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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 Barancik Foundation supports activities that promote synergies between and among educational institutions.

#### **Sarasota County Public Schools**

Preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce is a priority of the Barancik Foundation. In partnership with the school district and Gulf Coast Community Foundation, all of Sarasota County's middle-school classrooms are being transformed into interactive, high-tech, collaborative learning environments. Significant teacher training is required to build new skill sets to promote student teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving, and the incorporation of technology. The cost of the teacher training, physical conversion, and new technology is shared among the partners with the Barancik Foundation contributing \$525,000 this school year. In the 2016-17 school year, 44 language arts and social studies classrooms will be converted into 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Tech Active classrooms. To learn about previous investments made into Sarasota County Public Schools, [click here](#).

#### **College Consortium on the Creative Coast (C4)**

The C4 initiative is a collaboration between higher-education institutions in the Sarasota-Manatee region to provide students with more academic resources. The C4 academic partners include New College, Ringling College of Art and Design, State College of Florida, University of

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South Florida, Florida State University, and Eckerd College. The Barancik Foundation awarded a \$39,333 grant to support the initiative's goals which include student cross-registration allowing class enrollment at any of the partnering colleges and co-branding to market the combined stature of the education institutions in the region.

**Education Foundation of Sarasota County** – A \$5,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 Create SRQ event.

**Library Foundation of Sarasota County** – A \$5,000 grant was awarded from the Barancik Foundation Board Engagement Program to support the literacy endowment campaign. The endowment will fund the Imagination Library program, which provides 500 children age birth through five, with a new book every month. Support in the amount of \$5,000 was also given to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 Author Luncheon event.

#### **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. We are champions of those who are challenged by physical and/or mental disabilities.

#### **Mental health care for children and families**

Caring for the mental and behavioral well-being of our children is of great importance to the Barancik Foundation. We support several organizations to create wrap-around mental health services for children and families, including Jewish Family & Children's Service, Centerstone of Florida, and most recently Children First and Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County.

**Centerstone of Florida** – A three-year, \$147,000 grant was awarded to support the Comprehensive Treatment Court, which is a jail-diversion program for individuals arrested for misdemeanor crimes and suffering from mental illness. Jail can be very disorienting and harmful for an individual with mental health challenges, especially if they are undiagnosed and untreated. This program will provide residential treatment as an alternative to jail for willing participants. Comprehensive Treatment Court is a partnership between Centerstone and the offices of the Sarasota County's Sheriff and the Twelfth Judicial Circuit State Attorney, Public Defender, Chief Judge, and Court Administration. A three-year, \$1,200,000 matching grant was awarded from the Florida Department of Children and Families to support this effort and philanthropic support from the Barancik Foundation, Community Foundation of Sarasota County, and Gulf Coast Community Foundation was leveraged.

**Children First** – A three-year, \$150,000 grant was awarded to expand the organization’s case management, counseling, and teacher capacity to better address the mental and behavioral needs of the children and families they serve. Children First is an early childhood education provider for children six-weeks to age five, and many of their families are in difficult, highly stressful social and economic situations. Family advocates will provide case management services and additional teachers will enhance one-on-one classroom time for struggling students.

**Girls Inc. of Sarasota County** – A three-year, \$225,000 grant was awarded to fund the Family Strengthening Program, which provides counseling services for the girls they serve, and their families. The program will incorporate treatment, training, education, and prevention to address the mental and behavioral needs of young ladies, many of whom are from low socio-economic families. Areas being addressed through the individual and family counseling include coping with stress and anger, communication skills, conflict resolution, and avoiding risky behavior.

**FACEing Mental Illness Fund at Gulf Coast Community Foundation** – A \$10,000 grant was awarded to support the Art of Acceptance program. The program will unite the arts and behavioral health communities of Sarasota in a collaboration to reduce the stigma of having a mental health condition and provide a platform for the creativity and concerns of those who do.

**Forty Carrots Family Center** – A three-year, \$196,200 grant was awarded to hire a Clinical Supervisor responsible for the expansion of Forty Carrots’ Children and Family Therapy Program. Forty Carrots’ community outreach programs to families with children birth to five are very robust and through this work they identify people struggling with emotional and behavioral issues. The therapy program will provide parent counseling and education on how to best care for their young child, as well as, address the mental health needs of the child.

**Jewish Family and Children’s Service** – A portion of the \$300,000 grant listed below will provide intensive trauma counseling for youth who need help with serious life challenges.

**American Jewish Committee** – A grant for \$50,000 was awarded to provide annual support to AJC, the oldest civil rights organization in the United States.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County** – A \$10,000 matching grant was awarded in honor of Sarasota County Superintendent Lori White to help raise funds at the Community Youth Development Leadership Breakfast. Additional grants totaling \$11,000 were awarded to

support the organization's fundraising efforts at the Leadership Breakfast and its Champions for Children's event.

**Children First** – A grant in the amount of \$2,500 was awarded from the Barancik Foundation Board Engagement Program to support the organization's programs.

**Children's Guardian Fund** – A grant in the amount of \$2,500 was awarded from the Barancik Foundation Board Engagement Program to support the organization's mission.

**Easter Seals of Southwest Florida** – A grant in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded from the Barancik Foundation Board Engagement Program to support the organization's programs.

**Embracing Our Differences** – A grant in the amount of \$5,000 was awarded to support the organization's student produced art display promoting tolerance and inclusivity.

**Jewish Family and Children's Service** – Support in the amount of \$300,000 was awarded to help fund programming in Sarasota and Manatee for children and families. The programs will focus on targeted youth and family case management, counseling, and supportive services. A grant in the amount of \$4,000 was awarded from the Barancik Foundation Board Engagement Program to support the organization's cancer support programs. A \$5,000 gift was directed to JFCS in memory of Stephen V. C. Wilberding. Additional grants totaling \$31,000 were awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 Puttin' on the Ritz Gala and Celebrity Chef's Food and Wine Tasting event.

**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.

**Florida Philanthropic Network** – A \$5,000 grant was given to the CEO Transition Fund to support the growth of the organization under its new leadership. A grant of \$12,000 for the Foundation's 2016 and 2017 membership with the organization was also awarded.

**Girl's Inc. of Sarasota County** – A \$50,000 matching grant was awarded to the organization's Annual Match Campaign and the grant was leveraged 3:1. A \$5,000 grant was also awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 Celebration Luncheon.

**The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired** – Support in the amount of \$10,000 was given to assist the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2016 annual gala.

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**The Sheriff's Charitable Fund at Gulf Coast Community Foundation** – A \$25,000 gift was made to support grassroots community-building efforts that make Sarasota County's neighborhoods stronger and safer.

### **Arts and Culture**

The Barancik Foundation believes that a society with the humanizing influence of the arts is educationally critical and socially essential. The Barancik 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** – Funding in the amount of \$100,000 was awarded to support the organization's 2016-17 artistic season. A \$1,000 grant was awarded to buy tickets for 100 students from the Newtown Estates Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County to attend the child-friendly production *Hetty Feather*. Also, a \$10,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 annual gala.

**Designing Women's' Boutique** – A \$2,500 grant was awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its An Evening in the Enchanted Gardens event.

**FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training** – A \$10,000 grant was awarded to support Shakespeare in the Gardens: A Midsummer's Night Dream at Selby Gardens. This performance will be in April of 2017 and is intended to introduce the Conservatory to a broader family audience.

**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 awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts to provide student scholarships at its 2017 Avant Garde event.

**Sarasota Opera** – A \$10,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's 2016-17 artistic season.

**Sarasota Orchestra** – A \$55,000 grant was awarded to support the Orchestra's 2016-17 artistic season, with a portion of the funds being used to purchase and repair instruments for the Sarasota Youth Orchestra.

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**The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art** – A four-year, \$175,000 grant was awarded to help launch The Ringling W.E.B. - Where Everybody Belongs: Families Learning Together. This program will provide museum memberships and special learning opportunities for families and children. The Ringling W.E.B. will partner with nonprofit organizations that serve children and families and they will help to identify participants who would not otherwise take advantage of the museum's enrichment activities. A \$10,000 membership grant was also awarded to support the museum's artistic and operational efforts.

**The Sarasota Ballet** – Funding in the amount of \$50,000 was awarded to support the organization's 2016-17 artistic season. A \$10,000 grant was also awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 annual gala.

**Van Wezel Foundation** – A grant in the amount of \$5,000 was awarded from the Barancik Foundation Board Engagement Program to support the organization's programs.

### **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.

**Community Power Network** – A \$30,000 grant was awarded to support the expansion of solar energy in Florida. Grant funds will be used to hire a Program Director responsible for educating residents on the benefits of solar and launching neighborhood solar-panel buying co-ops in Central and Southwest Florida.

**Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast** – A \$5,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 Palm Ball event.

**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens** – A \$20,000 sponsorship was awarded to support the Lunch in the Gardens lecture and fundraising series to support the Gardens' children's education programs.

**Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium** – A \$10,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2016 Oceanic Evening event.