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INITIATIVES

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP THE CHILDREN OF WIMAUMA LEARN TO READ AND SO MUCH MORE

The question was simple: How can local nonprofits pool their resources and creative energy to better help the residents of Wimauma – one of the poorest areas in our region – have more opportunities to prosper?

After the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay brought together many groups already working in the area, one answer emerged: children who are ready for kindergarten and learn to read by third grade have a significantly better chance of getting a good-paying job as adults.

The Wimauma Community Education Partnership was born.

THE ACTIONS: The Hillsborough County School District agreed to bring free voluntary prekindergarten (VPK) back to Wimauma.

Community volunteers recruited the families and students.

The Community Foundation and others contributed money for enrichment programs such as music and free books.

The program expanded to include summer JumpStart programs after kindergarten, first and second grade to continue learning.

SOME RESULTS SO FAR: VPK and summer JumpStart programs launched at Reddick and Wimauma elementaries.

More than 100 children in the programs each summer.

About 42 percent of participating second grade students reading at or above grade level – equal to the students in the rest of the district.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS: One girl entered the VPK program unable to read or speak English. By mid first grade, she was reading at a second-grade level.

“She is an example of what this effort is about,” said Chuck Tiernan, Senior Director, Community Impact, at the Community Foundation. “She and every child in the initiative have a much greater chance to complete their educations and succeed in a job with a living wage – all because they were ready to enter kindergarten and learn to read.”

Learn more about the Wimauma Community Education Partnership at cftampabay.org/Wimauma.

OUR BOARD

Board members, left to right: Damon Glisson, Sue Williams, Past Chair Donna Longhouse, Larry Fasan, Miles Capron, Oscar Horton, Mark Sena, Patricia Douglas, Ron Ciganek, President and CEO Marlene Spalten, Legacy Society Chair Bill Zewadski, Past Chair Betty Castor, Bill Fries, Chair Bob Mohr, Mike Starkey, Lyda Tymiak Lindell, Leadership Council co-chair Gail Whiting, Leadership Council co-chair Celia Ferman, Dick Dobkin, Linda Simmons, Rick Rios, Juel Smith, Treasurer Ed Koren, James Stanger, Seton Hengesbach, Secretary Susanna Fenhagen, Counsel Sandy Rief.
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The FUSE Scholarship Fund, which helps low-income students earn a degree in a high-demand career field, topped $3 million. Scholarships went to 218 students at HCC, SPC and USF.

More than 10,000 Hillsborough and Pinellas students filled out the FAFSA for college financial aid, encouraged by efforts of the LEAP Tampa Bay College Access Network, a collaborative of partners including the Community Foundation.

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The Love IV Lawrence Foundation was established by the family of Lawrence Hundley Dimmitt IV after his death by suicide in 2017 at 32. Lawrence was a compassionate and magnetic connector who enjoyed bringing people together for any and all reasons. Yet he struggled silently with depression.

Lawrence’s family and friends have come together to promote an open dialogue de-stigmatizing the struggle so many face with mental health. They also want to connect those in need with resources to help them and their loved ones.

They are working through and beside the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay to fund nonprofit organizations that strive to make positive changes around mental health, including research, direct action, and intervention.

The Community Foundation also has made mental well-being a key focus of its grantmaking.

Learn more about Love IV Lawrence at loveivlawrence.org.

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Bringing companionship to seniors with foster pets

Connection with a pet can be key to the well-being of an elderly person, especially one living alone. Often, however, those on fixed incomes can’t afford the cost of care and feeding of a pet. Similarly, shelters frequently take in older pets who have little or no chance of adoption.

With a $7,000 start-up grant from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Greener Side Haven in Hernando and Citrus counties is matching rehabilitated senior dogs with elderly people who otherwise couldn’t afford a pet. The Forever Foster program covers all the expenses of pet ownership – food, veterinary care, toys and grooming. The recipient provides the love and companionship.

“There is so much joy that an animal brings to a person,” said Greener Side Haven founder Julianne Jackson. “And especially somebody who may not have any other relatives or a lot of friends, … having an animal changes that.”
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