



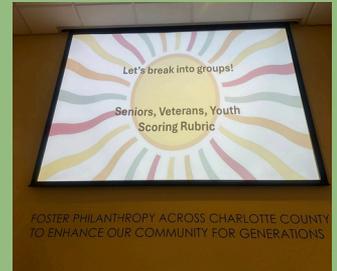
November 2025 Foundation Forum E-News

This has been an incredibly busy fall for the Charlotte Community Foundation (CCF)—such a different one from a year ago when the CCF buildings were underwater and inoperable for the first time since they opened more than a decade ago. We have kept adjusting—and in ways to.

Please see images from many activities and programs from the last several weeks as summarized below in our efforts to “Foster philanthropy across Charlotte County to enhance our community for generations.”

Follow us on our Facebook and LinkedIn pages to stay on top of exciting events and initiatives!

CCF In The Community



CCF: Autumn 2025 in Action!

A busy Autumn- Out and about with (from top center clockwise) Rotary Club Babcock Ranch, Charlotte County Economic Development Partnership, Grants Committee, Florida International Air Show, Veteran Family Fun Day, Powered by Philanthropy, the Leadership Charlotte Endowment Fund, and Port Charlotte Kiwanis Club.



In addition to what's occurred, important activities are still coming up yet this year!

The 2026-27 Scholarship Cycle will open on November 17th for applications through December 31st. One on-line submission qualifies individuals for numerous awards. Half of our scholarships are for working adults, with many for health care professionals. From trade certificates to graduate programs, the awards range from \$1-5,000. See the FAQs on our website for more details!

In December, we'll share results of our Fall 2025 grants cycle. Two dozen community members helped review 43 applications for grants from donor-directed funds focused on Veterans, Youth, Seniors, Housing Insecurity & Health Care. CCF will announce grantees and deliver funds to those nonprofits before the year-end.



With the year-end upon us, we are here to help with any philanthropic needs you have. If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution, consider directing a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to start a fund(s) or to be allocated among our existing funds—create impact and potentially lower your taxable income! See more details below.



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Your Tax Burden
even if you don't itemize

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Do you own an IRA or other qualified retirement plan? Are you looking for a tax-wise strategy to make gifts to support our mission? If so, consider making an **IRA charitable rollover gift**.

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-  May satisfy your annual required minimum distribution, or RMD, up to the amount of your gift
-  Allows you to give from pre-tax assets and your distribution is excluded from taxable income
-  Helps avoid limits on charitable deductions and prevents you from being pushed into a higher tax bracket
-  Simplifies the giving process. It's easy to do— just notify your IRA custodian
-  Minimizes the effect your giving has on your cash flow. The gift is from your assets, not your checkbook

The Leadership Charlotte Endowment Fund managed by CCF presents its 2025 grantees. The Leadership Charlotte 2026 class also visited CCF.

CCF participates in “Rotary Reignite,” thanks to the Babcock Ranch Rotary! Dr. Shelley Strickland, CEO, participates in a panel on regional philanthropy sponsored by Sarasota Magazine. She also speaks to different groups in the community and on WENG.

CCF co-sponsors a program with the Economic Development Partnership (EDP) on How Generosity Can Build & Transform Communities—a conversation on “WISEgenerosity” that will continue in 2026!

CCF sponsors the inaugural STEM Innovators Pavilion at the Florida International Air Show, where hundreds of Charlotte County Public School students “earned their wings” by reading about aviation and learning about aviation careers.

In recognition of its dedicated funding for veterans that launched this fall, made possible through The Mary V. Renois Fund for Veterans, Youth & Seniors and holding the endowment for the Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida, CCF was a sponsor for the community-wide Veterans Family Fun Day.

CCF hosted a luncheon co-sponsored with the Charlotte Estate Planning Council to hear from an Illinois-based advisor on tax law changes.



Special Thanks To The 2025 Nonprofit Grant Reviewers

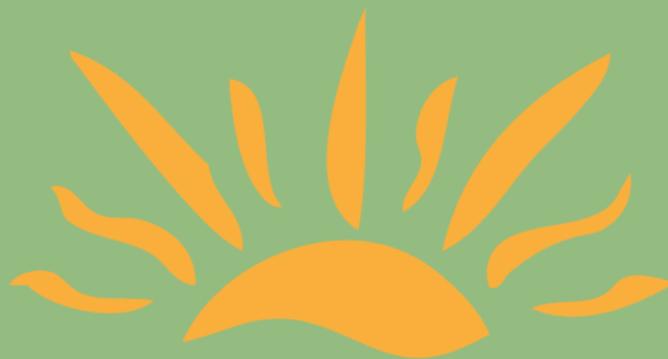
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