



GOOD DEEDS

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The **Allen Wirtz Nobbe and Jo Bowe Nobbe Fund** at the **Community Foundation of Sarasota County** has awarded **The Florida Center for Early Childhood** with a grant of \$25,000 to support the mental health professional position at Gocio Elementary School.

The Florida Center is a leading provider of therapeutic services for young children and their families in Sarasota, Charlotte, Manatee and DeSoto/Hardee counties. The funding allows for a mental health therapist to be housed on the Gocio campus full time. This position began in August 2017 through a partnership with the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. The position is intended to support vulnerable parents and their children with “deep” family issues to help break the cycle of trauma that is often generational.

This approach, often referred to as Two Generational or “2Gen,” creates opportunities to address the needs of both the child and the adults in their life. The position provides one-on-one therapy for students, family therapy, parenting support and teacher support that can include one-on-one consultation and classroom support.

The **Floridian of Sarasota**, a for lease villa resort community currently under construction in South Sarasota County, donated \$4,000 to the Sarasota Family YMCA’s Going for the Gold Fund Raising Celebration, held May 5 at the Ritz-Carlton.

In addition to fabulous food, cocktails, dancing and derby watching, attendees were shown multimedia examples of the YMCA’s impact on the community and heard people tell their stories about the lifesaving changes the Y made in their lives.

Temple Emanu-El's Mitzvah Day – an afternoon of hands-on community service projects and donation drives undertaken by more than 360 volunteers May 6 – was made possible by the generosity of local businesses.

Lucky's Market, Sprouts Farmers Market, Detwiler's Farm Market, BJ's, Publix, Costco and **Morton's Gourmet Market** donated gift cards that were used to purchase supplies for making hundreds of bagged lunches for the homeless, as well as fresh fruit for families attending the Newtown-area Art in the Park and youngsters attending a garden party for foster children.

Ulta and **Sephora** donated cosmetics to help fill gift bags for disadvantaged teenage girls and young women recently rescued from human traffickers.

Yarnall Warehouse Inc., an agent for United Van Lines, donated boxes and packing tape for the collection of books, food, sports equipment, and toiletries to benefit needy people in Sarasota-Manatee.

Eager Beaver Car Wash donated \$7,000 to the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** to support its recent One Walk event.

Joe Schiess of Eager Beaver currently spearheads this paper sneaker campaign that has been a long-standing tradition for the business. JDRF is committed to accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat type 1 diabetes and its complications.

The **Shamrock Pub** raised \$12,922 for the **Sarasota Family YMCA Youth Shelter** through the 10th Annual St. Patrick's Day Block Party.

Funds were raised from raffle sales, beer sales and the generous support of sponsors: **New World Celts, American Outlaws, Friends of the Legacy Trail, Visit Sarasota, Narragansett Brewing Co., Highland Brewing Co., Gold Coast Eagle, Sarasota Lanes, David Weekley Homes, Ian Black Commercial Real Estate, Lagunitas Brewing, Cigar City Brewing, Guinness & Co., JJ Taylor Distributing** and **Tableside's Modern Events**.

PGT Innovations sponsored the **Suncoast Foundation for Handicapped Children's** 9th annual Suncoast BBQ and Bluegrass Bash in April to raise awareness and contributions for the foundation as well as other participating

area nonprofit organizations.

Along with the company's Big Hawg sponsorship, Jason Rosenberg, a PGT Innovations team member, acted as a judge for the Kids Burger Cook-Off on April 19. He was one of six judges to help determine the winner from the six benefiting organizations' teams, including **The Florida Center, Children's First, Special Olympics, Community Haven, Loveland Center** and **Challenger Baseball**.

This year, the Suncoast Foundation estimates the event attracted 15,000 to 20,000 visitors and earned more money than any previous year. The event is designed to bring nationally recognized barbecue pit masters and bluegrass bands to Florida in a family-friendly way. Proceeds will be used to support and maintain current and future facilities and ensure the legacies of those who were instrumental in supporting the foundation's mission.