

## **\$1.9 Million Invested in Local Nonprofit Organizations**

*Community Leaders Recognize the Pinellas Community Foundation's 2009 Accomplishments*

Over 125 community leaders, philanthropists, and local elected officials gathered on Friday, February 26 for the Pinellas Community Foundation's annual meeting and to recognize the 2009 accomplishments of the Foundation. Tamara A. Felton, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Governors, moderated the event.

"Our ability to distribute over \$1.9 million is a direct result of the spirit of generosity that exists throughout Pinellas County" said Julie Scales, Executive Director of the Foundation. "I am grateful for the leadership of our Board of Governors and the support of our many friends", noted Scales.

The Pinellas Community Foundation oversees three primary funding programs: a discretionary grant program, a "Field of Interest" grant program, and a wide variety of designated and agency endowment funds. These funding programs support organizations and initiatives that address some of the most critical issues facing Pinellas County. In 2009, the Foundation's major program beneficiaries included:

- Arts and Culture: \$409,062
- Children and Youth Services: \$339,227
- Health Care: \$301,903
- Education and Scholarships: \$294,561

Additionally, the Foundation funded programs that address Affordable Housing, Animal Welfare, Elderly Services, Family Services, Homeless Services, Information and Referral Services, Religion, and Women's Services.

The 2009 annual meeting also featured special presentation from 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, the Science Center of Pinellas County, and the Gulf Coast Dental Outreach Clinic.

"Our 2009 annual meeting provided all attendees with numerous examples of how our Foundation continues to build a better future for Pinellas County by partnering donors who care with causes that matter", said Scales.

You can learn more about the Pinellas Community Foundation by visiting [www.pinellasccf.org](http://www.pinellasccf.org).