Together with our donors, Gulf Coast Community Foundation transforms our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. Through strategic community initiatives and grants, Gulf Coast invests in the good work that effective charitable organizations and other community partners accomplish every day. Gulf Coast also facilitates gifts from individual philanthropists who wish to invest in the causes they care about, here in our region and around the world.

The following community investments were approved by the Gulf Coast Board of Directors at its June 2018 meeting:

**Leveraged Grants**

**Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation** - **$100,000** to support the First 1,000 Days Sarasota County initiative. The funding will help establish a Patient Navigator Program at Sarasota Memorial Hospital and support outreach and education to help vulnerable mothers and families access prenatal, newborn, and early childhood development care.

**Gulf Coast Partnership** - **$27,500** to implement a coordinated entry system into housing and services for female veterans and chronically homeless women and their children.

**Ringling College of Art and Design and Sarasota County Schools** - **$97,000** to support the design and pilot testing of innovative classrooms for intensive language arts education for struggling students in Sarasota County high schools. Funding comprises $60,000 to Ringling College for classroom design and $37,000 to the school district for professional development and support for teachers.

**United Way of Charlotte County** - **$40,000** to support the new position of collective impact manager, who will oversee collaborative initiatives that serve vulnerable women, specifically mothers of substance-exposed children, women who are underemployed and experiencing health challenges, and homeless women.

**Van Wezel Foundation** - **$25,000** to support the planning phases of the organization’s capital campaign to create a world-class performing arts center.
Community Grants
Community Grants totaling $139,100 were made to the following organizations from May 1 to June 19, 2018:

- Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
- Elling O. Eide Charitable Foundation
- Englewood Community Care Clinic
- Johns Hopkins All Children’s Foundation
- Library Foundation for Sarasota County
- Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
- Ringling College Library Association
- Sarasota Orchestra
- South Sarasota County Council of the Blind
- SKY Family YMCA
- Venice Touchdown Club

Funding for the grants above comes from the following funds:
- Community Health Endowment Fund
- Daniel Welch Fund
- Ed and Barbara Strobel Fund
- Frank and Elsie Bushroe Charitable Fund
- L. Conway Channing Endowment Fund
- Miriam P. Raines Charitable Fund
- Venice Endowment Fund

Arts Appreciation Grants
Gulf Coast awarded grants to the following arts and cultural organizations to further their artistic missions in our region:

- Asolo Repertory Theatre - $70,000
- Embracing Our Differences - $40,000
- Florida Studio Theatre - $45,000
- John and Mable Ringling Museum - $50,000
- Sarasota Ballet - $55,000
- Sarasota Opera - $50,000
- Sarasota Orchestra - $50,000
- Venice Symphony - $30,000
- Venice Theatre - $50,000
- Westcoast Black Theater Troupe - $15,000

Funding for the grants above comes from the following funds:
- A. Hamilton and Edith T. Gardner Fund
- Betty Jane Helle Endowment Fund
- Ina L. Donnan Field of Interest Fund
- John and Mary Doherty Charitable Fund
- Margaret Lehman Endowment Fund
- The Venice Endowment Fund

Project Fund Grants
Gulf Coast serves as the fiscal agent for charitable and regional efforts that meet its mission but do not have a 501(c)(3) public charity corporate designation. Acting in this role, Gulf Coast made $416,005 in distributions from the following project funds from January 1 and April 30, 2018:
Eloise Werlin Causeway Park Project Fund
Coming Together Against Cancer Project Fund
Gulf Coast Disaster Fund
Kids SWIM Fund
Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Gardens Project Fund
Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization Project Fund

2018 scholarships
Gulf Coast Community Foundation approved $508,530 in scholarship awards for the 2018-19 school year from the following funds:

Amy Lee Haffner Scholarship Fund
Ann Brown Spaulding Scholarship Fund
Anthony Forsthoefel Scholarship Fund
Arne and Dorothy Iversen Scholarship Fund
Arthur E. and Audre B. Smith Scholarship Fund
Arthur E. Gulick M.D. Vocational Scholarship Fund
Charles S. Herron, Jr. M.D. Student Healthcare Scholarship Fund
Christopher L. Woiak Memorial Scholarship Fund for Big Brothers/Big Sisters
David Dunbar Scholarship for the Arts Dein Fund
Englewood Masonic Lodge #360 Scholarship
Englewood United Methodist Men's Fellowship Scholarship Fund
Englewood Youth Foundation Scholarship Fund
Englewood Youth Foundation Scholarship Matching Fund
Englewood Youth Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Nick Pihowicz
Englewood Youth Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Frances B. Concordia
Englewood Youth Foundation Scholarship Janet E. and Henry J.G. Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund
George F. Dignam Memorial Scholarship Fund
Geri and Ron Yonover Scholarship Fund
Grace Herrmann Nursing Scholarship Fund
Gulf Coast Community Foundation Part-Time Scholarship
Gulf Coast Community Foundation Scholarship
Harry and Joyce Wachter Business Scholarship Fund
Helen Wedding Vocational Scholarship Fund
John D. Kicklighter Fund
Joseph and Dina Marshall Scholarship Fund
Karen Bogues/Community Youth Development Scholarship Fund
L.A. Ainger Jr. High School Foundation
Lansberry Fund
LBHS Virginia Preston Memorial Scholarship
LBHS Walter J. McCormick, Jr. Scholarship Fund
Lemon Bay American Legion Scholarship Fund
Lemon Bay High School Mary B. Conwell Scholarship Fund
Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Fund
Lloyd J. Dunn Memorial Fund
Margaret D. Lincoln Scholarship Fund
Marian Graves Scholarship Fund
Marion B. Thompson Scholarship Fund
Michael Bingamen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mission Valley CC Scholarship Fund in Memory of Paul Peters, Jr.
North Port Community Scholarship Fund
Patricia Bradley Venice Nokomis Elks 1854 Scholarship Fund
Philip B. Dobrin MD Memorial Scholarship Fund
Richard M. Morrison MD Student Healthcare Scholarship Fund
Rick Martin Memorial Fund
Robert and Ida Shelton Scholarship Fund
Robert E. Schill Nursing Scholarship Fund
Robyn Knapp Gullotta Soccer Scholarship Fund
Sarah Ross Scholarship Fund
Toledo Blade Scholarship Fund
Tom and Annette Dignam Family Trust Scholarship
Tom Grover Memorial Scholarship Fund
Venice High School Scholarship Fund
VHS Rotary Futures Scholarship Fund
Wayne Lechlitner Fund
Donor-Recommended Grants

Individuals, families, corporations, and organizations partner with Gulf Coast to establish funds that support their charitable interests. Some donors establish a charitable fund during their lifetime, while others choose to establish a fund through their estate. Gulf Coast dutifully stewards the charitable funds entrusted to its care and maintains the highest level of integrity in honoring each donor’s philanthropic intent.

The Gulf Coast Board of Directors ratified $4,052,378 in donor-recommended grants made to the following organizations from April 1 to May 15, 2018:

- ACLU Foundation of Florida
- African Vision of Hope
- Akvavit Theatre
- All Faiths Food Bank
- All Star Children’s Foundation
- American Cancer Society
- American Cancer Society - Metro Detroit Area
- American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
- American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science
- American Friends of Neve Shalom-Wahat Al-Salam
- American Jewish Committee
- American Technion Society
- Appalachian Mountain Club
- Art Center Sarasota
- Asolo Repertory Theatre
- Berea College
- Bethany Baptist Church
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast
- Boy Scouts of America - Five Rivers Council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County
- Bryn Mawr College
- Cape and Islands United Way
- Cat Depot
- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice
- Cedille Chicago
- Center for Urban Renewal and Education
- Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice
- Charlotte County Public Schools
- Chautauqua Institution
- Child Protection Center
- Children First
- Children's Guardian Fund
- Children's Science Center
- Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
- Coexistence (Embracing Our Differences)
- Columbia County Habitat for Humanity
- Columbus Symphony Orchestra
- Community Foundation of Orange County
- Community Foundation of Sarasota County
- Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities
- Congregation Beth Shalom
- Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
- Continuo Arts Foundation
- Delta Gamma Foundation
- Designing Women Boutique
- Dexter Southfield
- Diocese of Venice
- Doctors Without Borders USA
- Dutchess Land Conservancy
Earthjustice
Education Foundation of Sarasota County
Emergency Fund
Emmaus Homeless Shelter
Englewood Community Care Clinic
Englewood Community Services
Everyday Blessings
Family Promise of South Sarasota County
Fanconi Anemia Research Fund
Feeding America
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Florida Center for Early Childhood
Florida Studio Theatre
Florida West Coast Public Broadcasting (WEDU TV)
Florida Winefest & Auction
Footsteps
Forty Carrots Family Center
Four Winds Community
Friends of Florida State Forests
Friends of Shannon Staub Public Library
Friends of the Venice Public Library
Friendship Centers
Front Range Equine Rescue
FSU/Asolo Conservatory
Gilman School
Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County
Grace Community Church of Boca Raton
Growth Works
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute Foundation
Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County
Haiti Partners
Harvest House Transitional Centers
Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County
Help for Hungry & Homeless
Hermitage Artist Retreat
Hillel School
Historic Spanish Point
Historical Society of Sarasota County
Humane Society of Sarasota County
InStride Therapy
Interfaith Outreach
Island School Foundation
Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation
Jewish Community Center
Jewish Family and Children’s Service of the Suncoast
Jewish Federation of the Berkshires
Jewish Housing Council Foundation
Jewish National Fund
John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art Foundation
Johns Hopkins University
JoshProvides Epilepsy Assistance Foundation
Junior League of Sarasota
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Tampa Bay Chapter
Kiwanis Club of Bradenton Foundation
Lakes Region Conservation Trust
Last Call Foundation
Laurel Civic Association
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – Chicago Chapter
Library Foundation for Sarasota County
Lighthouse of Manasota
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Lymphoma Research Foundation
Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center
Majella Cares
Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, Suncoast Regional Office Manasota 88
Mannie Jackson Center for Humanities Foundation
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