

Over a Decade of Passion for Our Community

2023 :::::

IMPACT *Report*



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"Nonprofits contribute over \$556 Million to Marion County each year. Everyone wins when a nonprofit is well run, effective, on mission, and successful. The Nonprofit Business Council is paramount to this success. Providing opportunities for collaboration on best practices, gaps in service, and leveraging knowledge helps to strengthen our community. The Council, in concert with the Community Foundation, has pushed forward opportunities for quality professional development, affordable solutions, and a seat at the table for nonprofits of every size and mission."

— Dana Parker, Executive Director
Love (INC) In the Name of Christ of the Heart of Florida



"The Estate Planning Council, in partnership with the Community Foundation, fosters collaboration among professionals and provides essential support to clients. As a member & Chairman of the Council, I take pride in our commitment to quality meetings, presentations, and networking enriching the estate planning profession."

— Warren Bullard, Esquire, Bullard Law



2023 STATS

12 SCHOOLS

23 CLASSES

518 STUDENTS



*\$11,500
in grants
to local
nonprofits*

"Empowering middle school students through The Adam Hanson Youth Philanthropy in Action program is paramount. It cultivates a sense of social responsibility, instills leadership skills, and fosters a compassionate mindset. By engaging in philanthropy at a young age, students learn the profound impact they can have on the world around them. Teaching them the power of purpose is a transformative lesson I wish I had heard at their age, as it has the potential to be a game-changer in realizing the impactful difference they can make."

— Rondo Fernandez, Philanthropist



Message From

FRANK & LAUREN

Hennessey *DeIorio*

Chairman *President & Executive Director*



Dear Donors, Partners, and Friends,

We are thrilled to share the remarkable 2023 accomplishments at the Community Foundation for Ocala/Marion County. This past year was marked by growth and significant milestones that were made possible through your support and collaboration.

In 2023 we witnessed a substantial increase in funds under management, reflecting the generosity of individual donors committed to making a lasting impact on our community. We are deeply grateful for your trust in us as stewards of your philanthropic endeavors.

One of the highlights of the year was our inaugural Inspire Gala where we celebrated the real-life superheroes of our community: nonprofits, board members, businesses, and philanthropists whose dedication and compassion make Marion County a better place for all. It was a truly inspiring event that showcased the power of collective action and philanthropy.

As we move into the new year, we remain committed to serving and strengthening our community alongside our dedicated donors. We would also like to express our appreciation to all our business partners for their support during 2023. Together, we can continue to build a stronger Marion County one passion at a time.

We invite you to explore more of our 2023 achievements and look forward to another year of positive impact on our community.

Thank you for your unwavering support.



"...we remain committed to serving and strengthening our community..."

BY THE NUMBERS

52%



Increase in Funds Under Management From 2022

\$6.9
MILLION



In Total Assets

\$1.2
MILLION



In Grants Distributed in 2023

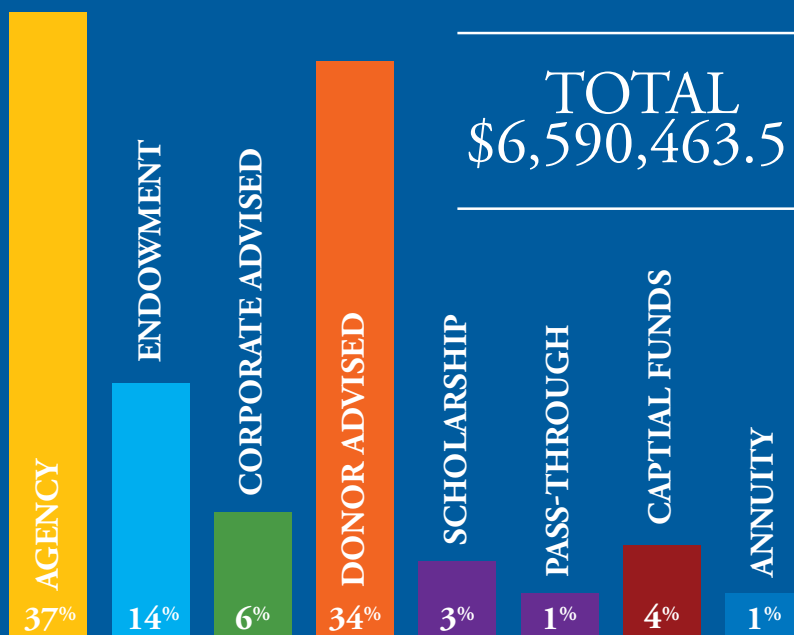
\$7.4
MILLION



Has Been Granted Since 2012

MANAGED FUND ASSETS

TOTAL
\$6,590,463.51





\$1.4 Million Raised

3,840 Donors | 5,762 Gifts | 103 Nonprofits

82% INCREASE *from 2022*

\$3 Million Raised Since 2020



"Give4Marion proved to be the guiding force in our annual fundraising endeavors, becoming a true blessing that not only facilitated growth but also bestowed immeasurable blessings upon our organization. Their instrumental support has left an indelible mark, amplifying the positive impact we aspire to make in our community."

- Sandon Wiechens, Kenny's Place



BACK TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY GIVEBACK

In the 2023 Back to School Community Giveback, in collaboration with AdventHealth Ocala, Skanska, The Bullard Family Foundation, and Marion County Public Schools, we served over 6,000 students across Marion County. This initiative provided vital support for the new school year with partners generously filling backpacks with essential school supplies and hygiene items. Reflecting a commitment to inclusivity, the endeavor ensures that every student, regardless of location, has the tools for a positive educational experience. The Back to School Community Giveback 2023 highlights the collective power of fostering educational opportunities for the next generation.

SHARE THE LOVE EVENT



The Share The Love event brought the community together in a heartwarming initiative to appreciate local first responders. Residents expressed gratitude by visiting law enforcement, 911 dispatchers, and healthcare workers. Grace Christian School students added a personal touch crafting thank-you notes and artwork for frontline workers. Chick-fil-A Paddock Mall's generous contribution of 300 cookie trays distributed across Marion County symbolized collective community gratitude and demonstrated a strong sense of solidarity. This collaborative effort encompassing individuals, students, and businesses underscored the community's commitment to recognize and support those who tirelessly contribute to the well-being of others.



Angela Muns Scholarship Presentation

GRANT SERVICES

Sustainability poses a significant challenge to small and medium-sized nonprofit organizations. The Nonprofit Resource Center aims to become a Center of Excellence in our local community by collaborating with nonprofit groups to establish essential elements for enhancing their capacity and financial stability. Our dedicated team of professionals assists nonprofits in preparing for grants, conducting grant research, mastering grant writing, and navigating grant procedures to promote their long-term viability.



"MCA has found the CF's Grant Services to be a tremendous asset as we seek grant funding. We now have a robust pipeline of grants to pursue. The grant services team is wonderful to work with and their support is invaluable as we seek grant funding to advance our mission."

*— Jaye Baillie
Executive Director
Marion Cultural Alliance*

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

32

Nonprofits participated in month long grant readiness workshop

216

Nonprofits were provided technical support

53

Nonprofit grant scans completed

1,200

Unique grant opportunities researched and identified for specific nonprofit needs

INAUGURAL INSPIRE GALA

The Inaugural Inspire Gala, held on March 4th, 2023, hosted over 300 guests at The Hilton Ocala. Dedicated to honoring eight outstanding award winners, including The Frank Martin Hennessey Award announcement, the Gala spotlighted exceptional contributions to the community, urging attendees to amplify their service efforts. The prestigious venue set the stage for this celebration of philanthropy and community engagement. As the night unfolded, a shared sense of purpose and commitment to positive impact left a lasting impression on all attendees, igniting a collective desire to contribute more to community betterment.



UNSUNG HERO OF THE YEAR:

Chief Mike Balken

YOUTH PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR:

Julianne Henningsen/Caleb & Luke Lombardo

CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR:

Mainstreet Bank

EMERGING NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR:

McKenzie's Moment

NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR:

Marion Senior Services

PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR:

David Tillman

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Roseanne Morton



PILLAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

\$30,000 & ABOVE

Stan & Martha Hanson
Frank & Carol Hennessey
Robert Reilly
Diane Palmer

\$10,000 – \$29,999

Rusty Branson
Thad & Julie Boyd
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Jim Hillebrandt
Jon Kurtz

David Midgett
Lisa Irwin
Jim Schneider
Harvey Vandeven
Chester Weber

\$7,000 – \$9,999

Skanska Construction
Dr. Tony & Lauren DeIorio

\$3,000 – \$6,999

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