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OUR YEAR IN GIVING



It is a most fitting time of year to announce the Foundation's competitive grants awards for 2005! These grants, named after the generous donors that made them possible, are awarded in two cycles: Summer Competitive Grants and Fall Competitive Grants. Members of the Foundation's Board of Governors serve on the committee for each cycle.

In our September 2005 Newsletter, we reported on the **Summer Cycle of Competitive Grants** and the winners and their projects.

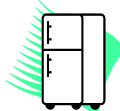
The major component of our **Fall Cycle of Competitive Grants** is the **Benedict Grants** program. Named after **Ernest and Carolyn Benedict**, whose generous gift makes possible the annual award of **\$100,000** in project grants, the Benedict Grants

are given for capital improvement, equipment and special projects. In 2005, **Capital Improvement Grants** were awarded to **Operation Par** (**\$10,000**)



for improvements to its restroom facilities and **Pre-School Experience** (**\$16,000**) for renovations to its kitchen.

Eleven agencies are beneficiaries of Special Grants: **Brookwood Florida-Central** (**\$4,000**) for electrical improvements at its main house; **Caring and Sharing for Independent Living** (**\$2,000**) to replace malfunctioning lighting fixtures; **Community Pride Child Care** (**\$3,000**)



for cribs and highchairs; **Daystar Life Center** (**\$5,000**) for a commercial refrigerator; **Girls Inc.** (**\$8,000**) for operating systems and computer related equipment; **Great Explora-**

(**\$2,000**) to upgrade their telephone system; **Lighthouse of Pinellas** (**\$3,000**) to upgrade software to facilitate reading for the visually impaired; **Operation Par** (**\$4,000**) for sand and water play tables; **Pinellas Village** (**\$10,000**) for a six-foot vinyl fence to surround a children's playground area; and **St. Petersburg Free Clinic** (**\$9,000**) to replace cabinets at its *Women's Residence*.



Receiving **Equipment Grants** were

Homeless Emergency Project (**\$10,000**) for dental equipment at its Dental Clinic and **St. Petersburg Free Clinic** (**\$10,000**) for stainless steel work tables and sink, and refrigeration and freezer units, all for use in its *Food Pantry*.

The Benedicts wanted their gift to benefit charities based in Pinellas County

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IN BRIEF

Sertoma Club Awards Annual Grant

In 1999, the Clearwater Breakfast Sertoma Club established an endowment within the Foundation as a memorial to Walter Leahy. Net income from the fund is distributed each year to an organization providing services to the speech and hearing impaired, the visually impaired, retarded persons, or children. The 2005 award goes to **Lighthouse of Pinellas**.



Winner of Maurice Condon Scholarship Announced

In November, the **College Fund of Pinellas** announced that Janice Wright has been

awarded the Maurice Condon Scholarship this year. Janice is a senior and a criminal justice/law major with a 3.8 GPA at the University of South Florida. U.S. Home Corporation established the scholarship in 1974 in memory of Mr. Condon. College Fund administers the award for the Foundation.



Foundation Welcomes New Agency to its Grants Family

The Foundation welcomes the **Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas** family! Using the Laumbach Method, the



Literacy Council teaches Basic Literacy and ESL (English as a Second Language) to adults. The organization will be using its grant money to provide a third workshop in 2006 to train literacy tutors.

Habitat For Humanity and Faith in Action Join Endowment Family

Another newcomer (2004) to the Foundation, Habitat was featured in our April 2004 Newsletter. Habitat and Faith in Action of Upper Pinellas, which provides services to the frail elderly, join a number of our funded agencies that have chosen to take advantage of the Foundation's low cost Endowment program.

OUR DONOR AWARDS BENEFIT 5 AGENCIES



These grants and awards are named after the following generous donors: **Dorothy A. Frazell, Cathleen W. Grant, Mary K. Haworth, William R. Kane and Howard McGlasson,**

Under this Program, 3 agencies receive grants of \$10,000 each and 2 organizations are

awarded grants of \$5,000 each. Receiving **\$10,000** this year are: **Girls Incorporated** (for upgrading bathrooms); **Haven of RCS** (repairing, resealing and restriping the parking lot and repainting a building exterior); and **Lighthouse of Pinellas** (for desktop computers adapted to enhance visually impaired seniors' ability to view images and text). **Brookwood Flor-**

ida-Central and Upper Pinellas Association of Retarded Citizens are each recipients of **\$5,000**. Brookwood will be purchasing furniture and equipment for its dining room and UPARC will buy 2 Emergency Response kits designed to locate lost persons suffering from Alzheimer's and related disorders.



FRIENDS OF THE ISLAND PARKS, WUSF RECEIVE

FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS

In 1997, Cathleen W. Grant established the **Environmental Improvement** and the **Public Communication Funds** to benefit those particular "fields of Interest." Since then, grants have been awarded to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, the Clearwater Audio-

What is a "Field of Interest" Fund?

This is a fund that is used for a specific charitable purpose such as arts and culture, education or human services. The donor specifies the "field of interest" and the Foundation selects grantees that work in that field.

bon Society, Florida Botanical Gardens, WEDU and WUSF. This year's awards go to the **Friends of the Island Parks** to purchase environmental information signs for Honey-moon Island State Park and to **WUSF** for an outreach program to improve awareness of women's heart health.

"The Pinellas County Community Foundation can help you benefit an agency of your choice. "

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Faith Mission Awards Record Number of Grants

In its fourth full year of grant making, the Faith Mission Donor Advisory Committee awarded a total of **\$92,000** to 11 organizations in Upper Pinellas County that focus on providing services to youth and elderly persons. Receiving first-time grants of **\$10,000** each are **Faith and Action For Strength Together (F.A.S.T.)**, **Harborside Christian Church for Royal Family Kids' Camp** and **YMCA of the Suncoast**.

F.A.S.T. is an interfaith coalition of 25 congregations in Pinellas County that has focused on improving transportation for the elderly. Faith Mission has specified that the grant money should be used for that purpose. **Royal Family Kids' Camp**, sponsored by Harborside Christian Church, is part of a nationwide network of faith-based camps available only to children in foster care. In 2004, the **YMCA** opened its Greater Palm Harbor Branch and the Y will be using its award to provide staffing, equipment and supplies for the Branch's Teen Center.

Other organizations receiving first time grants are **Blossom Montessori School for the Deaf; A Gift For Teaching;** and **Pregnancy Center of Pinellas County**.

Blossom will be using its **\$2,000** award to purchase equipment for a program for teaching world geography through touch and experience. With its **\$5,000**, **A Gift for Teaching** will be able to buy more school supplies that it provides free to teachers free of charge for underprivileged children in the County's public schools. Finally, the **Pregnancy Center** will be purchasing cribs and mattresses with its **\$5,000** grant.

Organizations which have received funding in the past from Faith Mission and which will each be receiving a **\$10,000** award this year are **Christian**

Outreach Center, Citizens Alliance for Progress, Crystal Beach Youth Center, Faith in Action of Upper Pinellas and **North Bay Christian Academy**.

Christian Outreach Center provides a variety of services and programs for underprivileged children. **Citizens Alliance for Progress** will be providing an on-site reading and community chorus programs. **Crystal Beach Youth Center** will be making improvements at its Center while **Faith in Action** provides services to the frail elderly. **North Bay Christian Academy** will be using its money for general operating purposes.



The donors of the Faith Mission funds specified that they wanted to benefit youth and the elderly and organizations serving Crystal Beach and the surrounding areas.

“A Donor Advised Fund is a simple, cost effective method of giving that provides the donor with tax benefits and the ability to make recommendations for giving to the donor’s preferred charities.”

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FROM OUR MAILBOX



“I felt the result of [the Foundation’s] support last night, as I . . . had the responsibility to check the [Center’s] buildings.. My walk through all the rooms filled me with nostalgia. I saw so many items of furniture, equipment and toys that you have helped us to replace in the past—children’s tables and chairs, office furniture and equipment, dishwasher, cabinets, riding toys, infant buggies, sleeping cots, cribs, and more.

[A]ll but 1 of our 5 buildings is over 70 years old and all of these items have helped to make all of our classrooms

and offices look pleasant and attractive, family and child friendly, and of such a manner that children can feel safe and warm. They are embraced by all of these past gifts from the Foundation that help our center to provide an environment that contributes to the children’s well being and successful growth and development and to the satisfaction of our staff and families that a place 76 years old does not look like it! And we have you, mostly, to thank! “

Happy Workers Children’s Center, St. Petersburg.

“I extend our heartfelt thanks for your [\$24,000 scholarship] gift. . . [W]e are pleased to announce that Stetson has launched a Scholarship Matching Grant Program that will match scholarship donations of \$1,000 or more on a 2:1 ratio.”

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Pinellas Animal Foundation

“Thank you so much for helping me continue my education..”

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