



WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
OF COLLIER COUNTY
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SPRING 2024 UPDATE



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

RAISED:
\$672,000

GOAL:
\$1,470,000



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

Mother's Day Celebration at Sea Salt and Barbatella

A portion of dessert proceeds benefit Women Lifting Women

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

Women Rock Philanthropy at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

Save the date.

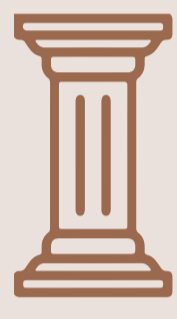


GRANTS UPDATE

FY 2023 GRANT AWARDS

- The Immokalee Foundation
- St. Matthew's House
- Hunger and Homeless Coalition
- Boys & Girls Club Junior Women of Initiative (JWOI)
- Collier Resource Center
- Non-Traditional Female Scholarships
- Baker Senior Center

GRANT AWARD HIGHLIGHT



SENIOR WOMEN PILLAR

2,308

phone calls screened for risk of homelessness for senior women

60

clients remained in permanent housing after receiving education about community resources and applying for benefit programs.

24

women received assistance with rent, utilities or mortgage

39

women received help applying for SNAP, Medicaid or Medicare

100%

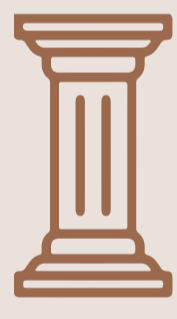
of clients assessed for mental health counseling needs

Preventing senior homelessness requires fluid coordination of community services to help individuals facing homelessness secure housing and other social services. This is the key focus of the partnership between **Baker Senior Center Naples (BSCN)** and **Collier Resource Center (CRC)**, utilizing the **Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County** for housing coordination.



"One of the most difficult challenges in our area is homelessness," said Dr. Jaclynn Faffer, CEO, Baker Senior Center Naples. "It has been shocking to learn that a growing number of senior women are homeless. Many have faced a life-changing event, such as the death of a spouse or a growing financial gap, leaving them without a place to live and carrying a heavy emotional burden. With this critical grant from the Women's Foundation of Collier County, we created a program to address what is called situational homelessness. In our model, when we receive a referral—often a self-referral—we reduce anxiety and offer much-needed stability by being at their side every step of the way. We go with them to appointments to find and settle into the right home, help them access services and resources, and provide seamless care, including counseling. Our experienced and credentialed team members have already successfully housed several area senior women."

GRANT AWARD HIGHLIGHT



YOUNG WOMEN & GIRLS PILLAR

99

girls currently served

6th grade

girls received an overview of the four main Career Pathways

7th grade

girls working on Junior Achievement (JA) "It's My Business" curriculum and intro to engineering

8th grade

girls creating Career Action Plans to direct their high school coursework

Mentorship and Career Development: The Immokalee Foundation

The Middle School Girls Careers Pathways program introduces career choices to Immokalee's girls at this critical stage of their lives. The girls come from families with very limited options, making this program necessary for them to escape intergenerational poverty. This program empowers them to imagine a different future and make the right decisions to achieve it.



"Girls in Immokalee no longer need to wait until high school to begin exploring careers," said Noemi Perez, CEO, The Immokalee Foundation. "This grant gave us resources to start an after-school program to expose 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls to career panels and field trips to local businesses, colleges and technical schools. As an example of impact, a female leader at the Collier County Sheriff's Office shared her path to law enforcement, leading to an increased interest in criminal justice careers. The generous Women's Foundation of Collier County grant also led to a new partnership with Microsoft and FGCU to add a 4-week digital and IT class. Girls can see how IT impacts every profession and industry, including construction management where opportunities are available for females. They can see options. They say, 'I can see myself doing that.'" members have already successfully housed several area senior women."



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

3

women received scholarships



FEATURED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Christina Miller, Keiser University, Naples Associate Degree in Nursing

"After battling cancer during COVID and winning that battle, I knew I wanted to give back and hopefully help people and take care of them as well as I was (taken care of) during this time. I plan on pursuing my bachelor's as well in the near future."

JOIN WOMEN LIFTING WOMEN

Make a gift today to join women who are lifting vulnerable and at-risk senior women, as well as young women and girls, and making a significant and positive impact in our community.

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