



The Community Foundation Opens St. Augustine Office at One News Place
New location chosen to better serve southern St. Johns and Putnam Counties

ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida – April 2, 2019 — The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, headquartered in Jacksonville, has opened an office in St. Augustine to better serve donors and the nonprofit community in southern St. Johns and Putnam Counties. The new office is in the St. Augustine Record building at One News Place (corner of SR312 and SR 207.)

“In collaboration with our donors, we have been investing in this area for many years,” noted Ryan A. Schwartz, chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. “With the opening the St. Augustine office, we are poised to elevate our investments into the southern part of our service area, and we will work to better understand the needs and issues in the community. We are excited to deepen our roots here.”

The Community Foundation serves Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties. Since 2012, the Foundation has worked with its donors to invest more than \$1.5M into programs and initiatives in St. Augustine and St. Johns County. The Community Foundation has also been active in Putnam County, where the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Fund for Putnam County (housed at the Foundation) makes grants of more than \$150,000 annually.

“In addition to promoting our standard grantmaking opportunities to the St. Augustine/St. Johns/Putnam nonprofit community, we are partnering with the City’s Neighborhood Council to make small investments into neighborhood associations,” commented Nina Waters, president of The Community Foundation. “These neighborhood mini-grants are our way to recognize the powerful spirit that exists here around volunteering and community in St. Augustine.”

These mini grants will support things like community gardens, reforestation, beautification, lending libraries and volunteer projects.

The Community Foundation will also be hosting a series of conversations beginning in May to help better understand the local non-profit sector and the significant issues it is working to address. The initial focus will be to learn more about hunger, affordable housing, the environment, and children’s mental and behavioral health.

The St. Augustine office will initially be open by appointment only. Please call (904) 356-4483 or email marklemaire@jaxcf.org for further information.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

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. Now in its 55th year, the Foundation has assets of more than \$384 million and has made nearly \$500 million in grants since 1964.

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