



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$250,000 IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Jacksonville, FL – December 9, 2013 – Local nonprofits supporting seniors, veterans and young children, as well as area artists and arts organizations, will benefit from more than \$250,000 in grants recently awarded by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida.

“Thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors, 2013 has been another strong year for our discretionary grantmaking in a variety of areas,” noted Nina Waters, president of The Community Foundation. “We’re delighted to fulfill our donor’s intentions through these worthy investments.”

The Community Foundation’s Field of Interest Funds enable donors to focus their giving in a particular area, such as Aging Adults, the Arts, Veterans and Early Childhood.

Aging Adults

The following grants were recently made from the Grace H. Osborn Endowment and the I.R. Bowen and Katherine H. Bowen Fund:

- \$2,500 to **Community Hospice** to help support the expansion of two Caregiver Workshops in the northwest quadrant of Jacksonville. In 2012, the Caregiver Coalition sponsored six caregiver workshops and the annual Caregiver Expo, reaching just over 1,000 people.
- \$1,500 to **Hart Felt Ministries** to provide Christmas Stockings to 150 frail seniors who are active Hart Felt clients as well as those on the waiting list. Volunteers will be used to shop for the clients and deliver the stockings. Hart Felt has delivered 300 stockings over the last three years.
- \$2,500 to **Lend an Ear Outreach, Inc.** to provide hearing aids to seniors with limited or no means to pay. Lend an Ear Outreach assists seniors by working with a qualified audiologist to provide a hearing exam, education, and re-cast and refurbish no longer used hearing aids.
- \$2,500 to **OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNF** to fund the purchase of audio equipment to help assist older student learners in the classroom. The project will serve OLLI members with age-related hearing loss.
- \$2,500 to **Senior Life Foundation, Inc.** to support the “Saving Our Seniors Energy” program. The program will repair or replace broken appliances and fixtures to lower energy consumption and utility bills for low-income Duval County seniors. Senior Life is able to obtain discounts at both Lowe’s and Metro-Rooter to maximize the use of the funds.

Earlier in the year, The Community Foundation provided a grant of \$26,331 to **The Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida** to build a Senior Services Coordination Map. This online platform will:

- map and catalogue services in the five counties of Northeast Florida that are available to seniors and older residents and their caregivers and dependents;
- use existing coalitions, including the Senior Roundtable, to establish mapping needs and guide the map development;
- train users to manage and take full advantage of the map and resulting collaborative network; and hand off the resulting map to the appropriate permanent entity.



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TCF also supports **The Senior Roundtable** by providing professional facilitations. This collaboration of senior serving organizations was formed in 2008, and has continued to be financially supported as an initiative of The Community Foundation. The group meets to learn in depth about identified issues facing seniors and form strategies to create a positive change.

Health

The following grant was recently made from the Esther Pope Memorial Endowment (for persons diagnosed with or affected by HIV/AIDS):

- \$10,000 to the **UF CARES/Rainbow Center** to support a new program focused on meeting the psychosocial and medical needs of HIV infected adolescents and young adults at the clinic located in Jacksonville's urban core. Funding will be used to develop two support groups, one for youth ages 9-14, and the other for youth ages 14-24.

Early Childhood

The following grant was recently made from the Jacksonville Children's Endowment:

- \$3,100 was made to **Second Harvest of Northeast Florida** to support its Health Begins Before Birth program. This is an expansion of a pilot program providing nourishment for mothers and nutrition for babies at UF Health Jacksonville.

Veterans

The following grant was recently made from the J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver (VETS) Fund:

- \$100,000 was made to **Five Star Veteran Center** to support its operations while fund-raising efforts secure future funding.

The following grant was recently made from The Florida BrAlve Fund:

- \$60,000 was made to **Corporate America Supports You (CASYS)** to assist veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan in Northeast FL in finding employment. Funding will support three part-time military veterans to serve as CASY Employment Specialists.

Arts

The following grants to individual artists and small arts organizations were recently made from the Art Ventures Fund, Independent Life Minority Arts Award Fund, J. Shepard, Jr. and Mary Ann Bryan Arts Endowment, and Anne and Sallyn Pajcic Art Ventures Endowment and Harold K Smith Charitable Fund:

- **Jennifer Chase** \$3,499
To purchase equipment, fund collaborator fees and pre-production costs for staging rock opera, *La Caroline* in 2014 in celebration of the 450th Anniversary of the founding of Fort Caroline. (Duval County)
- **Crystal Floyd** \$3,500
To invest in state-of-the-art technology suite which would allow artist to expand her scope of work from personal sculptural assemblages into screen printing, photography and video, and market her work to wider audiences. (Duval County)
- **Liz Gibson** \$3,500
To purchase video production equipment in order to document performance art pieces to reach broader audiences and professionalize work samples for future proposals. (Duval County)



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- **Jamal Jones** \$3,500
 To purchase sound equipment and invest in external marketing to improve the artist's ability to present community events preserving and advancing hip hop folk traditions. (Duval County)
- **Lily Kuonen** \$3,500
 To fund the creation of a body of work, including studio rental and documentation of a first solo exhibition at the Crisp-Ellert Museum in St. Augustine in May, 2014. (Duval County)
- **Denise Murphy** \$3500
 To attend classes with a master glass artisan and purchase sandblasting equipment for new finishing techniques. (Nassau County)
- **Theresa Segal** \$3,343
 To cover the costs associated with printing and framing photographic works taken in archival storage areas of the Lightner Museum in St. Augustine for use in a collaborative exhibition between the artist and the Museum entitled, "Hidden Lightner." (St. Johns County)
- **Kathy Stark** \$3,500
 To fund the completion of sketchbooks and fine art prints as part of the exhibit, "The Wilderness of North Florida Parks," comprised of approximately 15 large-scale watercolors. (Duval County)

These small arts organizations have been selected for an educational program focused on helping them build organizational capacity:

- Art League of Jacksonville (Duval County)
- Fernandina Little Theatre (Nassau County)
- First Coast Opera (St. Johns County)
- Friday Musicale (Duval County)
- Opera Jacksonville (Duval County)
- Riverside Fine Arts (Duval County)

The following grants were recently made from the Dr. JoAnn Crisp-Ellert Art Appreciation Fund:

- **The St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum** \$10,000
 To provide funds for materials for the Lighthouse Archeological Maritime Program (LAMP) to complete two historic vessels, as well as exhibition signage and display materials. (St. Augustine)
- **Flagler College Crisp-Ellert Art Museum** \$10,000
 To support The St. Augustine Folk Art Project, an exhibition of Southern African American folk art by both well-known and self-taught artists. Grant funds will hire a project assistant as well as a videographer who will record oral histories. (St. Augustine)

About The Community Foundation

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. The Foundation had assets of \$257 million as of December 31, 2012. The Community Foundation has made grants in excess of \$242 million since 1964.

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