leader entering **the 2000s**, the Community Foundation renewed its focus on big challenges at the turn of the century, including chronic issues facing our area's children, environment, and civic engagement, as well as basic access to food.

# 2003



The Environmental Committee of the Community Foundation produces the documentary *The Indian River Lagoon: Gateway to Saving the Everglades* to inform the public and elected policy makers about the need for restoration and to encourage citizen involvement.



With early support from the Foundation, Pine Jog Environmental Center develops an environmental education program for students at their center and curriculum for 15 elementary schools throughout Palm Beach County.



By U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Federal Highway Administration. USDOT, Public Domain



# 2004

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fund is established with a \$20 million gift to address the arts, education, environment and community development.



## 2005



Hurricane Wilma causes a nearby construction crane's giant boom to crash through the roof of the Foundation's offices. The impact shattered the huge mahogany front doors, rear-entry arches, and the ceiling of the second-floor boardroom. Offices were re-located nearby so work was not interrupted during major repairs.

## 2006

Princeton Survey Research Associates is hired to assess residents' views of life in our community. This landmark public opinion survey, "Problems in Paradise: The People of Palm Beach and Martin Counties Speak Up" receives widespread interest and media coverage.

## 2008



John S. and James L. Knight fund the "digital public square" initiative; an interactive, internet based civic engagement experience to make Palm Beach County a truly connected place.

## 2009



Leslie Lilly becomes President and CEO.



The Celebration of Philanthropy dinner dance honors Shannon Sadler Hull who retired after 28 years as President and CEO.

## 2010

The Alleviate Hunger and Affordable Housing initiative begins, a collaborative effort focused on improving access to and distribution of food and permanent housing services to those most in need.



## Golden Spotlight



Thanks to the Foundation's leadership of the **Alleviate Hunger and Affordable Housing** initiative, the Palm Beach County Food Bank was established in 2012. The Food Bank was a collaboration with six other funders to collect and distribute food to more than 85 agencies. In its first full year of operation, the Food Bank distributed more than 4 million pounds of food – valued at \$6.2 million— to help feed more than 80,000 hungry residents.

## OUR FIFTH DECADE

*From the 2010s*, the Community Foundation has grown into its leadership role in our area's nonprofit ecosystem. This decade marked significant growth in grantmaking and emergency response capabilities, a commitment to equity and inclusion initiatives, and a suite of concierge donor services. This decade also marks record-breaking numbers in both philanthropic donations as well as grant and scholarship dollars awarded.



## 2012

Palm Beach County Food Bank opens.



## 2013



New Foundation headquarters open to the public, named the Center for Philanthropy.

Brad Hurlburt joins the Foundation as President and CEO.



The Foundation partners with the Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund and the Quantum Foundation to launch an initiative to transform education in Palm Beach County by providing over \$1 million in grants. The Foundation's support represents the largest grant in its history – \$661,203 over a two-year period to build a world-class educational program focused on STEM curriculum with the Palm Beach County School District and the University of Florida.



## 2013



The first fundraising gala is held at the Flagler Museum.



The Annual Founders Award is established, and the first Founders Luncheon takes place. Honorees Marjorie S. Fisher and her daughter, Julie Fisher Cummings, receive the award for their extraordinary philanthropy.

## 2014



The Foundation partners with United Way of Palm Beach County, United Way of Martin County and the Community Foundation of Martin County for three years to host the Great Give, a 24-hour online giving day designed to raise millions of dollars in support for local nonprofits in a single day.



The Foundation adds DonorCentral, an online platform for donors and advisors to access their funds and designate grants from their donor-advised funds.

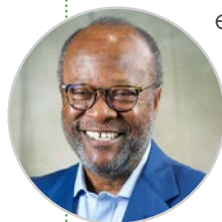
## 2018



The Foundation partners with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to plan On the Table, a new initiative that provides a forum for residents to discuss local issues to determine priority needs.



The African American Initiative, initiated by board member Earnie Ellison, Jr. is



established to serve as a model for rethinking philanthropy in the Black community.

## 2020



Racial Equity Hub is established to advance racial equity. The Hub provides tools to help ensure that public and private efforts have the resources to effectively produce positive outcomes. The Hub offers visitors access to essential resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Covid-19 Response Fund is established.

## 2021



Danita D. Nias is hired as President and CEO.



The Foundation pulled together the research expertise of the Rebound & Recovery Program at Florida State University's School of Social Work with the infrastructure of all 17 Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County locations to bring mental health services to children and teens in our county.



Total Assets Under Management hits an all-time record of \$249 million.

## 2022



The Foundation celebrates its 50th anniversary and looks forward to its next 50 years.



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