



## **More than \$125,000 Dollars Granted to Area Nonprofit Organizations**

*The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida Announces Latest Round of Funding*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – September 18, 2015 — The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida has awarded its latest round of 2015 grants to area nonprofit organizations. These grants are made by The Community Foundation through its Program and Initiatives Committee which oversees all grant-making from discretionary dollars under its purview. So far this year, The Community Foundation has made more than \$738,000 in discretionary grants. In 2014, The Community Foundation made more than \$1 million in grants from discretionary and unrestricted funds.

The following grants were made to support collaborative work in the community, and to take advantage of emerging opportunities:

- **\$57,500 to Family Foundations** to support two components of its '1000 in 1000' program (Quality Childcare and Education Savings Accounts). The '1000 in 1000' initiative seeks to move 1000 people out of poverty every 1000 days.
- **\$20,000 to St. Johns Volunteers!** to help this new organization connect volunteers in St. Johns County to nonprofit organizations through outreach efforts and training. This is a challenge grant, designed to generate interest and encourage others to invest in this initiative. Partial proceeds from the grant will be used to help with public education/marketing expenses.
- **\$30,000 to Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Foundation** to support its Earn Up initiative. The initiative will study and help promote the best practices for helping people earn college degrees or work certification, focusing on three key populations: high school students, adult learners and veterans.

*These grants were made from the following Community Foundation funds: The Community Endowment Fund, the Jay and Deanie Stein Fund, and the Kathryn and Richard Kip Endowment.*

### **To Support the Visual Arts in St. Augustine**

- **\$15,000 to Compassionate St. Augustine-Obelisk Art 450** for each regional artist participating in its Obelisk Art 450 project to receive an additional \$500 honorarium for materials and production costs. The grant will also help fund a professional photographer to shoot the artworks for the artists' portfolios, and for a commemorative book to be sold at the St. Augustine Visitors Information Center.
- **\$10,000 to Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, Flagler College** for a series of eight special events by visiting artists and scholars relevant to the scope of the 2015-16 exhibition series. This includes master classes, gallery talks and performances which will be open to students and the community at-large.
- **\$5,000 to Vilano Beach Main Street Association** for materials and artist instructor fees to complete a mosaic in the fountain located in the Vilano Beach Town Center. Students from the Florida School from the Deaf and Blind will work with professional artists to complete the project during the school year, and a public dedication will take place in September 2016.



- **\$2,500 to Limelight Theatre** to support promotional materials for visual art exhibitions in its theatre gallery. The theatre partners with the St. Augustine gallery cooperative, Starving Artists, to feature exhibits of local artists. The Limelight Theatre hosts more than 16,000 patrons annually.

*These grants were made from the Dr. JoAnn Crisp-Ellert Fund.*

#### **To Improve the Capacity of Small Arts Organizations**

- **\$5,000 to Don't Miss a Beat (DMAB)** for the development of a communications plan. DMAB was founded in 2008 to serve at-risk children in the Brooklyn Riverside neighborhoods by providing academic and artistic enrichment. Programs include artistic training, tutoring, and civic engagement projects. Approximately 300 students, K-12 are served each year, with 75% qualifying for free or reduced lunches.

*This grant was made from the Art Ventures Endowment Fund.*

#### **About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)), Florida's oldest and largest 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. Now in its 51st year, the Foundation has assets of more than \$313 million and has made grants in excess of \$332 million since 1964.

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