



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



Volusia-Flagler Counties

ANNUAL REPORT

VOLUME 2023-2024

BLOCK PARTY

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ONE BLOCK AT A TIME



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A MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR NICOLE MILLER

It's hard to believe that this year has come to an end. I've enjoyed serving as the Board Chair for the Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties this year. As a long-time volunteer to the CF/UWVFC, I am amazed at the volume of activity and the true impact this organization has on our local community. We couldn't do any of it without the commitment of our 100+ organization volunteers and especially our 14 staff members. This year, we've worked to put our updated strategic plan into action.

With a focus on Philanthropy, Impact, Communications, and Operational Excellence, the staff and volunteers have focused on aligning our work around these four areas. I want to share a few updates from this year in two of these areas:

Philanthropy

We established eight new funds this year including endowments for the Barberville Pioneer Arts Settlement and Flagler Habitat for Humanity. CF/UWVFC raised over \$1.7 million to support 21 programs across Volusia and Flagler counties. Additionally, we celebrated our first Million Dollar Roundtable member, Preston Root, with an intimate reception in June. We launched multiple partnerships with families, civic organizations, and nonprofit partners to support their philanthropic efforts. It is amazing to see the ways that we can leverage the collective power of our community for charitable causes.

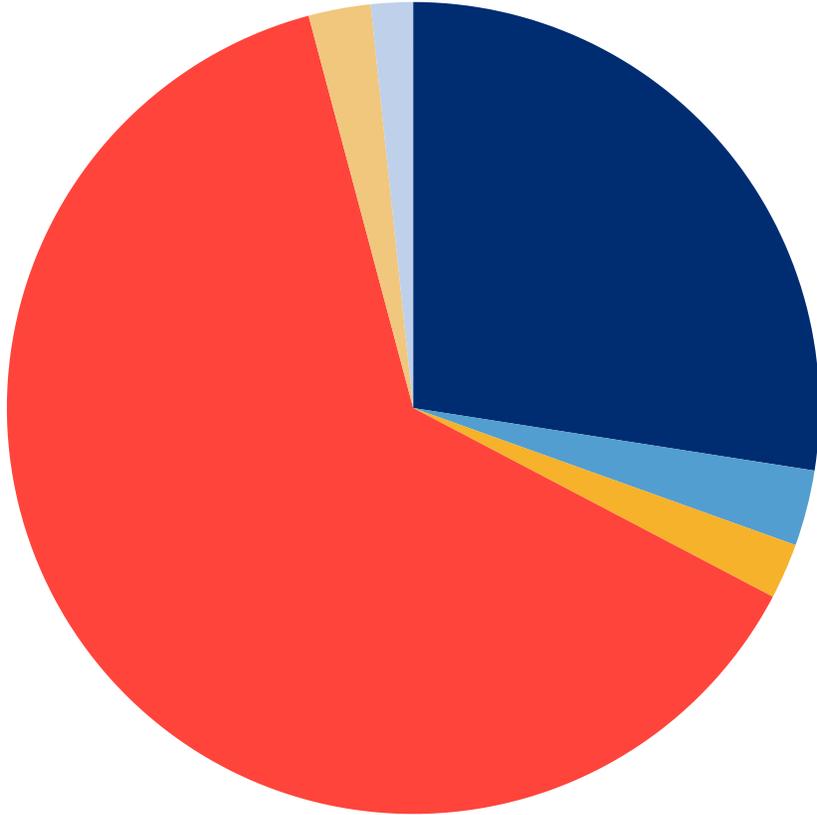
Impact

CF/UWVFC was responsible for distributing \$2.6 million in funding this year to over 100 nonprofit organizations. Our team led community discussions with multiple Chamber of Commerce, youth, and civic organizations throughout the year. We even hosted our inaugural Funder's Roundtable, which convened other grantmaking organizations to discuss collaboration opportunities. CF/UWVFC is also a strong connector – engaging over 20 local businesses with volunteer projects throughout the year. Our VITA volunteers completed over 1,900 returns this past year, ensuring our community members received their maximum refund.

To all of our Board members, I want to say thank you for your efforts to ensure our organization is the strongest it can be. It's been a pleasure leading CF/UWVFC alongside our talented staff and I'm excited to see how the changes we've made will continue to empower our community for years to come.

FINANCIALS

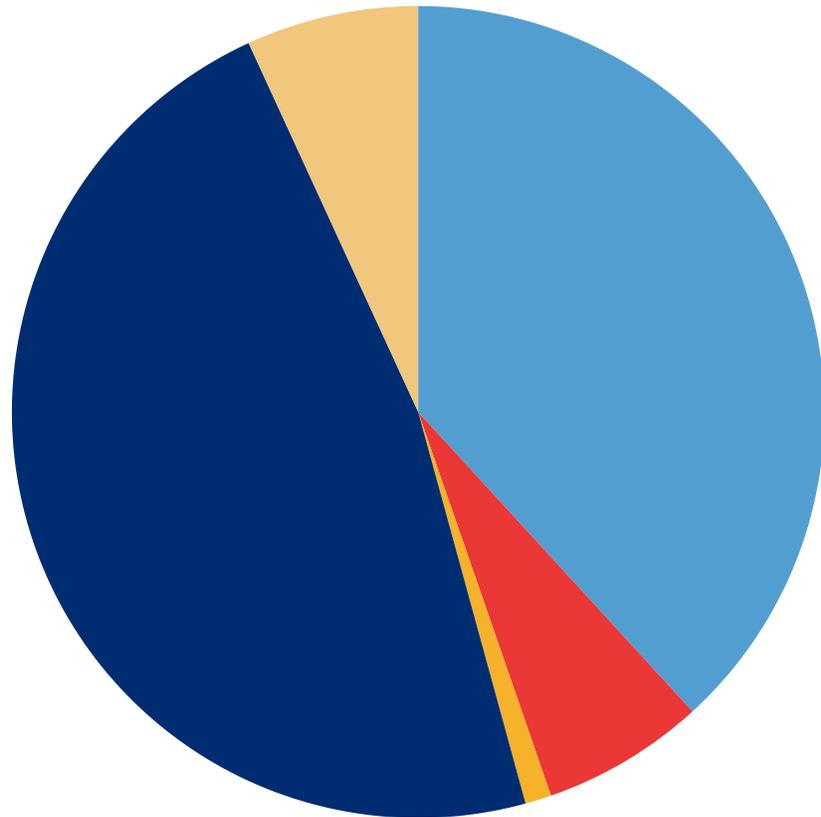
OVERVIEW



- Annual Campaign \$1,615,846
- Community Foundation \$3,715,733
- Women United \$177,490
- Programs and Other \$145,537
- Grants \$130,359
- Donor Designations \$98,313

TOTAL REVENUE **\$5,883,282**

The Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties made 437 grants to 105 non profits agencies totaling \$2.6 Million.



- Community Foundation \$1,322,764
- Impact Funded Partners \$965,600
- Donor Designations \$173,078
- Women United \$164,051
- Program and Other \$26,357

TOTAL GRANTED **\$2,651,850**

CREATING FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORT





WE ARE IN THE TOP 4% OF ALL FOUNDATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

IN THE PAST 10 YEARS

This was the most successful year in the history of the Community Foundation. We increased funds under management and awarded more grants than ever before. Our efforts have allowed us to reach a greater number of individuals and organizations in need, fostering significant positive change in our community. We are proud to have made a substantial impact and look forward to continuing our goal of enhancing the quality of life for those we serve.



**DISTRIBUTED
\$1,394,310
TO 59 NON PROFITS**

**\$18,053,212 FUNDS
UNDER MANAGEMENT**

**CELEBRATING 25%
GROWTH IN FUNDS
UNDER MANAGEMENT**

Established PassionFunds

Our Foundation offers a range of different products to help you realize your philanthropic passions. We offer everything from Donor Advised Funds, to simplify your charitable giving, through to more complex Field of Interest Funds to that allow our experts to find and deliver funds to organizations in the areas that matter most to you. You can also create an endowment to support one specific nonprofit, through the establishment of a Donor Designated Fund or an entire region with the creation of a community fund. Our team has the tools to help maximize your giving, and the expertise to ensure it supports your greatest passions.



Barberville Legacy Society

Donor Designated Fund 11.12. 2023

To support and preserve the legacy of the Barberville Pioneer Settlement by promoting historical education, fostering community engagement, and ensuring the sustainable maintenance and growth of the settlement. By preserving the historical structures and artifacts, they strive to provide a tangible connection to the past while inspiring future generations to appreciate and continue the traditions and stories of our pioneers.



Reagan Family Fund

Donor Advised Fund 11.17. 2023

The Reagan Family Fund is focused on making a difference in the community that may take 5 minutes, 5 months or 5 years. Cydney and her family will be doing philanthropic giving from her fund focusing in on non-profits supporting Volusia County children to help them in situations where they can't help themselves.



Dr. Roosevelt D. Harris Fund

Donor Advised Fund 12.11.2023

This impactful fund is dedicated to supporting children and creating scholarship opportunities in the community.



The Jewish Federation Doliner Food Pantry Fund

Agency Fund 12.13. 2023

The Jerry Doliner Food Bank feeds disadvantaged families in our community everyday and provides student and teachers backpacks and supplies for the school year. Regardless of race or religion they help all. In fact, 98 percent of the people they help are not of the Jewish faith.



Thigpen Family Fund

Donor Advised Fund 12.11.2024

Their philanthropic efforts are set to make a meaningful impact on children, elders, and education in the community.



The Kiwanis Legacy Fund

Donor Advised Fund 2.27.2024

Kiwanis is a global service organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and communities through various projects and initiatives. This fund will provide a source of funding enabling them to expand their impact, support more projects, and ensure the long-term success of their efforts in positively influencing the lives of children around the world.



Flagler Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund

Donor Designated Fund 2.27.24

This fund will ensure sustainable support for Flagler Habitat for Humanity's mission forever. Contribution to the endowment will support their goal of providing safe and affordable housing to every person, by creating a lasting impact and transforming communities one home at a time.



Volusia County Women Who Care Impact Fund

Donor Advised Fund 4.11.24

The purpose of the VCWWC Impact Fund is to support the VCWWC Community Partner Impact Grant which aims to further its mission of positively impacting individuals in Volusia County, Florida, by facilitating fundraising efforts among its members and community partners.

Endowment Highlight: Someone Cares

Hitting Milestones and Beyond

The late Gloria Max, former Executive Director of the Jewish Federation, and her husband Ray have positively impacted the lives of thousands of families. When Gloria faced health issues, Andrea and Larry Frank decided to take action to ensure their legacy lives on. The goal of the endowment is to provide funding to qualified charitable organizations that assist families in need of emergency monetary assistance, ensuring their housing, food security, medical care, transportation, and other critical needs are met. Moved by Gloria's mission contributors such as Big John, Lowell and Nancy Lohman, and Preston Root helped raised half a million dollars for the fund.



Marvin Miller, Gloria Max, Nancy and Lowell Lohman

Which is currently valued at more than nine hundred thousand dollars. This year's recipients of funds from the Someone Cares Endowment was Church Parish Nurse Ministries who was impacted by Gloria during her life and now beyond. The Church Parish Nurse Ministries, Inc., (TCPNM) Emergency Basic Needs Assistance Program (BNA) is a safety-net for qualifying disadvantaged and low-moderate income families in Volusia county, facing unmet basic needs related to (mass-poverty, layoff, unemployment, illness, evictions, homelessness, increasing inflation, natural disasters, as well as mental health and family separation issues, to name a few). This grant will assist with financial assistance to families by addressing the crisis head-on, then evaluating the other urgent needs. In addition clients receive financial education, case management, spiritual and emotional support, information and referral services.



Gloria and Ray Max



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Watch A Video



Big John

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds are created by donors to define specific areas of concern – field of interest - wherever the donor has a passion for helping to solve a problem.

HELP Southeast Volusia Fund

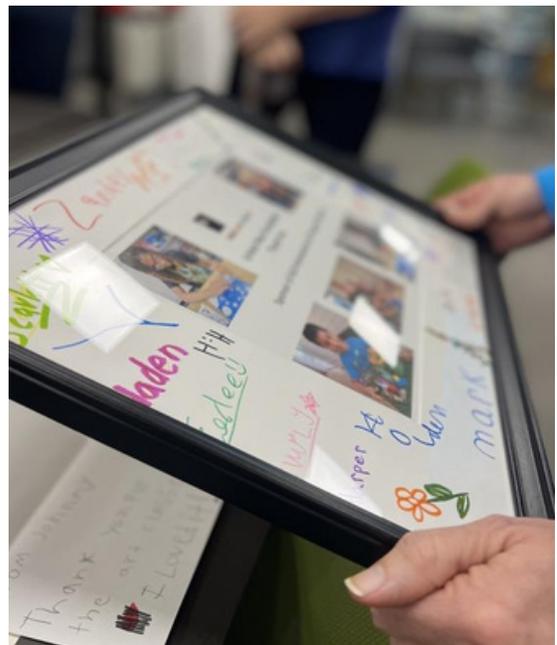
\$37,527 Distributed to five non-profit agencies to support initiatives in Southeast Volusia County that address the needs of at-risk children and economically disadvantaged students enrolled in the public school system and their families. Over 12,000 individuals from our community were served by these funds.

- Good For Girls Initiative
- The Hub on Canal
- Atlantic Center for the Arts
- Avenue of Excellence Early Education Center
- Church Parish Nurse Ministries

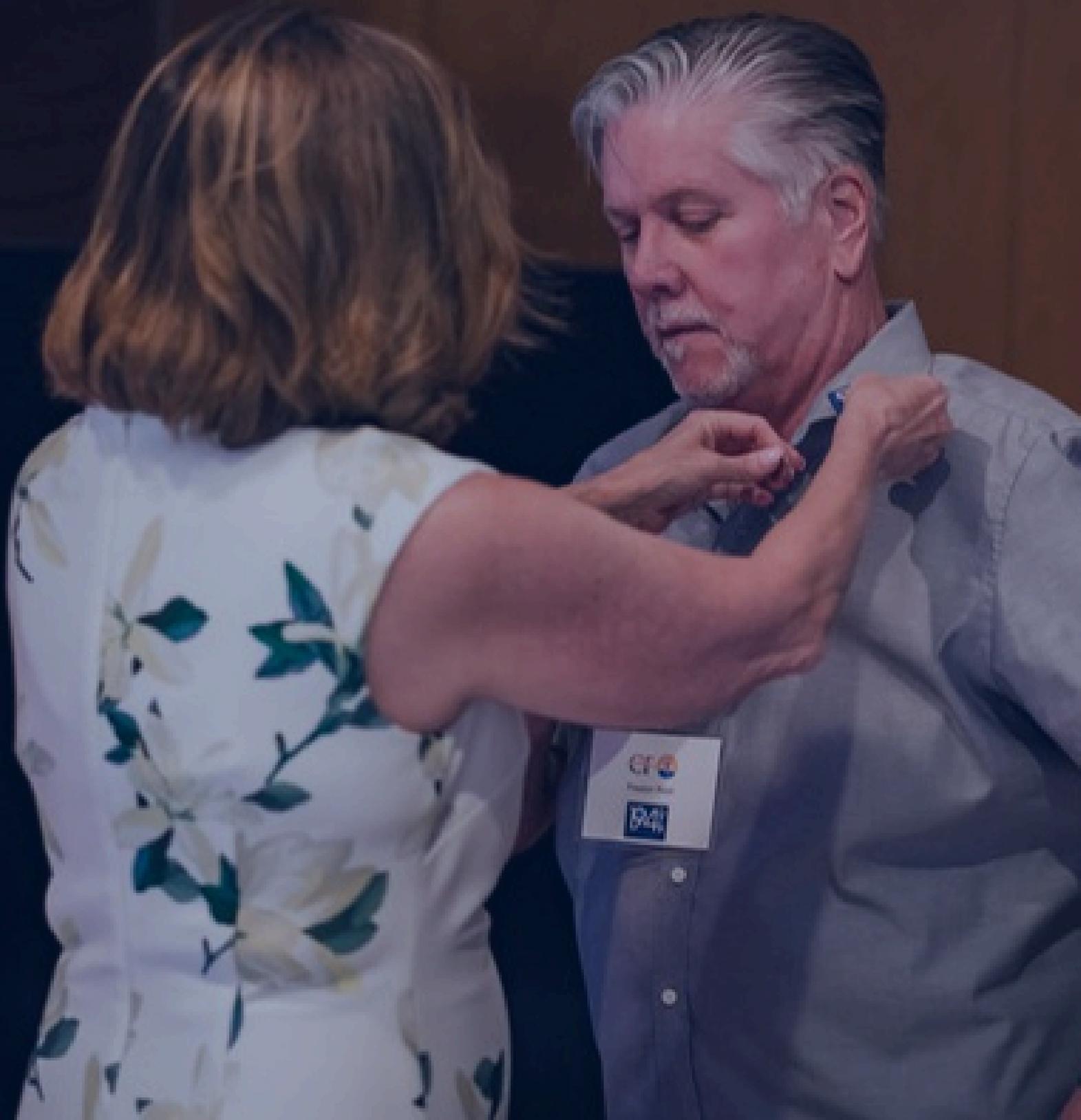
United Way Endowment Fund

The Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties invested \$24,700 in sponsorships of local events and mini-grants through the Social Innovation Fund and IDEA+ mini-grants.

- Elevate Daytona
- Heart of the Community Day
- 30th NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet
- Inclusion Series
- Health and Human Services Summit
- Annual Women History Luncheon
- Juneteenth Events
- Team Dad Event
- International Women's Day



GIVING EVERY NEIGHBOR A CHANCE



GIVING SOCIETIES

We connect, engage and recognize like-minded individuals with a passion for creating impact today and tomorrow.

As an advocate for the Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties, Preston Root's efforts as a donor, board member and CF division chair closed gaps and opened opportunities for countless people in our community to achieve success. Demonstrating his commitment to sustainability of CF/UWVFC, Root invested in EDGE (Every Dollar Gets Empowered), which is an endowment supporting CF UWVFC, and committed a legacy gift.

This past year alone, Preston has also donated to his Donor Advised Fund to support his philanthropic passions of animal welfare, the Indianapolis Motor Sport Hall of Fame and Speedway, and geriatric care. The multiple ways in which Preston invests in the community through CF/UWVFC demonstrates his trust in our ability to fulfill his philanthropic vision.

“This community has been so good to my family for more than 75 years; it's part of our vision to foster sustainable support for the programs and people who need help.”

Preston Root, 2024

Members of the Impact Circle :

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Thigpen
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Frank
Cydney Reagan
Dr. Donald & Janice Doudna
Dr. Roosevelt Harris
Maritza Rodriguez
Nancy Lohman
Dr. & Mrs. Jack Arrants
Mrs. Lesa Kennedy
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Neubauer
Mr. Wayne & Dr. Robin Roberts
William Voges
Anonymous Donors
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Willett
Colleen Arnold
Mrs. Dianne Booher
Mr. & Mrs. J. Hyatt Brown
Mr. & Mrs. J. Powell Brown
Laura Brown- Yadlosky
Mr. John DiCesare
William C. Brock & Jacqueline Dittrich
Susan Faulkner & Don Smith
Mr. & Mrs. James C. France
Howard Jenkins
Mrs. Pauline Lacey
Susan Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce E. Page
Mr. Richard Schuler
James & Catherine Weite

Members of 1941 Society:

Preston Root

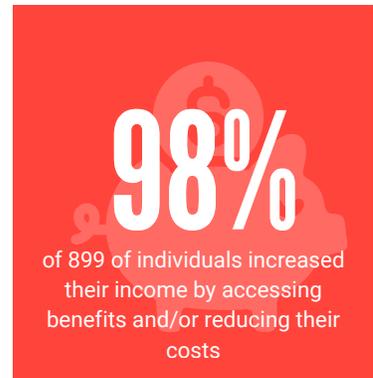


IMPACTING OUR NEIGHBORS



COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1ST, 2023 - JUNE 30TH, 2024



COMMUNITY IMPACT CIC CABINET

The Community Impact Cabinet consists of 16 dedicated volunteers who serve as change agents, enhancing the community's quality of life through initiatives in Education, Financial Stability, and Health. This year, these subject matter experts collectively contributed over 240 hours, meeting monthly, reviewing quarterly reports from funded partners and streamlining the upcoming grant cycle to simplify the submission process.



COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDED PARTNERS

2023-2025

Our funded partners are dedicated organizations that play a pivotal role in enhancing the community's well-being by focusing on three critical areas: education, financial stability, and health. By addressing these critical areas, our partners work tirelessly to create a safer, healthier, and more prosperous community for all.



Site Tours

Understanding the Commitment

Over 170 individuals participated in 18 tours offering participants an in-depth look into our initiatives and the vital work being done to support the community. By providing firsthand experiences and insightful information, our partners help to foster greater understanding and appreciation for our mission, inspiring continued support and involvement.



First Step Shelter



Flagler County Education Foundation



Council On Aging



Easterseals Northeast Central Florida Edgar's Farm



VOLUNTEERS: NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

VOLUNTEER CENTER

Serving since 1941

Volunteering is a powerful way to give back to the community, offering your time and skills to support meaningful causes and make a positive impact. It provides an opportunity to connect with others, learn new skills, and gain valuable experiences while contributing to the greater good. By volunteering, you help create a stronger, more compassionate community.

559 Volunteers

7,012 Served Hours

\$222,981 Value of Volunteer Time



AFFINITY GROUP

GENERATION IMPACT

Generation IMPACT is a philanthropy-driven group dedicated to promoting leadership and community involvement among local young professionals. Members of Generation IMPACT are tasked with allocating the United Way's Annual Social Innovation Fund, which supports student-led innovative projects that address some of the most pressing challenges in our community. Social Innovation Fund which provides local high school, college, or vocational school students with mini grants to implement innovative projects that address critical challenges in Flagler and/or Volusia counties.



ACREAGE FARM

Autonomous Vertical Farm Crop Monitoring to Tackle Food Insecurity and Provide Youth Education. The Daytona Beach region has a noticeable food desert issue resulting in many residents not being able to obtain high-quality foods. Through developing vertical farm project, Acreage Farms will strive to grow upwards of 10 tons of fresh produce annually, year round, that will be available to the local community. Additionally, this project will provide STEM education opportunities for learning within the plant science, biology, mechanical engineering, and computer science fields among others.



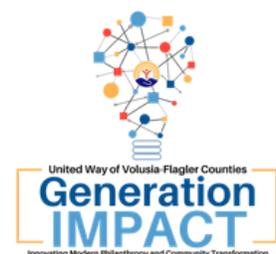
BALLET FOR THE WORLD

BFTWI addresses the current lack of access to fine arts education and extracurriculars. As part of community revitalization efforts, it is necessary to include after-school activities. However, homelessness and lower incomes create barriers to participation due to the instability of living under such conditions. BFTWI aims to provide children with artistic, educational, cultural, and self-development opportunities. At the same time, the program addresses the need to create, build, and sustain safe spaces for children to express themselves while learning new content and engaging in enjoyable dynamics.



VOLUSIA GIVING GARDENS

The organization focuses on tackling food insecurity. Food insecurity is particularly prevalent in low-income areas of Volusia County, concentrated in the ALICE population. By providing gardens, they are creating opportunities for affordable access to fresh-grown produce in underserved areas.





PROJECT S.P.A.R.K.

Many of the resources that once benefited students of Flagler County have been lost due to lack of support, funding, and the COVID-19 pandemic. While the programs may have been lost, many of the resources remained. Rather than waste the funding spent on resources, SPARK aims to connect with students while also providing a fun, enjoyable, and memorable experience, 'sparking' a passion for STEM.

STUDENT I.D./VOTER I.D.

The Student ID/Voter ID project addresses the issue of voting being inaccessible to college students. Florida is one of 11 states that allows Student ID's to be used as a form of ID at the polls. This project ensures students only need to show one ID at the polls.

GRANTED OUT \$10,000 TO FIVE PROGRAMS

MEMBERS

- Teresa Wiggins
- Randolyn O'Malia
- Heather Prasse
- Enaris Inman
- Monica Mity
- Akisis German
- Deanna Dempsey
- Joshua Poniatowski
- Dr. Ethan Johnson
- Stephanie Parks

AFFINITY GROUP

WOMEN UNITED FLAGLER

Women United Flagler is a dynamic and passionate group dedicated to empowering women and strengthening community through philanthropy, leadership, and volunteerism. By harnessing the collective resources, talents, and voices of women in Flagler County, they strive to create lasting change and opportunities for all.



“ When you see the impact that advocating, volunteering, and fundraising have on local non-profit agencies, it is very motivating to want to do more. Many of the local agencies that help women and children in Flagler County do not have the resources to both provide the services they offer and to raise the funds needed to succeed. ”

Linda Mahran
Chair Women United Flagler



Each Year Women United Flagler raises funds for their Chicks with Cans program. With the money raised going to Feed Flagler to help families in need over the holidays and beyond. This year they raised over \$6,000 in donations.

AFFINITY GROUP

WOMEN UNITED VOLUSIA

For over 20 years, Women United Volusia has volunteered time, talent and treasure to close gaps and open opportunities so everyone in Volusia County can succeed. Their primary initiative is Chicks for Kicks, which provides new shoes for local youth. Volusia Power of the Purse is their stellar luncheon fundraiser, with proceeds invested back into Volusia County.



“By lending a hand to those in need and setting a positive example for my children, I aim to make a lasting impact on both my local community and the next generation.”

Stephanie Renick
Chair Women United Volusia



Women United Volusia's Chicks for Kicks campaign raised a total of 247 Brand New Shoes, 60 Pairs of Socks and a few sports bras for children in the community.



**CONNECTING NEIGHBORS
WITH RESOURCES THEY NEED**

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The heart of our mission is to create lasting positive change. Picture a team of dedicated individuals working tirelessly to weave a network of collaboration across the community. Community Partnerships lead efforts to form meaningful partnerships and amplify our organization's ability to make a real difference by managing a variety of grant opportunities, each one a stepping stone for local nonprofits to grow stronger and more capable. This team also participates in the distribution of Community Foundation endowment funds, ensuring these resources flow to where they can make the greatest impact. Together, we're not just funding projects; we're building a brighter, more connected future for Volusia and Flagler counties.



PEF

PUBLIX EMERGENCY FUND

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIX CHARITIES AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA TOTAL FUNDS DISPERSED **\$43,756**

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD ASSISTED: **28**



SLF

SHARE THE LIGHT FUND

TOTAL FUNDS DISPERSED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF WEST VOLUSIA: **\$36,328**

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED: **83**



EFSP

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

VOLUSIA COUNTY AWARDED: **\$183,186**
FLAGLER COUNTY AWARDED: **\$ 39,238**

TO ASSIST NON-PROFIT AGENCIES WITH PROVIDING ESSENTIAL FOOD & SHELTER SERVICES TO VOLUSIA/FLAGLER RESIDENTS.

VITA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program offers FREE tax preparation services. Volunteers are IRS certified and trained to identify taxpayer's eligibility for federal tax credits to help families get the most accurate returns.



Tax returns prepared in 2023-2024 tax season: **2,080**

Total Tax Refund Amount for Volusia/Flagler Residents: **\$2,018,746**

Total dollar of Child Tax Credit received by Volusia/Flagler County residents via VITA services: **\$211,113**

Total dollar of Earned Income Tax Credit received by Volusia/Flagler County residents via VITA services: **\$523,337**

Total Volunteers: **81**

Total Volunteer Hours: **4,619**

Meet Jeanette Merritt and Matt Roberts

Our Hometown Heros

Mrs. Jeanette Merritt is a Florida native and has been working with the VITA program for the past 30 years. Her passion for the program stems from her background as a former math teacher; transitioning to tax preparation after teaching, she found a new way to serve her community. Ms. Jeanette says she really enjoys the VITA Program and always has. She enjoys talking with people, telling jokes, and just being around people. Her generosity doesn't stop there; she also volunteers at other organizations that assist with food security and helps provide her neighbor, who is in a wheelchair with meals from a food bank.

Matt Roberts has been volunteering with the program since 2017. He originally joined the program inspired by his mother's VITA volunteerism and now he is the one preparing taxes. Even though Matt is visually impaired he is still able to successfully help people get their refunds. He mentioned in an interview with Spectrum 13, "For me serving is the most important thing in the world, I feel like I need to prove to folks that you can serve me but I can also serve you".



Watch the Spectrum 13 Interview by scanning the QR Code



TESTIMONIALS

"I am grateful for the flexibility of the VITA volunteers and the opportunity allowed without an appointment to have my taxes completed during this difficult season."

-Anonymous

"My husband and I have used VITA services for 3 years and we are grateful and don't know what we would do without it."

- Satisfied VITA Client

2-1-1 HELP HOTLINE

Information and referral services aims to assist residents with finding a variety of resources such as food, shelter, mental health services and many more. Everyday, individuals contact 211 to access free and confidential disaster assistance, food and health care resources, employee services, utility assistance, veteran and family/childcare services.



Total Number of Callers: **14,206**
Total Number of Needs Identified: **25,070**
Total Number of Referrals Made: **27,778**
Top 5 Needs: **Electric Assistance, Rental Assistance, Tax Preparation, Food Pantries, Case/Care**

FIRST RESPONDER REGIONAL SUPPORTS

Beginning of 2023, 2-1-1 Volusia/Flagler began the First Responders Regional Supports grant in partnership with LSF and Volusia Recovery Alliance. The First Responders Regional Supports grant provides First Responders and their families free essential peer to peer counseling and targeted connection to essential services/resources.

Grant Term: July 2023 - June 2024
Number of First Responder Callers: **230**



7/17

Trained UW of Lake/Sumter Counties how to utilize ALICE data

9/5

ALICE Guest Column Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce

9/22

Presented ALICE at Leadership Daytona Nonprofit Day

10/5

Presented ALICE at Southeast Volusia Chamber Leadership Nonprofit Day

11/6

Shared Meet the Johnsons with UW Suncoast, 200+ attendees at ALICE Data Walk

11/8

Presented ALICE at Port Orange South Daytona Chamber Leadership Nonprofit Day

1/31

Presented Advocacy for ALICE at National ALICE Summit in New Orleans, LA

2/28

Facilitated Meet the Johnsons for Board Retreat

5/7

Generation Impact facilitated Meet the Johnsons at Port Orange South Daytona's Youth Civic Leadership Experience

VOLUSIA

- Population increased from 564,412 to 579,192
- Households ALICE or below increased from 42% to 44%
- ALICE Households increased from 28% to 33%
- Poverty Households decreased from 13% to 11%

FLAGLER

- Population increased from 120,932 to 126,705
- Households ALICE or below decreased from 43% to 41%
- ALICE Households decreased from 34% to 32%
- Poverty Households remained the same at 9%



OUR TEAM



Courtney Edgcomb
President and CEO



Bill Babiez
VP of Finance



Amanda Lasecki
VP of Operations



Sheila Pillath
VP of Development



Francine Martin
Community Impact
Senior Manager



Alyssa Lang
Marketing Manager



Lawrence Anderson
Community Partnerships
Manager



Jessica Heck
Engagement Coordinator



Tiffany Joubert
Philanthropic Advisor



Jason Stewart
Philanthropic Advisor



Manny Kamel
Development Support
Specialist



Madison Asbill
Resource
Development Manager



Veronica Brindley
Controller



Nanett Fisher
Executive Assistant

**With a shared vision, even the
smallest team can move mountains.**

Community Foundation and United Way of VFC

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

With Heart and Passion

At the Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties, we are proud of what our team has accomplished over the past year. Our team includes award-winning individuals, such as Women in Business Rising Star, 40 Under 40 honorees and more. Additionally, many of our team members generously volunteer their time beyond their professional roles. We are truly grateful for their hard work and commitment to our community.

“ I deeply value the positive environment at Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties, where the abundant training opportunities reflect our leadership’s strong commitment to fostering both personal and professional development for all staff. This culture of growth and support empowers us to achieve our best, together. ”

Lawrence Anderson



A photograph of two women in a meeting. The woman on the left is wearing a dark blazer and a yellow top, looking down at a document. The woman on the right is wearing a pink top and glasses, pointing at a document. They are sitting at a table with several documents and a black quilted bag. The background is blurred, showing other people in a meeting room.

**PLANNING FOR
TODAY AND TOMORROW**

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026



Growth
Investment
Leadership

Care
Focus
Partnerships

Engagement
Storyteller
Imagination

Evaluation
Teambuilding
Impact

In the spring of 2023 a group of CF UWVFC volunteers and staff formed a Strategic Planning Committee to create a new, 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The committee hosted a series of Community Listening Sessions to invite participation of donors, volunteers, corporate partners, funded agencies, and all community members to share their feedback on the future of the organization. Upon completion of the listening sessions the committee met to review mission, vision and core values. They discussed strategic priorities and affirmed strategic goals. The strategic plan is comprised of four distinct strategic priorities: Philanthropy, Impact, Communication and Organizational Excellence. Thirty-five distinct strategies were created to ensure continuous engagement and growth. The plan was presented to the Board of Directors and upon approval began July 1, 2023 and will continue through June 30, 2026 guiding our organization into the future. You can review the entire Strategic Plan by visiting our website or scanning the QR Code:



Committee Members

Ann Boughtin
Dr. Audrey Butler
Randolyn O'Malia
Maritza Rodriguez
Emily Smith
Dr. Sherryl Weems
Amanda Lasecki
Courtney Edgcomb



**CELEBRATING PHILANTHROPY
IN ACTION**

Annual Celebration of PHILANTHROPY

Previously Known as the Herbert M. Davidson Award

Dr. Pamela Carbiener of Halifax OBGYN was awarded the Herbert M. Davidson Award for Community Service at the Annual Celebration of Philanthropy on October 24, 2023. This award, recognizes her extensive community service and dedication to at-risk maternal patients. Dr. Carbiener's notable contributions include being the first medical director of the Rape Crisis Center, co-founding COPE, and serving in various roles at Halifax and other local organizations. She and her family also developed the Daytona Blues Festival to highlight substance use disorder in pregnancy. "I believe that all pregnant women should receive early and compassionate prenatal care, regardless of their socio-economic status or ability to pay," Dr. Carbiener said.

Also recognized at the event was Priscilla Chanfrau of Adams Cameron with the Community Champion Award for her involvement in multiple community boards and significant impact on Volusia County. "Priscilla has made a significant impact on this community throughout her career. She continually gives of herself to make Volusia County a better place to live, work and play," said Brittani Preschel, Community Foundation Chair and United Way board member.

The event emphasized the importance of philanthropy and celebrated the contributions of these community leaders, with proceeds supporting the EDGE Fund to benefit the Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties.



TREY TAYLOR

Nashville recording artist—and rhinestone cowboy—Trey Taylor came to Volusia and Flagler Counties to host an exclusive one-night concert! He mixes up old-school country with contemporary sounds. Plus he is also a philanthropist! He is the youngest African-American in Country Music History at only 24 years old. Trey recorded his first single titled “Back on My Mind Again” and released the song to internet distribution formats and the single gained the attention of multiple producers across the world notably Dolly Parton’s Producer Kent Wells and quickly signed Trey to Kent Wells Productions in Nashville, Tennessee.

PHILANTHROPIST AT HEART

Trey knew he wanted to give back just like his mentor Dolly Parton. Dolly has a program called the Dolly Parton Imagination Library that is funded by United Ways across the country. With this partnership we were able to host a once in a lifetime country concert to help raise money for the EDGE Campaign which in turns helps us leave a larger impacts on the community.



FINANCIAL SYMPOSIUM

One of the most valuable aspects of the Financial Symposium is the opportunity for our community to convene and explore pertinent subjects. The primary objective is to foster a sense of unity within the community, equipping individuals with the skills necessary to thrive in today's world of planned giving. Additionally, we facilitate meaningful connections between non-profits and financial advisors. Leading the sessions was the founder of Charitable Solutions and nationwide renowned speaker Dr. Bryan Clontz. Dr. Clontz specializes in non-cash asset receipt and liquidation, gift annuity reinsurance brokerage, actuarial gift annuity risk management consulting, emergency assistance funds, as well as virtual currency and life insurance appraisals/audits.



LEAVING YOUR LEGACY WITH A PASSION

“We have seen a shift in how donors plan to give back to the community. Many prefer to give noncash asset gifts. Our aim is to empower local nonprofits with a strong foundation in harnessing the potential of noncash gifts, even when operating with limited resources and a small staff,” said Courtney Edgcomb President and CEO of CF UWVFC.

PHILANTHROPY ON TAP

This year to support our strategic goal to expand our network with local professional advisors, we held our inaugural Philanthropy on Tap event. It was the first event in what has now become a quarterly series of networking and education events designed to connect our Community Foundation with financial professionals from across Volusia and Flagler Counties. Our hosts Bill Verhagen, from Innovative Financial Solutions and Ryan Page from Intracoastal



Bank shared stories of how they became involved with the Community Foundation and staff provided attendees with some easy to use strategies to help their clients with tax-savvy philanthropy.

THOUGHTFUL NEIGHBORS



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Throughout the year, we have established ourselves as a thought leader in the community. We have hosted several educational opportunities for non-profit Board of Directors, focusing on partnerships and long-term sustainability. Additionally, we organized training sessions and seminars for non-profits, covering topics such as leadership, financial management, and equity.



Through recommendations from others, staff members were able to speak at National and Local conferences including the National ALICE Summit to speak on advocacy, Bob Woodruff Foundation for Veterans Summit and Florida Education Consortium. We also have been recognized as a community leader with Volusia County Schools and proud to receive the VASA award.



ADVOCATING FOR ALL

*Welcome
to the
Florida Senate*



ADVOCATE

In November of 2023 Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties' staff and volunteers attended the Annual United Way of Florida Capitol Days. In preparation for the 2024 Legislative Session, United Way representatives from around the state convened in Tallahassee for an exciting two-day advocacy event to hear updates on priority United Way issues, learned from policymakers and experts about the upcoming session, and met with their legislators to encourage support of the 2024 Florida United Way's Consensus Legislative Agenda.



This year's Legislative Consensus Agenda advocated for the following areas: 1.) Financial Stability through a VITA appropriation request 2.) Housing attainability through support of incentivizing construction of affordable housing units, and expansion of access to home ownership programs 3.) Behavioral Healthcare Accessibility by increasing reimbursement rates for providers and enhancing Florida's behavioral healthcare talent pipeline 4.) Childcare Affordability by increasing initial eligibility to School Readiness to provide subsidies, encouraging the creation of incentives for private sector investments and supporting state investments.

Throughout the year CF UWFVC staff and volunteers met with elected officials including at the local and state level to share impact as well as hear from officials about needs from their constituents. Outside of one on one meetings we attended Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce's Eggs & Issues and State of the City and County events to keep up to date with issues pressing in our local community.



CELEBRATING OUR IDEAS+

IDEA+

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility+

We hosted the Non-Profit Inclusion Training Series, which included sessions on "What Does it Mean to be an Inclusive Leader," "Unconscious Bias," "LGBTQIA Safe Zone Training," and "Healing Our Racial History." We also supported community initiatives and programs through sponsorships and collaborations such as Culture and Juneteenth Days.

Additionally, we awarded two IDEA+ mini grants to CWC Ministries and Mr. and Ms. Mentoring. CWC Ministries' "All About Me" program is dedicated too assisting and teaching young girls to set goals and understand the importance of achieving their dreams. This program educates and empowers young girls, offering services that improve their quality of life and provide knowledge through enrichment activities designed to build leadership and character. Mr. and Ms. Mentoring, Inc. is committed to promoting mental health awareness and fostering community growth by empowering and inspiring individuals. Grant funds will support their Holiday Support Program, which includes providing 150 hot meals for families, displaced, and homeless individuals during Thanksgiving. This event serves people of all races, ages, ethnicities, genders, and religions. During the meal service, new and gently used clothes and coats are also distributed to those in need.



THANK YOU CORPORATE PARTNERS

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership. Your contributions and dedication are integral to our mission, and we are incredibly grateful for the impact you have helped us achieve. Together, we have made a significant difference in the lives of those we serve, and it wouldn't have been possible without your generous support.



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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO COURTNEY EDGCOMB

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with excitement and gratitude for all that we have achieved together thanks to our amazing partnerships. With your help we were able to fund \$2.6 million dollars to over 100 vital programs and initiatives for our local community. These partnerships have allowed us to serve our community in innovative ways and address emerging needs with agility and responsiveness. None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our partners, board members and volunteers. Your commitment and passion drive our success, and I am deeply grateful for your contributions. Thank you for your time, energy, and expertise—you are an important part of our organization. Because of you, we can continue to provide essential services, support our community, and create lasting change.

As we close out the 2023- 2024 year, we are excited about what next year holds. We are excited to be “refreshing” our look and feel of our organization. Moving into a fundraising and grant making mindset we are determined to help all non profits do what they do best, help the community to be a better place one block at a time.

Courtney Edgcomb







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