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Community Foundation of Collier County Awards \$7.1 Million in Grants in First Quarter 2021-22 Fiscal Year

Naples, FL (October 19, 2021) The Community Foundation of Collier County (CFCC) awarded \$7,151,231 in grants in the first quarter of the 2021-22 fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, to nonprofit agencies and scholarships for secondary education and specialized training. Included in this amount is \$1,818,258 in CFCC Donor-Advised Fund grants.

The Community Foundation ended its 2020-21 fiscal year on June 30, 2021, with a total of \$33.5 million in grants. CFCC has distributed over \$216 million in grants and scholarships in its 36-year history.

\$774,155 of the first quarter grants were from the *Your passion. Your Collier.* Fund (YPYC). This \$15.5 million initiative directly results from the 2017 Community Needs Assessment addressing needs in mental health & substance abuse, housing & hunger, education & employment, seniors & veterans, environment & accessibility, and crisis & disaster relief.

The organizations receiving YPYC grants in the first quarter are Lorenzo Walker Technical College, Immokalee Technical College (iTech) Center for Manufacturing Excellence, and Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce to expand course offerings for machining technologies and electronic and communications technologies education programs, Naples Botanical Garden for the Collier Trees Project, and Champions For Learning for Future Ready Collier.

"Studies are pointless unless we follow them up with action," said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, Community Foundation President & CEO. "At the Community Foundation, we pride ourselves on community knowledge and partnerships that enable us to identify and respond to critical community needs and, in turn, guide our donors in their charitable giving to make the most impact."

2021-22 First Quarter Grants

Program Area	Total
Arts, Culture, & Humanities	240,539
Education	4,256,560
Environment & Animals	624,660
Health	734,350
Human Services	868,321
International, Foreign Affairs	14,740
Mutual/Membership Benefit	150
Public, Societal Benefit	181,028
Religion Related	230,883
	7,151,231

About the Community Foundation of Collier County

The Community Foundation of Collier County, now in its 36th year, is a tax-exempt, public, charitable organization established in 1985 to increase and focus on local private philanthropy. Today, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 850 funds, collaborates with hundreds of nonprofits, holds over \$284 million in assets and has distributed over \$216 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and community programs. The Community Foundation of Collier County is one of Florida's fastest-growing community foundations. For good. Forever. Learn more at cfcollier.org or call 239-649-5000.