In 1999, The Community Foundation launched an innovative program to support the next generation of Northeast Florida philanthropists. Now called the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative, the program combines a six-month series of learning sessions with hands-on grantmaking as a way to give participants an up front look at opportunities and the potential of strategic philanthropy.

To date, there have been five classes of the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative, helping 86 graduates better define their individual philanthropic styles and interests. The program requires each participant to contribute $2,500 to grantmaking and that is matched by TCF. Class members identify goals for their philanthropy and make grants in support of their goal.

More than $200,000 has been granted to the community by Weaver Philanthropic Initiative classes.

What will our community need from the philanthropic community tomorrow?

Who will help guide the course?

The next generation of donors is on our doorstep, and The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida welcomes them. Since 1999, The Community Foundation has encouraged those to whom much has been given, so that they can most effectively give in return.

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.
TODAY:

41 Philanthropic Initiative graduates are actively grantmaking through funds at The Community Foundation.

5 Philanthropic Initiative graduates serve or have served as trustees of The Community Foundation.

Others are providing stewardship in the community in a multitude of ways.

The WPI program and the resources I gained assisted me in creating a pilot program to meet needs of local college students. I am so proud that the program continues today with a model that can be supported for years to come.

– MICHAEL MILLER –

Participating in WPI helped us identify our philanthropic priorities both individually and as a family. We now better understand the role we can play to help support the good work underway in our community.

– LAUREN & TED RUEGER –

The Weaver Philanthropic Initiative was a tremendous opportunity for me to develop my philanthropic mission. The program taught me how to understand my personal passions and align those with the resource needs in the community to have a lasting and sustainable impact. The learning experience is something that I will cherish and leverage through my philanthropic life.

– JASON SPENCER –

WPI MEMBERS (as of 2017):

Helen Bryan
Jeff Bryan
Joshua Bryan
Annie Bryan
Rudhir Callaghan
Jeff Charmand
Erin Colledge
William Colledge
Keli Coughlin Joyce
Julia Davis
Randy DeFoor
Wendy Druce
Helen DuBow
Kurt Dunkle
Dan Foley
Endya Freeman
Meredith Frisch
Brad Glass
Mary Goldsmith
Martin Gottlieb*

Marion Graham
Alex Graham
Donna Harper
Edward Hearle*
R. Marshall Hill
Imani Hope
Charles Hyman
Matthew Kane
Alexis Kane
Patrick Kilbane
Ronnie King
Ali Korman Shelton
Marty Lanahan
Sarah Lee
Katharine Loeb
Kristen Martino
Sallie Mason
Chris McCain
Susan McGheee
Kenyon Merritt

Daniel Miller
Michael Miller
Glenn Miller
William Morris
James Moseley, Jr.
Jack Myers
Deborah Pass Durham
John Peyton
John Pitocchelli
Sally Ragsdale

C. Daniel Rice
Lindsey Riggs
Thomas Rueger
Lauren Rueger
Jeneen Sanders
Ryan Schwartz
Melanie Setzer
Benjamin Setzer
Bryan Simpson
Blair Sisisky Sherman

Richard Skinner, Ill
Allen Skinner
Ashley Smith Juarez
Jason Spencer
Robert Stein
Martin (Ted) Stein
Alison Trager
Brent Trager
Douglas Tutwiler
Lisa Ullmann

William Walton
Fem Webb
Tracey Westbrook
Margaret Wetherbee
Stacie Wilf
Susannah Williams
James (Buck) Williams
Darryl Willie
Blythe Zayets

*deceased

Community INVESTMENTS

Andrew Robinson Elementary School
Arlington Family YMCA
Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry, Inc.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida
Boy Scouts of America
Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida, Inc.
Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc.
City of Atlantic Beach - Florida
City Year, Inc.
daniel, Inc.
Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center
Garden City Elementary
Hendricks Avenue Elementary School
I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless
Jacksonville Arts and Music School
Jacksonville Humane Society
Jacksonville Jewish Center
Jacksonville Public Education Fund
Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.
Jewish Federation of Jacksonville
Leadership Jacksonville, Inc.
Malivai Washington Youth Foundation
Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
Mt. Lebanon Christian Academy
Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville Inc.
My Village Community Fund
Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition
PACE Center for Girls Jacksonville
Shoshannah Arts
St. Francis Soup Kitchen
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
The Guardian Catholic Schools, Inc.
The RALLY JACKSONVILLE! Fund
TheatreWorks, Inc.
University of North Florida
We Care Jacksonville, Inc.
WJCT, Inc.
Wolfson Children’s Hospital
YMCA of Florida’s First Coast
YMCA of Florida’s First Coast: Tiger Academy

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