

**Delores Barr Weaver Establishing Endowed Event Fund for 20 Local Organizations**  
*Selected nonprofits will receive \$10,000 per year to support their premier fundraising event*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – December 12, 2014—Delores Barr Weaver is establishing a \$4 million endowed fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida to support nonprofit organizations in presenting their premier fundraising event. The Endowed \$10,000 Event Grant Fund Established in 2015 By Delores Barr Weaver will provide an annual grant of \$10,000 to 20 local organizations to support their leading fundraising event in perpetuity.

“It was very difficult for me to narrow the list of deserving organizations who work so hard to raise money, and so I hope you will feel special that you were chosen for this gift,” Mrs. Weaver told the assembled executives from the recipient agencies who met at The Community Foundation offices. “You were chosen because you rose to the top by the work that you do. Keep up the good work, and we will all make a difference together.”

The organizations and their specific events are:

- Barnabas Center – Empty Bowls
- Cathedral Arts Project – Spring for the Arts
- Clara White Mission – Miracle on Ashley Street
- Douglas Anderson School of the Arts – Extravaganza
- ElderSource – Night with the Stars
- Gateway Community Services – FLAVOR of Jacksonville and the Beaches
- Hubbard House – Barbara Ann Campbell Memorial Breakfast
- I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless – Transformations
- Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network – Coming Out Day Breakfast
- Jacksonville Children’s Chorus – Dancing with the Stars
- Jacksonville Historical Society – Gingerbread House
- Jacksonville Speech and Hearing – Finfest
- Junior Achievement – Smart Women Make Change/JA Girls
- ONE JAX – Humanitarian Awards Dinner
- PACE Center for Girls Jacksonville – Portrait of PACE Luncheon
- Ronald McDonald House – McGala
- St. Johns Riverkeeper – Oyster Roast
- Sanctuary on 8<sup>th</sup> Street – SHINDIG
- Theater Jacksonville – Production Grant
- Tom Coughlin Jay Fund – Golf Celebrity Dinner and Auction

As each agency nears the time of its big fundraising event, it will receive a \$10,000 grant from the Endowed \$10,000 Event Grant Fund Established in 2015 By Delores Barr Weaver. The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida will continue to issue the grant (which is not an event sponsorship) as long as the organization retains its status as a nonprofit organization and continues to present the event.



Community Foundation President Nina Waters told the group that Mrs. Weaver's gift was another in a long line of thoughtful, inspired ways to give and to encourage others to do the same.

After the announcement Monday morning, there were heartfelt thanks for Mrs. Weaver from all of the executives. ElderSource CEO Linda Levin told Mrs. Weaver, "Look around this table—there is such a wealth of diversity. We represent agencies from youth to the elderly, from the arts to homelessness. It's not just your gift that is so important, it's the leadership, it's the ideas. We are so appreciative of your generosity."

**About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)) is Florida's oldest and largest community foundation. The Foundation works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community – helping donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helping nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helping people come together to make the community a better place. The Foundation has more than \$300 million in assets and has made grants in excess of \$278 million since 1964.

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