



**Grants Approved
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The Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation makes grants in Sarasota and beyond in the areas of education, humanitarian causes, arts and culture, the environment, and medical (research/resources). We invite you to read about the good work of the organizations we invest in and learn more about their mission and programs.

Education

The Barancik Foundation is deeply committed to the notion that education is the cornerstone to individual well-being and economic prosperity. The Barancik Foundation's initial investments in education have focused on science and math instruction and elementary student literacy. We strongly believe in supporting teachers by training them in the latest pedagogy and use of cutting edge technology in the classrooms. In addition, the Foundation supports activities that promote synergies between and among educational institutions.

Sarasota County Public Schools

In 2013, the Barancik family partnered with Gulf Coast Community Foundation to invest in Gulf Coast's STEMsmart initiative to transform the way teachers teach and students learn science and math. The family provided a \$1.35 million match to transform 108 middle school science and math classrooms into hands-on, collaborative learning environments called TechActive classrooms. Last year, the Barancik Foundation invested \$756,000 to pilot a program at Sarasota Middle School to bring TechActive classrooms and teaching to other disciplines. English, language arts, and social studies now embrace this teaching and learning atmosphere. The pilot was a success, with gains in academic and behavioral performance, and the Barancik Foundation awarded \$574,000 to transform an additional 21 middle school classrooms in the current school year.

The Barancik Foundation believes establishing a solid math foundation in elementary school will set students up for success throughout their education. To prepare for the 21st century workforce, students must go beyond finding the right answer and are required to think critically and solve complex problems. Elementary teachers need training to deliver these deeper math lessons. The school district hired one math specialist and the Barancik Foundation awarded \$619,144 to hire an additional math expert, provide quarterly teacher training, small group learning sessions, and program evaluation. There is potential for this to be a multi-year initiative with possible funding commitments in the future. Rounding out the Barancik Foundation's partnership with Sarasota County Schools is the highly-effective Reading Recovery Program – a short-term intervention for first graders having extreme difficulty with early reading and writing. The Barancik Foundation has invested \$200,000, matched by Keith and Linda Monda and other philanthropist, to provide this one-on-one intervention and coaching. Early

evaluations show tremendous gains in literacy, improved self-confidence, and better communication at home. This program will expand to serve all ten Sarasota County Title 1 schools during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

University of Florida Innovation Station Sarasota County

A five-year, \$979,907 grant was awarded to launch the UF Innovation Station, which is the first physical extension office of the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering in Florida. The UF Innovation Station provides academic and economic development opportunities for our region and supports the needs of local employers for top engineering talent. The grant specifically funds two programs: UF Innovator Pipeline and UF Engineering at State College of Florida.

- The UF Innovator Pipeline program will go into K-12 schools and expose students to career opportunities in engineering and guide them toward classes that will prepare them to earn an engineering degree. This outreach will benefit all students and is uniquely targeted toward students from low socio-economic backgrounds who would typically not pursue a degree in engineering.
- The UF Engineering at State College of Florida (SCF) is a partnership between SCF and UF where students will complete their first two years of college at SCF and then transfer into the College of Engineering to finish their degree on the main campus in Gainesville. Due to freshman class size limits, many qualified students are not admitted to UF and this program will keep them connected to the university and also reduce the cost of their education. During their time at SCF, students will have internships, gain real-world experience, and develop their professional network, which will increase the likelihood of them returning to Sarasota to begin their career.

College Consortium of the Creative Coast

The College Consortium of the Creative Coast is a collaboration including New College, Ringling College of Art and Design, State College of Florida, University of South Florida and others to create a new model for higher education in the Sarasota-Manatee region. Presidents from area colleges and universities are exploring ways to change how higher education is delivered in the region, such as sharing courses to offer students access to their institutions' specialty fields as well as researching shared operations like emergency management. The initiative is funded by \$25,000 grants from the Barancik Foundation, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

Additional investments made in education:

Community Foundation of Sarasota County – A \$79,460 grant was awarded to support the Campaign for Grade Level Reading to hire a Home School Liaison at Tuttle Elementary. The liaison will build relationships with students and their families with the goal of improving attendance, academic performance, and the entire well-being of the family.

Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay – A five-year grant for \$50,000 was awarded to support the Junior Achievement Sarasota/Manatee District Office. Junior Achievement prepares young people to succeed in a global economy by teaching work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs.

Visible Men Academy – A \$25,000 grant was awarded to support the Parent for Success Program at Visible Men Academy, a K-8 charter school focused on academic, social, and character education for minority, low-income boys. The program works to stabilize the lives of the students by providing counseling, financial management, career readiness courses, and more to their parents.

Education Foundation of Sarasota County – A \$5,000 gift was given to the organization to support their efforts to raise funds for Sarasota County Public Schools through their Evening of Excellence.

Library Foundation of Sarasota County – A \$5,000 grant was given to support the Library Foundation's work to ensure Sarasota County's libraries remain innovative, leading-edge centers of learning and civic engagement. This grant was made in honor of Barancik Foundation board member Charlie Huisking who helped to found the Library Foundation.

Humanitarian Causes

The Barancik Foundation is deeply committed to improving the human condition and has invested in ending the cycle of poverty and being a steadfast advocate for those who struggle.

All Faiths Food Bank – A three-year grant for \$626,255 was awarded to expand the food bank's ability to collect and distribute fresh produce. All Faiths will use a portion of the funds to purchase a second Sprout truck, which is a mobile food pantry serving food-deserts in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

Florida Policy Institute – Start-up capital in the amount of \$251,641 was awarded to this fiscal policy organization. Funds will be used to create staff capacity to analyze the State of Florida's budget and make policy recommendations that represent the needs and interests of low-income residents.

Jewish Family and Children's Service – A three-year, \$250,000 grant was awarded to support the Healthy Fathers/Healthy Families program. This program helps dads become more effective parents, better communicators, financial managers, and employees. A separate grant for \$245,000 was awarded to support seven social service programs the organization provides to children and families ranging from homework assistance to addiction recovery. A \$30,000 grant was given to support the JFCS mission and efforts to raise funds at its annual gala. Support in the amount of \$1,000 was also given to the organization's Celebrity Chef's Food & Wine Tasting and Golf Challenge fundraising event. An additional grant for \$30,000 was given in recognition of the meaningful difference the organization makes in the community.

CareerEdge – A \$250,000 grant was awarded to provide career training to unemployed and under-employed adults in the Sarasota-Manatee region. This grant specifically focuses on expanding workforce development efforts in the computer science and transportation, distribution, and logistics sectors. Additionally, a paid internship program to connect employers, educators, and students in the region was launched.

Community Foundation of Sarasota County – Support in the amount of \$200,000 was given to the Season of Sharing Fund to help individuals and families on the verge of homelessness stay in their homes.

Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota – Funding in the amount of \$181,000 was awarded to begin an after-school program in Newtown Estates. An additional grant for \$89,000 was awarded to provide programming at the Newtown Estates Boys & Girls Club in the summer of 2016. The Boys and Girls Club runs the program out of a facility owned and operated by the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Department. Nearly children 200 are registered for the program, which provides much-needed safe, supervised after-school opportunities to the neighborhood. A \$10,000 grant was awarded to Boys and Girls Club to support their mission and efforts to raise funds at its Champions for Children Dinner.

Feeding America – A grant for \$75,000 was awarded to pilot a Summer Hunger Program that utilizes mobile technology. The goal of the pilot program, being tested in five communities throughout the United States, is to make it faster and easier to help people in need find food and connect them to other services.

American Jewish Committee – Grants totaling \$55,000 were given to support AJC, the oldest civil rights organization in the United States. A portion of the funds were dedicated for the 2015 Civic Achievement Award honoring Gulf Coast Community Foundation Senior Vice President of Philanthropy Veronica Brady for her commitment to the organization's mission and values.

Senior Friendship Centers – A \$50,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's health clinic which serves the low-income and uninsured in Sarasota County. This grant was awarded to maintain services that would have suffered after cuts in the Florida Department of Health's budget. A similar grant for \$50,000 was awarded outside of Sarasota County to an unaffiliated organization to address this same need.

Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation – General support in the amount of \$50,000 was given to support the organization's mission to provide basic human services to Jews and others in need, create Jewish experiences, and strength Jewish community connections.

All Faiths Food Bank – A \$25,000 grant was awarded to support the 2016 Campaign Against Summer Hunger. When school ends, hunger begins for nearly 40,000 children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties and the campaign raises money and collects donated food to feed children during the summer months.

Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County – A \$5,500 grant was given to support the Girls Inc. mission and efforts to raise funds at its Celebration Luncheon.

Embracing Our Difference – A \$5,000 grant was given to support the 2016 Embracing Our Difference art exhibit. The organization uses the power of art to expand consciousness and open the heart to celebrate the diversity of the human family.

Salvation Army of Sarasota – A \$2,500 grant was given to support the Salvation Army's mission and efforts to raise funds at its Glitz at the Ritz event.

Arts and Culture

The Barancik Foundation believes that a society with the humanizing influence of the arts is educationally critical and socially essential. The Foundation is committed to making grants that lead to higher civic engagement, more social cohesion, and lower poverty rates, while providing young people with a variety of cultural and artistic influences that provide them with the tools to inspire others.

Asolo Repertory Theatre – Grants in the amount of \$380,000 were awarded to provide core support to Asolo Rep and the fourth season of their American Character Project. Through theatrical productions and education programs, the American Character Project examines the people, culture, and history that make the United States unique. A portion of these funds were used to enrich the theatre's partnership with the FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training, provide housing for visiting artists, and grow the theatre's permanent endowment.

Ringling College of Art and Design – Support for the world-renowned art college in the amount of \$200,000 was awarded as part of a \$1 million pledge to help build a new library and support the Academic Resource Center. The Center will serve the students by arranging for disabilities accommodations and supporting academics including writing consultation, reading and study skills help, time management coaching, and first year student tutoring. A \$25,000 grant was given to support Ringling College's mission and efforts to raise scholarship funds at its Avant Garde.

Sarasota Ballet – Grants in the amount of \$60,000 were awarded to celebrate The Sarasota Ballet's 25th Anniversary Season. Their mission is to enrich lives, captivate emotions, and strengthen the community through the art of dance. In its 25 years, The Sarasota Ballet has grown to international recognition for its Sir Fredrick Ashton performances and is locally recognized in Sarasota for the successful Dance the Next Generation program for at-risk youth.

Ravinia Festival Association – Grants in the amount of \$100,000 were awarded to support Ravinia, North America’s oldest music festival. The festival presents 140 different events on its 36-acre park and is the summer home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Sarasota Orchestra – Grants in the amount of \$50,000 were awarded to support the Orchestra’s 2015-16 season. The 80-member Orchestra performs more than 100 classical, pops and family concerts each year, and thrives as the oldest continuing orchestra in the State of Florida.

Sarasota Opera – A \$5,000 grant was given to support the Verdi Cycle Grand Finale during the Opera’s 2015-16 season.

WUSF Public Media – A grant for \$10,000 was given to the WSMR 89.1 Expansion Project to increase the 24-hour classical music radio station’s signal strength. The expansion project will allow the station to reach listeners in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk counties.

Environment

The Barancik Foundation believes that all people are entitled to live in a home and neighborhood that supports wellness, good health and well-being. This includes clean air, clean oceans and waterways, and sustainable ecosystems. The Barancik Foundation’s recent grants support programs that encourage people to interact with nature and programs that protect the environment for future generations.

Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium – Funding in the amount of \$325,000 was given to Mote to support their world-class scientific research in Key West, Florida. Mote is a leader in coral reef research and restoration which helps with wave attenuation and creates a marine life environment necessary for a healthy ecosystem for humans. A \$10,000 grant was given to support Mote’s mission and efforts to raise funds at its Oceanic Evening.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens – To celebrate Selby Gardens’ 40th Anniversary, a grant for \$10,500 was awarded to the organization. Selby Gardens, located on Sarasota’s Bayfront, is an urban waterfront garden and the world leader in the conservation and display of epiphytes.

Medical (Research/Resources)

The Barancik Foundation strongly believes in the importance of medical research for the purpose of preventing or curing diseases and chronic conditions of both the mind and body. The Foundation also understands the importance of equipping medical professionals with cutting edge tools and resources. The Foundation responds to and supports medical research opportunities that have directly impacted the family.

Barancik Prize for Innovation in MS Research Endowment Fund – The Barancik Foundation established a \$3 million endowment at Gulf Coast Community Foundation to annually fund this prize through the MS Society. The prize encourages researchers to embrace this relatively small field and to promote public and institutional awareness of Multiple Sclerosis.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society – A grant for \$125,000 was given to fund the 2015 Barancik Prize for Innovation in MS Research Award. An additional gift of \$400,000 was given in support of the 2016 Cohn Weil Memorial MS Outing and is designated for medical research.

