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**Selby Foundation Awards over \$1.1 million to Area
Nonprofit Organizations in the Fall Grant Cycle**

A total of more than \$3.3 million in grants and scholarships for 2021

SARASOTA, Florida - The William G. and Marie Selby Foundation recently awarded over \$1.1 million in grants to 21 nonprofit organizations which provide local communities with much needed services. The capital expenditure grants awarded this Fall - ranging from \$8,000 to \$150,000 - will make a significant impact in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto communities in a number of areas including:

- Technology
- Education
- Transportation
- Environment
- Health and Human Services
- Facilities

As part of this grant cycle, the Foundation launched its **Small and Mighty Grant (SAM)** program developed to respond to the needs of small-scale, nonprofit organizations in the communities served by the Foundation. To qualify, organizations must have less than \$300,000 in annual operating expenses and the request must be for a capital expenditure(s). Three organizations were awarded the inaugural **SAM grants totalling \$37,450:**

- **Kiwanis of North Port**, to assist with interior/exterior improvements to the Children's Closet - \$16,100
- **SPAACES Foundation**, to assist with interior improvements and purchase of technology equipment - \$13,000
- **Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative**, to assist with the furnishing of office space - \$8,350

"We were excited to launch the SAM grants program this year as we continue to witness the incredible impact smaller organizations are making on the communities they serve," states Carol Butera, the Selby Foundation's president and CEO. "We're proud to recognize and support the work of all our Fall grant recipients whose awards total over \$1.1 million. By year end 2021, the Foundation will have awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants and nearly \$825,000 in scholarships," Butera added.

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The Fall 2021 Grant Recipients:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, Inc. Serving Manatee County	To assist with the replacement of the HVAC system, provide repairs and enhancements to the roof, and purchase/install outside security cameras.	\$150,000
Centerstone of Florida, Inc. Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To purchase/install anti-barricade, wicket doors to improve accessibility for staff and safety to patients.	\$100,000
Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. Serving Charlotte County	To assist with the construction of a butterfly enclosure to educate visitors on our local butterfly populations and conservation.	\$10,000
Children's Home Society of Florida Serving Manatee County	To build out a Parent Resource Center located at Manatee Elementary.	\$30,336
Community Foundation of Sarasota County Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To help support the Season of Sharing 2021-22 (\$100,000) and Giving Challenge 2022 (\$25,000).	\$125,000
Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Inc. Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To supplement the revolving Land Fund for land conservation.	\$60,000
CreArte Latino Cultural Center Corp. Serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties	To purchase performance enhancements to improve acoustics, energy efficiency, and appearance.	\$29,847
Early Learning Coalition Of Manatee County, Inc. Serving Manatee County	To retrofit a school bus to provide early education and STEAM to children who live in asset limited families.	\$30,000
Friends Of Sarasota County Parks, Inc. Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To assist with the installation of a new accessible trail at Red Bug Slough Preserve (\$50,000) and the installation of a shade house, educational greenhouse, and permeable pathways leading to the greenhouse for the Educational Outreach Gardens at Twin Lakes Park (\$50,000).	\$100,000
Harvest Tabernacle of Sarasota, Inc. Serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties	To assist with the purchase of a new 15-passenger van to transport clients for the Purpose Works second-chance work program.	\$50,000
Honor Sanctuary Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To assist with equipment for the veterinary clinic to ensure the good health of shelter pets and offer affordable veterinary services.	\$20,000



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Inclusion Revolution Inc. Serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties	To assist with the purchase and outfitting of an Airstream food truck to be staffed by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	\$35,500
Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. Serving Manatee County	To assist with the outfitting of a new Nutrition Services Center and patio space to provide nutrition education to the community.	\$84,060
Pines of Sarasota Foundation, Inc. Serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties	To assist with the furnishing of the expanded Pines Early Childhood Education Center classrooms, exploration, and toddler playground areas.	\$25,000
Project Light of Manatee, Inc. Serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties	To assist with external building renovations and improvements to the grounds.	\$34,000
Resilient Retreat, Inc. Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To assist with the furnishing of the retreat center.	\$100,000
Suncoast Communities Blood Bank, Inc. Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To assist with a vehicle and equipment for the "Concierge Program" for blood collection.	\$34,507
Venice Area Beautification, Inc. Serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties	To assist with Phase 2-Segment 2 of installing the Venice Urban Forest.	\$50,000
	Fall Grant Cycle Total	\$1,068,250

The Selby Foundation is a private foundation founded by William G. and Marie Selby in 1955. The Foundation supports Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties through capital grants and scholarships. Since its establishment, the Selby Foundation has provided more than \$120 million to the community. For more information on the Foundation's grant and scholarship application process, including the newly established Small and Mighty Grants program, visit www.selbyfdn.org.

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