

**For Immediate Release**

**The Collier Community Foundation grants record amount of \$43.1 million in FY 2022**

(NAPLES, FL – September 19, 2022) – The Collier Community Foundation has awarded **\$43.1 million** in grants in FY 2022 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to nonprofit agencies and scholarships for secondary education and specialized training. Included in this amount is \$14.1 million in CCF Donor-Advised Fund grants and \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds distributed to our local food pantries.

This record amount represents a 28% increase over the FY 2021 total of \$33.5 million in grants and the highest amount in the Foundation's 37-year history. Over \$268 million in grants and scholarships have been awarded since 1985.

Grants awarded include \$30,000 to Everglades Foundation for the Everglades Literacy Program which gives teachers the tools and knowledge to teach and move forward in educating current and future generations. A \$28,550 grant was given to NAMI to expand its Supported Housing Program. This program helps homeless individuals with mental health diagnoses find safe, stable housing by adding a Supported Employment component that will assist them in finding and keeping appropriate work to help them become self-sufficient. The STARability Foundation received a \$15,000 grant for The STAR\*Made Studio, a social enterprise that offers vocational training to more than 30 participants enrolled in community-based day programs. Participants learn job-related skills, team building, and product development while making popular hand-poured candles, jewelry, and other products sold at their store.

"With these grants, we continue our long-established tradition of improving our community by engaging donors, nonprofits, and local leaders in the causes they care about," said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, Collier 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 optimize charitable giving."

**FY 2022 Grants**

Total	Category
\$1,116,334	Arts, Culture, & Humanities
\$12,334,296	Education
\$2,195,651	Environment & Animals
\$912,015	Government Entity
\$16,396,546	Health
\$7,748,812	Human Services
\$23,586	International, Foreign Affairs
\$2,750	Mutual/Membership Benefit
\$783,374	Public, Societal Benefit

\$1,666,205 Religion Related

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**\$43,179,569**

**About the Collier Community Foundation:**

*The Community Foundation of Collier County, DBA Collier Community Foundation™, is a tax-exempt, public, charitable organization established in 1985 to increase and focus on local private philanthropy. Today, the Collier Community Foundation manages more than 850 funds, works with hundreds of nonprofits, holds over \$247 million in assets, and has distributed over \$268 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, community programs, and scholarships, over \$43.1 million in the past fiscal year. The Collier Community Foundation is one of Florida's fastest-growing community foundations. Informed giving. Powerful results™. Learn more at [collierccf.org](http://collierccf.org) or call 239-649-5000.*