



## **Fifteen Local Agencies Receive Grants from Emerging Philanthropists**

*Weaver Philanthropic Initiative Class of 2017 awarded a total of \$50,000*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – September 18, 2017—After a six month immersion in strategic philanthropy, ten emerging philanthropists have collectively made grants totaling \$50,000 to 15 nonprofit organizations in Northeast Florida. Nurturing the next generation of Northeast Florida philanthropists is the goal of the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, which periodically gathers a class of potential donors, guiding them through an intensive education process, complete with an opportunity to experience hands-on grantmaking.

The 2017 Weaver Philanthropic Initiative class includes Dan Foley, Marshall Hill, Kirsten Martino, Glenn Miller, Blair Sherman, Jason Spencer, Brent Trager, Alison Trager, Ben Setzer, and Doug Tutwiler. They selected their recipient organization(s) individually, and their grants reflected a wide variety of interests and focus

“This year, it was our pleasure to educate and guide these philanthropists on their journey to define the resources they possess and how they can and will make a difference in Northeast Florida,” noted Joanne E. Cohen, The Community Foundation’s vice president for philanthropic services. “I’m confident that the future of our community is in very thoughtful and strong hands.”

The nonprofit agencies benefitting from the class’s grants include:

- **Big Brothers and Big Sisters of NEFL** to support programming for kids on the waiting list for a Big Brother or Sister
- **Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida** to support their after school activities which includes tutoring and their summer enrichment programs
- **Camp I Am Special** to support the capital campaign for the new aquatic center
- **City Year Jacksonville** to help ensure children are able to reach their full potential
- **Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center** for general operating support for programs they provide to girls and families in our community
- **I.M. Sulzbacher Center** to support the new Sulzbacher Village project
- **Jacksonville Jewish Center’s Galinsky Academy** to fund an experimental fundraising concept for the L’dor V’dor campaign which supports the educational programs at the Center
- **JAMS arts & music after school program** for students
- **Jewish Family and Community Services** Inclusion Program to help school age children with special needs by providing full-time staff who support parents, teachers and student in academics, religious school and camp
- **Jewish Federation of Jacksonville** for general funding for programs which support people in need at home and around the world



- **Leadership Jacksonville** to create a curriculum on Civil Discourse to be used with all of the programs LJ offers, including High School, College, Adult and the new Summit programs
- **LGBT Resource Center at UNF** for general operating support and to assist with sustaining all of their programs
- **My Village Project Community Fund** at The Community Foundation to support their grant making for Black-led nonprofits serving the Black community in Jacksonville
- **St. Francis Soup Kitchen** to assist with their administrative costs
- **We Care Jacksonville** to continue their mission to provide medical resources and services to those in need

Since 1999, The Community Foundation has been identifying and guiding the next generation of philanthropists, offering them the opportunity to learn more about our community's needs, and how to maximize their charitable giving. In 2013, in recognition of the philanthropic leadership provided to the community by J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver, the initiative was renamed the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative.

For more information about the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative, contact Joanne E. Cohen, Vice President, Philanthropic Services at [jcohen@jaxcf.org](mailto:jcohen@jaxcf.org) or (904) 356-4483.

#### **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 entering its 53<sup>rd</sup> year, the Foundation has assets of \$343 million and has made \$410 million in grants since 1964.

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