2021 Impact Report
Record year for generosity

$31,473,210 Total Grants

of which $7.3 Million went to COVID Relief through the...

Nonprofit Needs List

$4.5 million to the community.

207 nonprofits received funding from 458 total grants.

Hillsborough County Safety Net Program

$2.8 million went to 123 nonprofits.

Fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

ENDOWMENT

For our environment.... forever

With an initial $1 million gift this year, donor Mimi Frank assured that Community Foundation Tampa Bay will have funding forever earmarked for organizations that protect, restore and improve the natural environment in the Tampa Bay region. In establishing the George and Mimi Frank Environmental Endowment, she showed her commitment to the vibrancy of our communities, which rely on flourishing natural resources. As the endowment grows, it will contribute increasingly to the health and quality of life for those who live in the Tampa Bay region now and in the future.
The Community Foundation Tampa Bay launched a major three-year mental wellness initiative in late 2020 to respond to one of our community’s most urgent needs.

Even before the pandemic, mental well-being was a serious issue with 1 in 6 adults in the U.S. experiencing a mental illness each year. As the stresses of COVID-19 grew, that number climbed rapidly to at least 2 in 5 Americans.

Mental Health First Aid can help. The research-based, nationally accredited certification — similar to CPR training — helps people identify, understand and respond to someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge.

In partnership with Love IV Lawrence, St. Petersburg College, Humana, NAMI and the Florida Mental Health Institute at USF, the Community Foundation’s focus is to provide the training free to those who work in nonprofits, faith communities and other institutions. The training also is offered in Spanish.

“Because of my Mental Health First Aid training, I knew the signs of a serious mental health crisis and was able to respond quickly to help a co-worker in need. When we founded the Love IV Lawrence Foundation our goal was to save at least one life. Mental Health First Aid has the power to help us accomplish our goal of saving lives many times over.”

Ian Lieberman, Love IV Lawrence board member

As of September 2021, more than 1,000 individuals had received the training through the initiative, well on the way to reaching the goal of 5,000 key personnel in nonprofits, faith communities and other community settings in three years.

To learn more, see CFTampaBay.org/mentalhealth
David Baldwin graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 1949 and earned a graduate degree from Columbia. He used his skills in electronics as a member of the Ghost Army during WWII. The Ghost Army was a top-secret unit that deceived the Germans by simulating attacks with inflatable tanks and fake radio traffic. While he was working at General Dynamics he discovered a radio component that could be used in microwaves and suggested that General Dynamics start work on manufacturing it but they were not interested. So, he left General Dynamics and started his own company in the basement of his home. He started with a $4,000 investment and within 6 years it had a valuation of $1.2 million. He eventually sold that business and started a software company to create programs for the machines to manufacture the components like the ones he invented previously.

Dave's philanthropy began with investments in research related to Rheumatoid Arthritis – the disease that eventually took the life of his wife Virginia. After moving to Florida, he opened a CFTB donor advised fund from which he directed substantial grants to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, CASA, and other organizations that served people struggling with severe life challenges. He utilized CFTB's endowment match program to build endowments for those same nonprofits. A generous portion of his estate was directed toward the Foundation's Community Impact Fund – perpetually providing financial resources for the Foundation's grantmaking programs. His was a life well lived, and his philanthropy provided that opportunity to many, many others.

Joe Garcia Scholarship will support students eligible for enrollment to Jesuit High School, Loyola University, and the University of Florida—all educational institutions that Joe attended thanks to the generosity of others. Joe passed away in late August of this year but not before ensuring a promising future for many young people with the talent and drive to be successful but lacking the financial means. Joe contributed generously to a number of causes throughout his professional life. His and Anne’s active engagement in the organizations they funded was a source of joy and pride to them. Their philanthropic partnership with the Community Foundation allowed them to enjoy their giving while the Foundation managed the investment and administration of their scholarship fund.

Joe was prepared for college through his involvement with Boys and Girls Clubs. He understood from his own experience how instrumental that preparation was to his ultimate success. Through a donor advised fund, Joe and Anne directed generous gifts to Tampa area Boys and Girls Clubs to enable the next generations of eager young people to develop mentally, emotionally, and socially— aspiring to an education beyond high school and equipped to be successful in a competitive environment. His legacy is reflected in the changed lives that have and will continue to be the result of his caring generosity.
The Alliance for Advocacy and Philanthropy

Partnership between Stetson University College of Law and Community Foundation Tampa Bay builds future leaders

In its second year, the Alliance forged new connections between Stetson students, nonprofit organizations and the community.

• COMMUNITY FELLOWS
  Each semester, two or three Stetson students earn paid fellowships with Community Foundation Tampa Bay. They get hands-on opportunities to work with nonprofits and are introduced to nonprofit board governance, grantmaking, donor development and funding agreements.

• COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES
  Stetson Law students must complete 30 hours of legal pro bono work and 30 hours with community organizations. The Alliance now pairs Stetson Law students with local nonprofits to complete that work and help the organization.

• FUTURE LAWYERS FOR ADVOCACY AND PHILANTHROPY
  Inspired by the Alliance, Stetson students formed this on-campus organization to introduce other students to philanthropy and legal advocacy. The group also provide links to pro bono opportunities in the community.

PARTNERSHIP

Enhancing the business of philanthropy

Smith & Associates Real Estate Foundation

A growing number of businesses are linking their community philanthropy to Community Foundation Tampa Bay, including Smith & Associates Real Estate. Committed to positively impacting the community, the St. Petersburg-based realty company launched the Smith & Associates Real Estate Foundation at the Community Foundation Tampa Bay in late 2020.

“Our success is measured not just by sales growth and volume but also in how we can contribute to making Tampa Bay, our home, a better place to live and grow.”

Bob Glaser, President & CEO, Smith & Associates Real Estate

Through the Foundation, a portion of the company’s profits will be given back to the community. Employees can seek corporate matches and/or sponsorships and bring a greater level of involvement to causes and organizations that are meaningful to them.
Collaboration

Arts Axis = Arts Access

WUSF Public Media — with founding support from the Community Foundation Tampa Bay — developed and launched the free online arts hub to bring the arts to more people. Though the project started during the pandemic, at a time when arts organizations couldn’t reach audiences, the long-term goal is to increase access to the arts, bringing music, dance, theater, visual arts and spoken word into the homes of those who have limited access. It also promotes broader understanding of the depth and breadth of the arts in our region.

Visit ArtsAxisFL.org to learn more.