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Manatee Community Foundation partners with our citizens to strengthen and enhance our community through philanthropy, education, and service — now and forever.

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YOUNG SPIRIT AWARD
Gabriella Cortes-Alban
Nominated by Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD
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CHARLES CLAPSADDLE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD
Paul Sharff

LEADERSHIP SPIRIT AWARD
Steve & Carolyn Roskamp
Nominated by School District of Manatee County & United Way Suncoast

Omar Edwards
Nominated by Sarasota-Bradenton Kappa Alpha Psi Project Guide Right

LIFETIME SPIRIT AWARD
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Nominated by Easterseals Happiness House, State College of Florida Foundation, and Lakewood Ranch Community Fund

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A person under the age of 21 who demonstrates an exceptional commitment to the charitable community by direct philanthropic support and by contributing time and energy to a fundraising effort. By example, they encourage and motivate others to make contributions to a charitable cause in Manatee County.

Young people often set the stage for the rest of us with their courage and commitment to healthier communities.

Gabriella Cortes-Alban volunteers as a Teen Health Educator with Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County to provide peer education and mentoring services to at-risk youth.

Gabriella has been described as wise and mature well beyond her years, passionately dedicated to bettering the lives of her fellow youth in our community. She can relate to people from all walks of life and is a powerful spokesperson and advocate for youth who are less fortunate than she is, including minority youth.

A junior at State College of Florida’s Collegiate School, Gabriella has donated well over 100 hours of volunteer time. She supports youth experiencing the trauma of homelessness, providing services at Family Resources SafePlace2B. Gabriella implemented a plan for expanding the program offerings to increase positive peer support. As an active member of her school’s Youth in Action Club, she utilized her Teen Health Educator training to educate students about the risks surrounding substance use. In October 2021, she shared her Teen Health Educator story at an event with senior community leaders, including those across the school district, healthcare professions, elected officials, and local government. She helped to raise over $3,000 to support the ongoing mission. Gabriella is a natural leader and a role model for her peers.
Bank of America is guided by a common purpose to make lives better, through the power of every connection. An important part of its work is forming strong partnerships with community organizations to bring together collective networks and expertise for greater impact. Bank of America has worked with nonprofit partners serving Manatee County for years to achieve this goal, driving economic opportunity and upward mobility.

With volunteer opportunities limited due to the health crisis, charitable grants and fundraising efforts were especially critical to support the important work of Bank of America’s partners including Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee, Manatee County Habitat for Humanity, Manatee Education Foundation, Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Turning Points, UnidosNow, and Women’s Resource Center.

Local support from Bank of America, more than $500,000, has helped to address the basic needs of residents, including food access and affordable housing. Their programs have created meaningful workforce opportunities and increased financial literacy through their “Better Money Habits” classes.

Last year, Bank of America also announced its $1.25 billion, five-year commitment to advancing racial equality and economic opportunity nationwide. The bank awarded $210,000 in funding to local organizations last year as a direct result of this national commitment, focusing on direct action to address the systemic, long-term gaps local people of color face.
An outstanding nonprofit professional who embodies the spirit of philanthropy and community in Manatee County, transforming projects or initiatives from ordinary into the extraordinary, and giving a voice to those who otherwise might not have been heard. They give freely to support other nonprofit professionals in their work and community efforts and unselfishly look for the betterment of all of Manatee County.

When Paul Sharff moved to Bradenton from West Virginia in 1988, no one could have predicted the legacy he would leave behind almost 35 years later.

In 2008, then-Governor Charlie Crist appointed Paul as Chief Executive Officer of the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County (ELC). Driven by his relentless determination to give local children the best possible chance of success, Paul grew ELC into one of the largest nonprofits in Manatee County, supporting over 6,000 children every year.

Paul advocated for more resources and grants to support ELC’s expanding community reach and education programs. In 2012, he launched NEXTGEN Magazine to feature the work of local nonprofits and schools, honor community leaders, and share valuable resources for parents.

In the past two years, four Mobile Educational Classrooms hit the streets to take STEAM, literacy, and other programs into the community. Paul came not only with the ideas – but the resources and determination to make them happen and collaborations with many local organizations and leaders.

He was also involved with the Manatee 100 Club, the Police Athletic League, the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office Advisory Board, along with the Hernando DeSoto Historical Society, the Manatee Education Foundation, the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority, and the Manatee County Tourist Development Council.

Paul loved helping local children. But nothing surpassed his love for his two sons – Ian and Evan.
Steve & Carolyn Roskamp
Nominated by School District of Manatee County & United Way Suncoast

An individual or couple who demonstrates active and ongoing charitable investment in the community. Their spirit of giving encourages and motivates others to give, and their direct philanthropic support has impacted one or more charitable institutions within the community.

Selfless, inspirational, generous, and purposeful describe Steve and Carolyn Roskamp. The Roskamps have made significant and lasting contributions to the Manatee community through their leadership, service and philanthropy.

Dedicated to helping children read on grade-level with their peers, Steve and Carolyn partnered with the School District of Manatee County and United Way Suncoast to co-design and invest in programs supporting learning gains for students at Title I schools in Manatee County. Their encouragement to create the Soar in 4 program has helped hundreds of families to connect in-person with education and human service agencies providing resources and establishing trust in the school journey. Steve and Carolyn provide significant financial support to nonprofit organizations aligned with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and to the School District of Manatee County.

Steve has been an influential leader at Tidewell Hospice. He was instrumental in helping the parent organization, now known as Empath Health, expand its home-based care services to provide Full Life Care outside of hospice. His mentorship developing leaders and strategies for success has extended to the Multicultural Health Center, where he is a trusted advisor.

For many years, Carolyn has led a holiday event at Kirkwood Church which connects people to meaningful gifts that support dozens of local nonprofit organizations.
LEADERSHIP

Omar Edwards
Nominated by Sarasota-Bradenton Kappa Alpha Psi
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Omar Edwards is a true community advocate, described as a visionary achiever and professional. His dedicated involvement in the success and well-being of others is extensive and varied, inspiring others to serve, to give, and to lead.

Omar is an amazing advocate for youth. As an alumnus of Boys & Girls Club of Manatee County, he has been a connector, passionate speaker, inspiring role model and genuine leader at the organization. In recognition for his many years of service to the Clubs, Omar entered their Alumni Hall of Fame in June 2021, one of only six people to be inducted to date.

Omar has led various community initiatives at the Boys & Girls Club of Manatee County, in partnership with the Sarasota (FL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He served as Polemarch of the fraternity and guided the chapter to its first ever “Chapter of the Year Award,” and extensive community service honors. Omar held the torch of scholarship and community giving, as the fraternity continued to impact the community through charitable donations and scholarships. He currently works at Manatee Technical College, where he is the Assistant Director, recruiting students to become certified in programs that help them achieve employment.

Omar conducts workshop presentations to youth on empowerment, college, and career readiness. He volunteers in annual toy collection and distribution and prostate screening fairs. Omar’s professional affiliations include the Association for Curriculum Development (ASCD) and Advanced ED Accreditation Committee, as a team member in the accreditation process for schools.
Joe and Barbara Najmy have been humble leaders in philanthropy in Manatee County for decades. The couple has given freely of their time, talent and treasure—always with a lens of joy, collaboration and gratitude for the opportunity to make a difference.

Embedded in professional and deep-rooted family commitments, Joe and Barbara are quick to offer their resources to support meaningful charitable missions, inspire inclusion and bring the community together. They are known for sustaining their dedicated support for years.

Joe has been a volunteer and giver at Easterseals Happiness House for more than 25 years, helping to ensure that clients with disabilities live fuller, more enriched lives. His sage counsel as a long-time board member and legal advisor have supported the organization as it continues to grow. Barbara’s lead roles in impactful fundraising events have significantly increased philanthropic contributions. Together, their influence at Easterseals has created better lives for the children, adults and families impacted by its mission.

Joe Najmy has provided pro bono legal counsel to Lakewood Ranch Community Fund since 2001. Najmy Thompson, P.L. was a major sponsor of the annual Lakewood Ranch Community Fund Gala, which Barbara chaired for many years, raising significant dollars to support charitable organizations serving the Lakewood Ranch area. Barbara also established the Lake Club Giving Circle of Manatee Community Foundation to engage other women in giving.

Joe and Barbara have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and commitment at the State College of Florida Foundation, supporting initiatives that raise money for student scholarships and capital improvements for facilities, equipment, technology, and endowed chairs for teaching.

The Najmys are “Pillars of the Community” at Manatee Community Foundation, where they made a significant contribution to the building that serves a nexus for philanthropic activity in Manatee County.
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We continue to celebrate our Spirit of Manatee Winners from previous years.
Community Partnership Schools: A Model for Success
A Breakfast Event at Manatee Community Foundation
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for coffee, light breakfast and an exciting discussion about Manatee Elementary School, a Title 1 school in Manatee County. Learn how donors, partners, and the School District have combined forces to create gains for students and the whole neighborhood. You will be inspired and discover how to be part of the work.

RSVP by April 5 to Events@ManateeCF.org

2015: Ray & Sara Baden
2014: Mel & Kathy Griffin
2013: Fred & Millie Vandergraff
2012: Robert G. Blalock
2011: Edwin T. Mulock
2010: Jan & Chuck Entwistle
2009: W. Stuart & Gerry Gregory
2008: Eugene & Anne Beckstein
2007: Madge & Kay Rowlett
2006: Elise & Ed Price

2011: Marianne & John Moyer
2010: John Horne
2009: Debbie & Steve Tapp
2008: Ed & Joanne Dick
2007: Trudy Moon
2006: Patricia M. Glass

LEGACY RECOGNITION:
2010: Steven V. Mills
2008: Herman E. & Helen H. Turner
2007: Dan P. MuClure
2006: Edward & Lillian Bishop

COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT RECOGNITION:
2011: Charles Clapsaddle, METV

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:
2016: Elizabeth Moore
Enjoy giving with your own charitable fund.
Establish your own charitable fund starting at just $5,000 with gifts of cash, appreciated assets or real estate. Receive an immediate tax deduction and recommend grants to any 501c3 in the U.S. when the time is right for you.

Plan your charitable legacy.
Thoughtful planning with our team and your professional advisor will help you craft a legacy plan that carries out your charitable wishes into perpetuity. Your charitable legacy can tackle emerging needs or honor specific purposes and organizations you always wish to support.

Establish an agency fund.
Nonprofit organizations you care about can plan for their growth and needs by establishing an agency fund. Funds are professionally managed and invested in our investment pool, providing annual income to the organization.

Become a Corporate Ambassador.
Thanks to local businesses that believe in the power of philanthropy, our mission is supported throughout the year. Corporate Ambassadors receive recognition in our high visibility building on Manatee Avenue and in communications shared with important audiences, along with a table at the Spirit of Manatee Awards Luncheon.

Be more effective.
We host year-round education sessions where donors can learn more about issues and opportunities in our community, professional advisors can get continuing education credits, and nonprofits can network and learn how to build their organizations’ effectiveness.
The Milestone Financial Group Celebrates 16 Years of Proudly Supporting Manatee Community Foundation’s Spirit of Manatee


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