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New Funds Benefit Various Agencies

Among the Foundation's new funds this year are those established by Scott and Verna Crain, K. Whitney Dalzell, Mario E. Granata, Donald and Leila Pouttu, Madonna and Will Ptak, Margaret Ross Schoonmaker, Doris Townsend and Cecile L. Warner.

Crain, Granata, Pouttu, Schoonmaker, Townsend and Warner Gifts Unrestricted. Like many previous donors to the Foundation, these givers each decided that the Foundation is in the best position to know community needs. Consequently, they left it in the discretion of the Board of Directors to determine how these gifts are distributed. Generous gifts such as these have helped the Foundation greatly expand its grants programs over the years.

Dalzell Fund to Benefit UPARC. Earlier this year, Whit Dalzell joined benefactors Josephine Zamoyski and Ellen Mullen in establishing a fund to help the mission of UPARC. Mr. Dalzell's gift will specifically benefit UPARC's group homes, transportation for residents of the group homes and UPARC's Development Enrichment Program.

Ptak Funds For Food Bank, Scholarship. Thank you to Will Ptak for helping to ensure that food will be provided to those in need and that students who would otherwise not be attending college will be able to do so because of his gift. Mr. Ptak provided funds for the benefit of a local food bank and for a scholarship specifically for someone who, without the scholarship, would be unable to attend college.

Unique Giving Opportunity Set To Expire After 2007

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 is good news for many IRA account holders 70 ½ and older. First, contributions of up to \$100,000 may be made from such accounts directly to an eligible charity. Second, such contributions satisfy the minimum distribution rules for such accounts. And, third, such contributions are excluded from adjusted gross income and, therefore, are tax-exempt.

Who can benefit from taking advantage of this legislation? High-income taxpayer who itemize deductions (the donated amount is not included in adjusted gross income); an individuals who already donates a substantial portion of his or her income to charity (these contributions from IRA's are not subject to the 50% of adjusted gross income limitation); and a taxpayer who doesn't itemize deductions.

The Pinellas Community Foundation is a public charity eligible to receive distributions from IRA's. A donor may contribute to the Foundation's discretionary grants programs which benefited 54 not-for-profit agencies in Pinellas County in 2007, may designate the charitable organization to receive the gift or may add to one of the endowments established by local not-for-profits and held by the Foundation.



Competitive Grants Awarded

In September 2007, Pinellas Community Foundation awarded the following competitive grants to non-profit organizations in Pinellas County:

\$5,000 Edith B. Green Small Project Grant

Caring & Sharing for Independent Living for 15 heavy-duty and standard wheelchairs not covered by Medicare or Medicaid

\$10,000 Edith B. Green Small Project Grant

Homeless Emergency Project for ovens and refrigerators for an apartment facility to be constructed for chronically homeless citizens

Mildred B. Stribling and Theodore & Marion Tonne Special Grants

Brookwood Florida - Central - \$16,000 for new kitchen appliances and kitchen related items to better serve "at-risk" girls who live at Brookwood

CASA - \$10,000 for two air conditioning units at the agency's Emergency Shelter for survivors of domestic violence and their children

Kimberly Home - \$5,000 for security system required by insurance company and disaster safety equipment

PARC - \$7,000 for sports, fitness and recreation equipment for the PARC Bays and Girls Club for developmentally disabled youth

Shepherd's Village - \$6,000 for attic insulation and storm doors which will be both physical improvements to the 12 unit single parent affordable housing building and will reduce rising energy costs

St. Petersburg Free Clinic - \$4,000 for roofing repairs at the clinic's Beacon House - a temporary, transitional shelter for single, homeless men

Willa Carson Health Resource Center - \$2,000 for two Vital Sign machines which will record blood pressure and temperature



Glenn and Carol Arthur Field of Interest Grants

ASAP Homeless Center - \$10,000 for interior and exterior painting of the agency's emergency shelter facilities

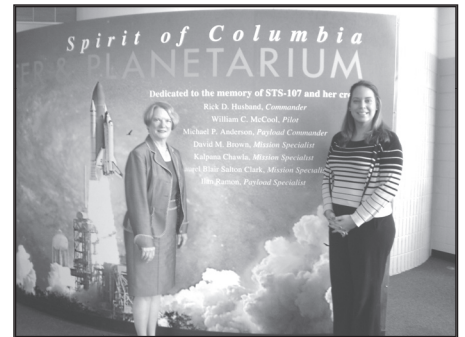
Family Resources - \$7,000 for appliances to be used in the agency's new transitional facility for youth aging out of foster care

Great Explorations - \$3,000 for two portable sinks that will provide general sanitation for children in classrooms with no plumbing

Lighthouse of Pinellas - \$1,000 for adaptive aids and devices for individuals who are blind or visually impaired and have diabetes

The Science Center of Pinellas - \$4,000 for new planetarium presentations entitled "Oceans in Space" and "MarsQuest"

Congratulations to all recipients!



Welcome New Board Members!

At its September Board of Governors meeting, the Board welcomed new Board members **Louie N. Adcock, Jr.** and **Maria N. Edmonds**.

Mr. Adcock is a distinguished real property and probate lawyer who has been associated with the St. Petersburg law firm of Fisher & Sauls for over 50 years and also lives in St. Petersburg. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida. He fought with the U.S. Army in Korea and is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. During his legal career, he achieved prominence among his peers and was active in the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar. He has a broad history of community involvement and has been widely praised for his leadership skills. He is no stranger to the Foundation. A long time friend of the Foundation, he currently serves on the Graham-Bowman Scholarship Committee.

Ms. Edmonds recently retired as Associate Provost of the Tarpon Springs campus of St. Petersburg College. A native of Puerto Rico, Ms. Edmonds came to Florida to attend Florida State University and has lived in this area for over 30 years. She currently chairs the recently formed Hispanic Leadership Council, is on the Board of Trustees of the YWCA of Tampa Bay and serves on the Board of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. Like Mr. Adcock, Ms. Edmonds has a long and broad history of community involvement and has been admired for her leadership skills.

Community Council Features 2 New Agencies, 1 Old Friend

Each year, the Foundation hosts two "community councils," one each in St. Petersburg and Belleair Bluffs, to heighten awareness among estate planning professionals of the Foundation's role in helping to meet community needs in Pinellas. In September, the event was held in the Community Room of Northern Trust in Belleair Bluffs and featured 3 agencies receiving grants for operating expenses. Two of the agencies, Golda Meir/Kent Jewish Community Center and Suncoast Voices for Children received their first grants this year. The Community Center offers a variety of programs for youth and seniors regardless of religious affiliation, ethnic background or income level, while Suncoast Voices, a three-year old organization, raises funds to help ensure that every child in foster care has a volunteer guardian ad litem.

Also featured was Homeless Emergency Project, which provides housing, food, clothing and support services to homeless and very low-income individuals. Since 1994, the Foundation has awarded over \$300,000 in operating and special project grants to HEP.



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Mission

*"Building a better
future for Pinellas
by partnering
donors who care with
causes that matter."*

We've Moved!

Pinellas Community Foundation has moved to a more centrally located office in Pinellas County. We're on the second floor of the Regions Bank building in Tri-City Plaza. Our new address and telephone numbers are:

5200 East Bay Drive, Suite 202
Clearwater, FL 33764
727-531-0058 (office)
727-531-0053 (fax)

Strategic Planning Retreat

The Board of Governors and foundation staff met on Saturday, October 27th for the first of several strategic planning sessions. As we



ready ourselves for the next three to five years, we will continue to fine-tune our vision and mission as well as our long and short-range goals and objectives in order to better serve the needs of our growing community. Over the next year we will be enhancing our community outreach program, marketing efforts and website design as well as refining our grant-making process.

The Pinellas Community Foundation strengthens the lives of people in our community every single day by working together with you. Thank you for your support and commitment!