



**Grants and Initiatives**  
**January 1 to December 31, 2017**

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. 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 educational investments focus 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 School District** – The Barancik Foundation believes investing in the professional capacity of teachers is the best way to impact student achievement. The following grants were awarded to help build professional capacity within the district:

- **Techer Recruitment** - Florida and Sarasota County continue to experience a critical shortage of qualified teachers. Barancik Foundation partnered with Sarasota County Schools to overcome this shortage by investing \$87,500 over five years to launch the Educators Rising Initiative. Educators Rising will recruit high school students to become teachers by offering Career and Technical Education and Dual Enrollment Courses. Students will gain additional career experience in the newly formed Florida Future Educators of America student club.

The Educators Rising Initiative is a strategic ally to the Barancik Foundation Emerging Educators Initiative. In combination, these initiatives address the teacher shortage by recruiting students and adults into the profession. Barancik Foundation Emerging Educators, launched in 2017, recruits college-degreed adults interested in a second career in teaching. Participants earn a teaching certificate at State College of Florida's Educator Preparation Institute and are immediately eligible to become teachers.

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Initiative** – This initiative transforms middle school English, Language Arts and Social Studies classrooms into tech-active, collaborative learning environments. Teachers receive training to develop interactive, technology-rich lessons that encourage teamwork and problem solving among students. This is the fourth and final year of the initiative. At its completion, all middle schools classrooms in Sarasota County will be retrofitted to model the 21<sup>st</sup> century college and workplace environments.
- **Reading Recovery** – A \$511,000 grant was awarded to hire seven Reading Recovery teachers. Reading Recovery provides intensive one-on-one instruction to struggling first-grade readers. The program is in all ten Title 1 elementary schools. This grant, along with support from the district to hire six additional Reading Recovery teachers, will provide every elementary school with a literacy expert. The large majority (85% in Sarasota County) who complete the Reading Recovery program do not need future literacy remediation.
- **Elementary Math Teacher Training Initiative** – In 2015, the Barancik Foundation helped pilot the Elementary Math Teacher Training Initiative. Two full-time math specialists are employed to deliver math instruction lessons to individual teachers and teams of teachers. The pilot was very well received and the initiative’s professional development model is setting a new standard for the district. Funding in the amount of \$480,000 was awarded to support a second year of the initiative.

**Florida State University Foundation** – A five-year, \$498,380 grant was awarded to launch Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity & Excellence (SSTRIDE) in Sarasota County. This program is designed to attract low socio-economic students to careers in health care and medicine. SSTRIDE will be offered at McIntosh Middle and Sarasota High School.

**State College of Florida** – A two-year, \$60,000 grant was awarded to increase SCF’s academic advisor capacity. The advisor will support students in Gator Engineering@SCF and the new STEM Pathways program.

**Library Foundation of Sarasota County** – A \$50,000 capping grant was awarded to the Children's Literacy Endowment Campaign. The endowment will enhance reading readiness and success in school for hundreds of Sarasota County children through the Imagination Library program. Additional grants totaling \$31,000 were awarded to support Library Foundation’s mission and efforts to leverage funds at its Author Luncheon events.

**Children First** – A \$25,000 grant was awarded to support the “Raise Your Hand” fundraising campaign. The campaign will enhance the organization’s services and strengthen its core programs that guides vulnerable children and their families to success. A \$25,000 grant was given to support Children First’s mission and efforts to leverage funds at its 2017 Fairy Tale Ball.

**Gulf Coast Community Foundation** – A \$25,000 matching grant was awarded to support the Local College Access Network. The grant leveraged \$37,500 in local matching from Gulf Coast and Community Foundation of Sarasota County, which together earned a \$50,000 award from Florida Philanthropic Network. The Local College Access Network improves student access and attainment of college degrees or higher-education certificates.

**Ringling College of Art and Design** – A \$25,000 grant was awarded to support the college’s Avant-Garde event, which raises scholarship funds for students.

**Talking is Teaching** – A \$10,000 grant was awarded to launch a summer pilot of Talking is Teaching. Talking is Teaching is a public awareness campaign reminding parents and caregivers to talk, read and sing to young children daily. The campaign was created to reduce the 30-million word gap between kindergarten aged children who are raised in affluent households and those from low socio-economic households. Pilot partners include All Faiths Food Bank, Children First, Forty Carrots, Sarasota County Libraries, Sarasota County Schools and Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

**Education Foundation of Sarasota County** – A \$5,000 grant was awarded to support the organization’s mission and efforts to leverage funds at its CreateSRQ event.

**Suncoast Science Center** – A \$5,000 grant was awarded to support the RC Custom Car Open.

**Booker High School Foundation** – A \$1,400 grant was awarded to purchase computer technology compatible with the engineering software SolidWorks.

#### **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.

**All-Star Children’s Foundation** – A four-year, \$1,000,000 grant was awarded to create a trauma-informed medical model to serve children in foster care. Funds will pay the salary and expenses of the Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital Director of Pediatric Psychological Trauma and

Intervention. The Director will train four trauma-certified licensed therapists and develop, implement and evaluate trauma-based therapeutic interventions for abused children.

**American Civil Liberties Union of Florida** – In 2017, the Foundation awarded a three-year grant of \$361,635 was awarded to the ACLU of Florida for its Keep Kids Learning and Working program. The ACLU's goal, which we share, is to reduce the number of children entering the juvenile-justice system and keep them in school. The path to achieving this goal includes substituting civil citations for criminal charges, creating diversion programs, reforming penalties, decriminalizing delinquency, and banning the 'conviction history' box from job applications.

This program is somewhat parallel to Sarasota County's Comprehensive Treatment Court (CTC) initiative that appears on our website. That program is restricted to Sarasota County and primarily covers mentally ill adults rather than minors. This ACLU of Florida initiative covers the whole State of Florida, which will benefit the Sarasota County metropolitan area. The end game is the same in that both initiatives try to prevent criminal charges appearing on individuals' records, which would negatively impact their future attempts at gainful employment.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County** – A five-year, \$435,170 grant was awarded to ensure the organization has adequate resources to maintain services to the highly vulnerable youth population who attend the Newtown Estate Park Club. Annual decreasing grant payments will be used to attract new dollars to support the Club. A grant for \$122,485 was also awarded to support school-year and summertime programming at the Newtown Estates Park Club. Additional grants totaling \$21,000 were awarded to support the organization's club programming and scholarship fundraising efforts at its Youth of the Year and Champions for Children events.

**Jewish Family & Children's Service** – A \$330,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's programs that service children and families. This human service organization has a long tradition of embracing our community with care.

**CareerEdge Funders Collaborative** – A \$227,500 grant was awarded to support an internship incentive program. The program will place 125 students with paid internships at local companies. The companies will receive technical assistance and cash incentives to start or expand an internship program.

**Easter Seals of Southwest Florida** – A three-year, \$225,000 grant was awarded to support the organization's Children Therapy Collaboration Project. Easter Seals specializes in providing therapy to children with developmental and/or sensory disabilities. This grant will allow

therapists to travel to other nonprofits, such as Children First, to provide therapy to clients with disabilities. Therapists will also provide training for the nonprofit staff.

**Harvest House** – A \$210,000 grant was awarded to support the organization’s mission to champion hope and transform lives by revitalizing neighborhoods and providing service-enriched housing programs. The grant will be used to provide housing, case management and wrap around services for eight unaccompanied youth (ages 18-24) and 14 working-poor families. Families defined as “working-poor” fall through the cracks because they do not meet HUD’s chronically homeless definition, yet they do not earn a living wage. Funds will also be used to build a physical fitness area. A \$25,000 grant was given to support Harvest House’s mission and efforts to leverage funds at its 2017 Home Again Luncheon. An additional grant of \$2,500 was awarded through the Board Engagement Program.

**Manatee Community Foundation** – A \$125,000 grant was awarded to support the Manatee County Foster Care Initiative, which was developed to address the opioid epidemic related crisis within Manatee County’s child welfare system. Grant funds will be used to hire an Early Childhood Court Community Coordinator. This position will reduce the length of time a child is separated from its parents and increase family reunification rates. Additional grant funds will be used to reduce the shortage of foster care homes in Manatee County through a recruitment campaign. Manatee County currently has 42 foster care homes and needs 110 more homes immediately. The initiative was born out of a \$7,160 grant awarded in January to develop an action plan to address the foster care crisis. The action plan was developed by the nonprofit organizations, government agencies and stakeholders who directly serve the children and are acutely aware of the situation.

**Pines of Sarasota Foundation** – A \$96,000 grant was awarded to support inter-generational programming between Pines of Sarasota’s senior living residents and preschool students.

**Gulf Coast Community Foundation** – A grant for \$94,600 was awarded to support the expansion of the Financial Sustainability Initiative to serve more homeless families at The Salvation Army. To help struggling families emerge from poverty and become self-sufficient, Gulf Coast partnered with United Way Suncoast to develop a brand-new approach to financial education and support. The initiative has three strategies: 1.) Basic financial education reinforced with behavioral coaching; 2.) Helping families build actual financial assets; and, 3.) Securing alternatives to pay-day loans and other high-cost debt. An additional grant for \$25,000 was awarded to the Sheriff’s Charitable Fund, which provides small grants to grassroots organizations working to make neighborhoods safer.

**Forty Carrots Family Center** – A three-year, \$90,866 grant was awarded to provide mental health counseling and Partners in Play classes to students and families at Tuttle Elementary. These programs will teach participants emotional coping techniques, parenting skills and advance the school's efforts to nurture the entire family.

**United Way Suncoast** – A \$60,000 grant was awarded to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which provides free tax preparation to families and individuals who earn less than \$65,000 annually. The volunteer tax preparers are highly trained to help families maximize tax-credits for low-income families.

**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.

**Child Protection Center** – A grant for \$50,000 was awarded to support the organization's abuse prevention and anti-bullying education programs.

**Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County** – A \$50,000 grant to support the organization's Annual August Match Campaign was approved. This campaign raises funds for scholarships for youth to attend the organization's educational and character building programs. Additional grants totaling \$30,500 were awarded to support the organization's mission and efforts to leverage funds at its Celebration Luncheon.

**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 strengthen Jewish community connections.

**The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Foundation** – A \$50,000 grant was awarded to support workforce development in the Newtown neighborhood. Currently a full-service restaurant does not exist in the neighborhood. Experienced restaurateur and philanthropist Steve Seidensticker and his TableSeide Group have partnered with several families in Newtown to open Miss Susie's Lunchroom. The restaurant will provide employment and workforce training opportunities to neighborhood residents.

**United Way Suncoast** – A \$33,333 grant was awarded to support the transition of 2-1-1, an information and referral service for individuals seeking support from social services, to Heart of Florida United Way.

**Jewish Family & Children's Service** – A \$30,000 grant was approved to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its Glitz at the Ritz event. A \$4,000 grant was also awarded through the Board Engagement Program to support the organization's cancer support programs.

**Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation** – A grant for \$30,000 was awarded to support the organization's mission and efforts to leverage funds at its special events.

**All Faiths Food Bank** – A \$25,000 grant was awarded to support the 2017 Campaign Against Summer Hunger. These funds will leverage other philanthropic gifts to create a matching grant to incentivize public support to help feed hungry children in the summer months.

**Temple Emanu-El** – A three-year, \$21,000 grant was awarded to support the Mitzvah Backpack Program, which provides backpacks filled with nutritious food to low-income students at Lakeview Elementary School and Gap School.

**The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired** – A \$10,000 grant was approved to support the organization's fundraising efforts at its 2017 gala.

**Embracing Our Differences** – A \$5,000 grant was awarded to support classroom trips for students to view the organization's anti-bullying and diversity tolerance public art exhibit.

**Children First** -- A \$2,000 grant was awarded through the Board Engagement Program to support the organization's mission and programs.

**Children's Guardian Fund** -- A \$2,000 grant was awarded through the Board Engagement Program to support the organization's mission and programs.

**Southeastern Guide Dogs** -- A \$2,000 grant was awarded through the Board Engagement Program to support the organization's mission and programs.

### **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** – A \$200,000 grant was awarded to support the organization’s permanent endowment. Support in the amount of \$100,000 was awarded to support the theatre’s 2017-18 artistic season. Also, a grant for \$15,000 was awarded to support the strategic growth of its children and family programming. This summer the theatre will perform “Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea.” Grant funds will pay for tickets for children at the Newtown Estates Boys & Girls Clubs. Funds will also provide a commemorative age-appropriate book and healthy snack for the children. A \$2,000 grant was also awarded through the Board Engagement Program to support “Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea.” Additional grants totaling \$20,000 were awarded to support the organization’s mission and efforts to leverage funds at its Gala.

**Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization** – A grant for \$100,000 was awarded to support the creation of a master plan to activate 42-acres of under-developed property owned by the City of Sarasota along the Bayfront.

**Sarasota Orchestra** – A \$55,000 grant was approved to support the organization’s 2017-18 artistic season. An award of \$15,000 was given to provide financial scholarships to students in the Sarasota Youth Orchestra. An additional \$2,000 grant was awarded to support the organization’s fundraising efforts at its 2017 gala.

**Ravinia Festival Association** – A \$50,000 grant was approved to support the 2017 summer Ravinia Music Festival. The festival presents 140 different events on its 36-acre park and is the summer home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

**The Sarasota Ballet** – A \$50,000 grant was approved to support the organization’s 2017-18 artistic season. An additional grant for \$10,000 was approved to support the organization’s mission and efforts to leverage funds at its Gala.

**Sarasota Opera** – A \$10,000 grant was approved to support the Opera’s 2017-18 artistic season.

**The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art** – A \$10,000 grant was awarded to support the museum’s artistic and operational efforts.

**West Coast Black Theatre Troupe** – A \$4,000 grant was awarded through the Board Engagement Program to support the theatre’s 2017-18 MainStage Season.

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

### **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 and water, oceans, lakes and waterways free of pollution, land areas without litter and other contaminants, and sustainable ecosystems, recognizing that our greatest impacts will be at the local level. The Barancik Foundation supports activities that encourage people to interact with nature, including educational programs. The Barancik Foundation also supports programs and policies that protect the environment for future generations.

**Chicago Zoological Society** – A five-year, \$1,000,000 was awarded to support the Sarasota Bay Dolphin Research Program. This is the longest running research of bottlenose dolphins in the world and serves as the reference population for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Dolphin are the closest mammal to humans in the region—eating the same fish and breathing the same air. They are sentinels of our ecosystem and this research data helps inform us of changes in our environment.

**Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast** – A grant for \$65,000 was awarded to support the Youth in Nature Initiative. This program will partner with local nonprofits to conduct educational nature field trips on Conservation Foundation’s preserves. Youth will learn about flora and fauna, bird watch, kayak and explore native environmental habitats. A \$5,000 grant was also awarded to support the organization’s mission and efforts to leverage funds at its Palm Ball.

**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens** – A \$20,000 grant was approved to support the organization’s fundraising efforts to support youth education programs at its Luncheon in the Gardens series.

**Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium** – A \$300,000 grant for the Coral Reef Research and Restoration program was awarded. This program researches the rate of coral decline in Key West and works to restore coral using a breakthrough technique called “re-skinning.” Grants totaling \$13,000 were awarded to support the organization’s fundraising efforts at its Party on the Pass and Oceanic Evening events.

### **Medical Research**

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.

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society** – A grant for \$400,000 was approved to support the 2017 Cohn Weil Memorial MS Outing and is designated for medical research. A \$5,000 grant was also awarded to the Alan Buegeleisen Mid-Florida MS Research Fund.