



Fourteen Emerging Philanthropists Selected for the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative Class of 2019

This class marks The Community Foundation's 20th year of nurturing philanthropists

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – January 22, 2019—The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida has seated its latest class of the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative—a program now entering its 20th year. The fourteen emerging philanthropists in the 2019 class will learn more about our community's needs and how to maximize their charitable giving, just like their predecessors. The Weaver Philanthropic Initiative Class of 2019 includes:

- John Baker
- Autumn Combs
- Ashton Hudson
- Mandy Hudson
- Susan Ward Kelly
- Marion Lane
- Willie Lane
- Courtney McGehee
- Priyanka Murthy
- Ragu Murthy
- Michael Schmidt
- Kendall Sisisky Valliere
- Ashley Stein Wotiz
- Matt Wotiz

Program alumni and members of The Community Foundation's Board of Trustees welcomed the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative Class of 2019 at a reception in November. This week, the class will begin its six-month education process, including opportunities to experience hands-on grantmaking. Along the way, members will learn about the critical issues and abundant opportunities that exist in our community. At its conclusion, participants will have a strong understanding of their own philanthropic leadership style, as well as an enlightened look at the grantmaking opportunities in our area.

"As a member of the 2008 class, I can personally attest to the value of the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative," commented Ryan A. Schwartz, chairman of the board of trustees of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. "These individuals are about to embark on a journey which will add to their understanding of philanthropy, and in all likelihood, result in a continuation of our community's great history of giving as well as improve Northeast Florida and inspire others to do the same."

The Community Foundation has been identifying and guiding the next generation of philanthropists through this program since 1999. In 2013, in recognition of the philanthropic leadership provided to the



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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 or (904) 356-4483.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (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 55th year, the Foundation has assets of \$398 million and has made nearly \$450 million in grants since 1964.

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ATTENTION EDITORS: Group Photo Available

Back row left to right:

Kendall Sisisky Valliere, Michael Schmidt, Ashley Stein Wotiz, Matthew Wotiz, Autumn Combs, Mandy Hudson, Ashton Hudson, John Baker

Front row left to right:

Courtney McGehee, Marion Lane, Willie Lane, Susan Kelly, Ragu Murthy, Priyanka Murthy

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