

# What Ignites YOUR GENEROSITY?

Youth Philanthropy in Action students learn to answer the question – what is your personal mission statement? They assess what drives them to action and create core values to take their passions into purposeful action.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW FUNDS AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THAT SHOW WHAT DRIVES OTHERS:



**CHIEF GREG GRAHAM LEGACY FUND** - On, October 25, 2020, Marion County, Florida lost an icon when the City of Ocala police chief, Greg Graham, passed away in a plane crash. A group of individuals created the Chief Greg Graham Legacy Fund focusing on three key areas where he devoted his life: service, impact, and health.

*"Candidly, I was not a believer in the Community Foundation until I became involved through this fund. When Greg passed, our original plan was to create a nonprofit ourselves. We didn't understand the impact the Community Foundation can have on a group like ours who are passionate about a mission without the ability to manage the mechanics. We wanted to do good, raise funds and give back, and through the Foundation, we can focus on that without worrying about the administration of making that happen. Lauren and her team have been there even before we knew what we needed, helping identify the next steps to consider. We are grateful we chose to place our fund with them."*  
Angie Clifton, founding member of the Chief Greg Graham Legacy Fund



**MARION COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION CIVIL LEGAL AID FUND** – The Marion County Bar Association is committed to helping provide legal assistance to low-income citizens. Through the MCBA Civil Legal Aid Fund, services can be provided to assist in making sure that all have equal access to justice in Marion County.

*"We understand some members of the Marion County community experience civil legal issues but don't have the resources to have appropriate legal representation. This MCBA fund was established at the Community Foundation to help cover those gaps so that low to moderate income residents can receive expert legal assistance helping Marion County residents obtain and maintain life's necessities. We are thankful for our relationship with the Foundation."*  
Daniel Hightower, Chairman of the Marion County Bar Association Legal Aid Fund Committee



**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY** – The ELCMC ensures children of the Marion County community have access to quality early learning programs that nurture their learning potential to prepare them for success. The ELCMC fund impacts their continued leadership to optimize quality learning environments for our children.

*"Through the Community Foundation's knowledge and partnership our organization's fund is administered well. The Foundation understands the relevance of this fund to our operations. We chose to place our fund with the Foundation, because of their support of nonprofits, as well as their availability of resources and accessibility. It shows through Give4Marion, professional development resources and other services. We're so grateful for the work they do for us, not only in helping us raise money, but by helping minimize the economic impact from COVID-19 for our entire community."*  
Roseann Fricks, CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County



**KIMBERLY'S CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION ENDOWMENT FUND.** – Kimberly's Center exists to respond to, protect and restore abused or neglected children in Marion County. By serving as our community's compassionate response to the trauma of child abuse this Endowment Fund ensures child victims can be on paths of healing as their stories bring justice to their abusers.

*"Since 1996, Kimberly's Center has provided a unique approach to child abuse, and we want to ensure what makes our process distinctive can continue for generations. That's why we opened an endowment fund with the Community Foundation. Our fund can grow so much more through their pooled investment approach than it would have if we had invested on our own. Our hope is through this endowment, Kimberly's Center will always be a safe place where children's trauma can turn into triumph."*  
Melissa Bianculli, Board Chair for Kimberly's Center



## Pillar SOCIETY

You cannot build a foundation without sturdy pillars. That's why the Community Foundation is creating The Pillar Society in 2021, made up of visionary supporters determined to preserve key philanthropic needs in our community. We know the needs in Marion County may look overwhelming, but strong philanthropic leaders working alongside the Foundation can build a stronger community.

*"When we learned about the Community Foundation's Pillar Society, Martha and I were excited to be a part of what they are doing. We have been strong supporters of their Youth Philanthropy in Action program and their Give4Marion initiative and have always strived to be a part of solutions impacting community issues. All the Foundation's efforts align closely to our and our Adam Hanson Better Communities Fund goals. We are honored to be in the inaugural class of The Pillar Society."*

Stan Hanson, philanthropist



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# 2020 Annual Report



10 Years of Passion for Our Community



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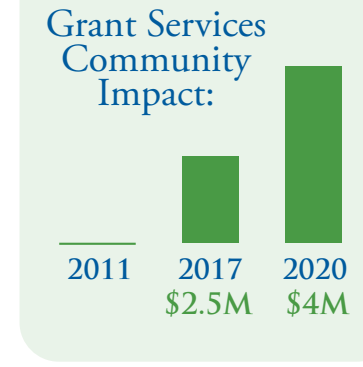
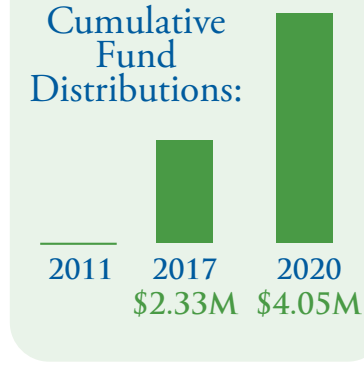


Ten years. A decade. A decennial anniversary. While many are still reeling from the impact of the past year, we take this time to reminisce on the past 10 years with fond memories and a strong vision for the future.



Since 2011, the Community Foundation has raised more than \$6.2M in funds, contributed hundreds of thousands in scholarship dollars, and played a role in more than \$7M in grants distributed in our community. Even more important than those dollar figures, we have assisted hundreds of donors, nonprofits, and professional advisors, connect passions to purpose. While our community's needs may seem overwhelming, we can guide those with resources to make a profound impact.

This publication is the 2020 annual report, but we also share pieces of our history as we say "Happy Anniversary" to your Community Foundation!



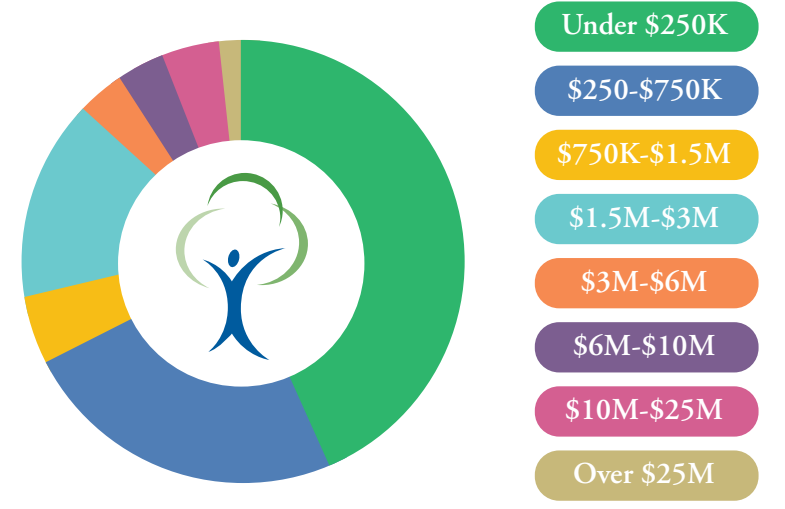
## PROGRAMS & GRANT SERVICES

| Program  | Total Grants Awarded | Total Dollar Amount Awarded |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| MARION COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT COVID-19 RELIEF GRANTS | 19                   | \$309,072                   |
| MARION COUNTY CARES ACT GRANTS                         | 87                   | \$4,206,673.74              |

## ECONOMIC IMPACT of nonprofits

Our nonprofits have significant impact in our community in more ways than just assisting those in need or providing for a better quality of life. They also effect the economy in our County a great deal with multi-millions in budget dollars, thousands of jobs, and significant resources in all facets of our community.

### Average Budgets for our NonProfit Business Council nonprofits



"The Nonprofit Business Council has provided excellent guidance and resources to nonprofits serving our community. As local, independent organizations, most of us would not otherwise have attainable and affordable access to specialized professional development, a resource library, counseling, advocacy, and a platform to network with other organizations."  
 Lucy Johnson, Executive Director of Transitions Life Center

\$4.2M Assets    57 Funds    \$4M Distributions since inception    \$7M Cumulative Grants Impact to the Community

### Board & Executive Committee (as of December 2020):

- FRANK HENNESSEY**, Chairman
  - RICH BIANCULLI**, Vice Chairman
  - KEN AUSLEY**, Director
  - JON KURTZ**, Treasurer
  - BILL CHAMBERS**, Secretary
- OTHER BOARD MEMBERS:**  
 Rob Batsel, Rusty Branson, Thad Boyd, \*Kathy Bryant, Jane Fontaine, CFP, Tom Ingram, Steven Lee, CPA, David Midgett, \*Jeannine Robbins, Michael Siboni, Jamie Ulmer, Chester Weber, \*Liaison to the Board
- BOARD MEMBERS EMERITUS:**  
 Robert "Bob" Reilly, Jim Schneider



The Estate Planning Council of Marion County continues to serve as a professional network of attorneys, CPAs, and estate planning professionals who assist their clients in providing the best services possible. The Council comes together quarterly to discuss local, regional, and federal estate planning issues. As a Community Foundation program, they assist philanthropic individuals fulfill their desire to leave a legacy through giving.



Give4Marion was Ocala/Marion County's first ever 24-hours of giving held October 20 and 21, 2020. A Community Foundation event, donors from across the four corners of Marion County united to give back more than \$310,000 for 81 different local nonprofit organizations! Save the date for Give4Marion 2021 coming September 21-22, 2021.

# 10 YEARS OF PASSION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- MARCH 2011**: Receives IRS nonprofit status under Executive Director, Barbara Fitos. Offices at the Chamber of Commerce on SE 3rd St.
- JANUARY 2012**: Youth Philanthropy in Action (YPLA) starts in area middle schools with Foundation grants.
- JULY 2016**: The NonProfit Business Council becomes a Foundation program.
- MAY 2017**: The Foundation begins administering the Angelica Muns nursing scholarships.
- FEBRUARY 2018**: Lauren DeLorio becomes President & Executive Director following Barbara Fitos retirement.
- NOVEMBER 2018**: The Estate Planning Council of Marion County becomes a Foundation program.
- JANUARY 2019**: The Nonprofit Resource Center opens at 324 SE 24th Street housing Foundation offices.
- DECEMBER 2019**: Signs Academic Partnership with Rollins College for Ocala-based academic and professional development.
- JANUARY 2020**: Grant Services department surpasses \$3 million in grants awarded in the community in their first year.
- MARCH 2020**: Community Foundation Nonprofit Resource Center takes the lead in COVID-19 nonprofit information and resources.
- APRIL 2020**: Partners with AdventHealth Ocala and the City of Ocala on the Community Paramedicine program.
- MAY 2020**: YPIA middle school classes award four \$500 grants on Zoom to area nonprofits. More than \$21,000 distributed in eight years.
- AUGUST 2020**: Partners with Marion County to provide CARES Act monies through "Stronger Marion Nonprofits" grants.
- SEPTEMBER 2020**: Muns Nursing Scholarships given to fall 2020 students with more than \$191,000 in scholarships given over three years.
- OCTOBER 2020**: Give4Marion raises more than \$310,000 for 81 local nonprofits through the inaugural 24-hours of community giving.



"The Community Foundation, and particularly the grant services department, has been instrumental in helping the City of Ocala implement our vision for the City. From helping to secure grant funding for the new Mary Sue Rich Community Center to their work with the Community Paramedicine program to assisting with the Community Development Block Grant process, we are looking forward to continued partnership with the Foundation into 2021 and beyond. Together, the City and the Foundation are working to build a stronger community!"  
 Sandra Wilson, City Manager for the City of Ocala



"In 2020, the Community Foundation helped us find and secure a \$20,000 grant, and we raised another \$5,000 during Give4Marion. Aside from the money, they also provided finance and accounting counseling to ensure our new nonprofit is in a great position for the future. You can't measure in numbers the kind of support the Foundation provides to nonprofits. They truly care about this community, and the people in it."  
 Renee Arnett, Founder and Board President of His House for Her