



Women's Giving Alliance Awards \$660,000 in Grants: Largest Single Year Distribution in Foundation's 20-Year History

Grants issued to 17 Northeast Florida nonprofits to transform the lives of women and girls in our community

Jacksonville, Florida — May 18, 2022 — Today, the Women's Giving Alliance (WGA), an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, announced \$660,000 in grants to 17 Northeast Florida nonprofits at the organization's annual Member Forum. More than 150 WGA members gathered at UNF's University Center to celebrate this year's grant recipients and their work to help underserved women and girls reach their full potential.

"The Women's Giving Alliance is proud to award \$660,000 in grants to 17 nonprofits who are truly changing the lives of women and girls right here in our community by providing critical services from affordable housing to career readiness," said Jan Healy, president of WGA. "This year, WGA made the decision to shift its 2022 Grant Strategy to focus on core mission funding in order to help our nonprofit partners rebuild and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Through strategic, collective giving, WGA is able to award its largest grant distribution in our organization's 20-year history."

The following programs will receive one-year grants for 2022 to 2023:

- Ability Housing: \$18,250 (Duval County)
- Barnabas Center: \$50,000 (Nassau County)
- Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM): \$50,000 (Duval and St John's counties)
- Delta Research and Educational Foundation: \$5,000 (Duval County)
- Family Promise of Jacksonville: \$50,000 (Duval County)
- First Coast No More Homeless Pets: \$38,400 (Duval County)
- Girls Inc. of Jacksonville: \$50,000 (Duval County)
- Hubbard House: \$50,000 (Duval County)
- Jewish Family & Community Services: \$50,000 (Duval County)
- Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, Inc.: \$50,000 (Duval County)
- MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation: \$32,700 (Duval County)
- Micah's Place: \$9,300 (Nassau County)
- Northeast Florida Women Veterans: \$50,000 (Duval County)
- Quigley House: \$50,000 (Clay County)
- Rebuilding Ex-offenders Successfully Through Opportunities Rehabilitation and Education (R.E.S.T.O.R.E.) \$50,000 (Duval County)
- Safety Shelter of St. John's County/Betty Griffin Center: \$50,000 (St. Johns County)
- Epic-Cure: \$6,350 (one-time donation) (St. Johns and Putnam Counties)

This year's Member Forum theme was "Facing Forward" focused on the future of strategic philanthropy and collective giving. Members enjoyed a special presentation from guest speaker and [Ted2022](#) presenter Sara Lomelin, founding CEO of [Philanthropy Together](#), a global initiative working to diversify and democratize philanthropy. Lomelin underscored the growing number of collective giving circles around the world and how they lead to more inclusive and meaningful philanthropy.

During the meeting, WGA also outlined several initiatives to position the organization for success in the next 20 years, including new research to guide the future of WGA grantmaking, organizational assessment to optimize WGA for growth and reaching the next generation of diverse, female philanthropists.

This year's grant pool is WGA's largest distribution amount in the history of the organization. The grants are made up of members' yearly contributions (\$1,500 a year or \$750 for the first year if they are 40 and under), a portion of WGA's endowment fund and individual gifts. This year's individual gifts included generous partnership support from Betty L. Francis and The Catherine Drompp Fund.

Twenty years ago, the Women's Giving Alliance was ahead of its time in its mission to harness the power of collective giving to have a greater impact in their community. To date, WGA has awarded over \$7.7 million to 68 nonprofits serving at least 30,000 women and girls across Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties.

Women interested in joining the Women's Giving Alliance and maximizing the impact of their philanthropic giving should visit www.wganefl.org/membership.

About the Women's Giving Alliance (WGA)

WGA, an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, is a non-partisan group of dynamic, diverse women who pool their philanthropic giving to make a lasting impact on the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida. Since 2001, hundreds of women in the region have become WGA members and each makes an annual contribution of \$1,500. With these contributions, WGA has made grants totaling more than \$7.7 million to 68 non-profit organizations to support critical services for women and girls. WGA has also built an endowment of more than \$5.9 million. For more information: www.wganefl.org.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, 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 in its 58th year, the Foundation has assets of \$630 million and has made \$640 million in grants since 1964. For more information: www.jaxcf.org.

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