

**Manatee Community Foundation
Spring 2011 Competitive Grant Distributions**

Organization	Granted Amount	Description	Fund(s)
American Red Cross Manatee County Chapter	\$3,460.00	Funds will be used to provide seed money to launch the Citizen CPR sustainable program. The Manatee County Chapter plans to offer this non-certified course in hands-only CPR to the community at no cost. Having more citizen bystanders trained in this simple skill can help save lives by putting more cardiac arrest victims within a few steps of lifesaving assistance.	MCF Unrestricted
Art League of Manatee County DBA ArtCenter Manatee	\$1,110.00	Funds will be used to purchase art supplies for the 2011 Kid's Art Camp students.	Spirit of Manatee Fund
Bicycles for the Homeless, Inc.	\$1,000.00	Funds will be used to add lights for night-safety, a lock for security, and a basket or rack for increased utility and safety, to bicycles donated to the homeless of Manatee County through the Community Coalition on Homelessness, Salvation Army FAITH program, Manatee Glens, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and other nonprofits that assist the homeless.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund
Buffalo Creek Middle School	\$2,000.00	Funds will be used to purchase more steel drums to aide in the 'Service of Steel Project' (collaborating with Florida Learn & Serve) dedicated to promoting service learning in grades 6-8 at Buffalo Creek Middle School and within our community through steel drum performances.	Weichel Family Fund
Cancer Support Community - Florida Suncoast	\$2,500.00	Funds will be used to support the Expressive Art Therapy program that provides a supportive and creative outlet to express feelings and emotions experienced by adults and children with cancer.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund
Care Net Manasota Pregnancy Center, Inc.	\$1,000.00	Funds will be used to purchase and provide safe and reliable infant car seats to clients through attendance in the educational parenting curriculum, 'Earn While You Learn' program. By attending the program sessions, the clients earn points they can redeem for much needed items; diapers, wipes, cribs, car seats and baby clothes.	MCF Unrestricted
Carlos E Haile Middle School	\$850.00	Funds will be used to support the "Learning Takes Flight" program which allows 90 high-risk students to work alongside professional artists and master pond builders to create a mural. Funds will provide the materials needed including: clay, glazes, and paint, as well as providing a small residency provision for our artist.	Evans Family Fund

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Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Inc.	\$5,000.00	Funds will be used to provide payment of rent, utilities, or mortgage expense for Manatee County residents in crisis situations. No administrative fees will be charged to the grant. The Financial Assistance program serves all persons, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.	MCF Unrestricted, Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund, Susie & Cliff Walters Fund
Children's Academy of Southwest Florida, Inc.	\$4,650.00	Funds will be used to add two classrooms for a total of 72 students in before and afterschool programs daily with wraparound school based children and 36 Voluntary Pre-kindergarten children in the 3 hour state program from 9:00am-12:00pm. This space will be housed with a developmentally challenging program to help students that live in poverty have the opportunity to be successful and help change the cycle of poverty.	Evans Family Fund
Children's Guardian Fund, Inc.	\$2,000.00	Funds will be used to send approximately 25 abused, neglected, or abandoned children who are in the Guardian Ad Litem program and who reside in Manatee County to a week of summer day camp in Manatee County.	Myers Family Charitable Fund
Community Coalition on Homelessness Corporation	\$6,320.00	Funds will be used to purchase ECG software, laptop, and EKG machine with cart to be used in the medical and dental clinics at the One Stop Center. This unit enables the center to perform in-house testing, for cardio and pulmonary functions, eliminating the need for patients to go to a hospital, resulting in more efficient, timely treatment for patients as well as savings to the indigent care fund.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund, Myers Family Charitable Fund
Community Coalition on Homelessness Corporation - PATH	\$3,000.00	Funds will be used to pay for printing English version and Spanish versions of the Manatee County Community Resource booklets. These small handy guides are produced utilizing a collaboration between United Way 211 and the Community Coalition on Homelessness. The booklets are distributed by a variety of area agencies and organizations working with the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.	MCF Unrestricted, Brinker Creek Fund
Easter Seals Southwest Florida, Inc.	\$2,500.00	Funds will be used to provide therapy services to the growing number of children with disabilities and developmental delays whose parents do not have adequate healthcare coverage or other means to pay for therapy. More specifically, funds will be used to provide speech/language, occupational, physical, and developmental/early intervention therapy in a child's natural setting or from the Children's Therapy Center.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund, Gigliotti/Merruci Fund

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Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota	\$3,500.00	Funds will be used to provide in-home respite care services to families that have a child or children with a diagnosed disability or special need residing in Manatee County.	Evans Family Fund
Family Partnership Center of Manatee County, Inc.	\$4,000.00	Funds will be used to defray costs to provide parenting education and support to local parents of children with special needs. 55% of families served in the home program had at least one child with a special needs diagnosis. Funding is matched 100%.	MCF Unrestricted
Florida Studio Theatre	\$3,570.50	Funds will be used to support the 'Write a Play' program in the Manatee County School System. 'Write a Play' is a statewide initiative that teaches students basic play writing skills and motivates them to write plays of their own. High energy, interactive performances, workshops and long-term residencies are used to inspire creativity, bolster communication and literacy skills, and instill an appreciation for the arts.	Jay Turner Fund
Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc./Manatee	\$2,500.00	Funds will be used to establish a free legal resource for veterans residing in Manatee County. The goal of the Manatee Veteran Project will be to provide veterans with legal consultation, advice, referral and representation.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund
Harry-Anna Investment Fund, Inc. - F.E.L.T. program	\$2,000.00	Funds will be used to purchase food for Manatee County homeless students in the Feeding Empty Little Tummies (F.E.L.T) program. Food is distributed weekly to students for the weekends when they do not receive free school breakfasts/lunches. Every \$20 feeds one homeless child for a month. Currently serving 63 students and will continue the add students as funding permits.	Evans Family Fund
Humane Society of Manatee County, Inc.	\$1,263.00	Funds will be used to cover costs associated with the "Second Chance" program which provides veterinary care for shelter dogs and cats with mild to serious medical conditions. More specifically, the grant will fund extraordinary care which will cover treatment for animals with serious illness, injury and disease caused by neglect and abuse.	Arthur Murray Charitable Fund
Jim Russo Prison Ministries, Inc.	\$2,160.00	Funds will be used to purchase a total of (72) - MCAT 31 Day Unlimited Ride Passes to provide bus transportation for transitional housing residents. The Ride Cards will be purchased at the rate of approximately 6 passes per month over the next 12 months.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund

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Literacy Council of Manatee County, Inc.	\$2,900.00	Funds will be used to recruit, train and support community volunteers to utilize and online career planning tool called CHOICES to help learners prepare individualized College and Career Ladders and support learners as they enter postsecondary education and earn a degree, certificate and/or industry credential.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund, Wachovia Fund
Manasota ARC, Inc.	\$1,000.00	Funds will be used to purchase Signing Time/The Special Kids Learning Series videos to supplement and reinforce a program already in place. The program focuses on increasing effective communication and independence in daily living skills for students with severe developmental disabilities.	MCF Unrestricted
Manasota B.U.D.S.	\$1,700.00	Funds will be used to pay for sessions of sensory play on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings to accommodate different family schedules. The classes are designed for one-on-one parent/child interaction and provide a combination of sensory experiences for children with Down Syndrome along with direct instruction for caregivers in order to continue health sensory integration in the home environment.	MCF Unrestricted
Manatee Children's Services	\$970.00	Funds will be used to purchase therapeutic items that will be used by child victims of abuse and neglect during mental health counseling services provided by clinicians.	MCF Unrestricted
Manatee County Girls Club, Inc. dba Just For Girls	\$4,500.00	Funds will be used to purchase Teen Health textbooks which deliver a combination of course material and interactive multimedia resources to help students understand that good health and avoiding risky behaviors affects their school performance, their friendships, their well-being, and their lives.	Weichel Family Fund
Manatee County Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000.00	Funds will be used to purchase additional property maintenance tools to support the "A Brush With Kindness" program which seeks to meet the needs of families who require renovations to stay in their homes but who cannot afford market prices for these services. Anticipate serving 25 - 30 families annually.	Myers Family Charitable Fund
Manatee Cultural Arts Alliance	\$1,500.00	Summer "ROOTS" Program, a week long multi-cultural summer arts program for children. Roots week is presented annually in collaboration with Healthy Start Coalition and Project Light.	MCF Memorial Gift Fund

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Manatee Glens Corporation	\$3,000.00	Funds will be used to help open a new Youth Center in collaboration with Manatee County Schools and the foster care system. The Youth Center will serve children throughout the county.	Myers Family Charitable Fund
Manatee Players, Inc	\$2,000.00	Funds will be used to provide scholarships to children of single parents or out-of-work parents (based upon demonstrated need), enabling talented, financially disadvantaged applicants to attend the Manatee Players' 2011 Summer Camp programs; Broadway Boot Camp and Junior Camp. Two students aged 6-12 and 2 teens aged 13-17 will be able to receive full scholarships for the 2 week and 3 week camps.	Jay Turner Fund
Myakka City Community Center	\$3,570.50	Funds will be used to provide costumes, music, lighting, and a sound system to help with performances. Choreography is also provided for selected acts. Funds would also be used to provide and decorate a stage setting for clients, participating in the show, creating the experience for children who want to demonstrate their skills and talents.	Jay Turner Fund
PACE Center for Girls, Inc.	\$2,000.00	Funds will be used to purchase lunch for summer school. The Federal free & reduced lunch program is not available during the summer. PACE absorbs the entire cost of the lunches and the girls only pay what they would have during the regular school year (i.e./free girls still get lunch for free, reduced pay .40 cents and others pay full price).	Weichel Family Fund, MCF Unrestricted
Perlman Music Program/Suncoast, Inc.	\$4,000.00	Funds will be used to support the Educational Outreach Program, a well-tested and well-received instructional model that reaches over 4,000 students in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. This is much more than a performance program as it utilizes a carefully designed curriculum that complies with Florida State Standards as approved by the Florida Music Educators Association for teaching primary, middle and high school level students.	Evans Family Fund

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Police Athletic League of Manatee County, Inc.	\$3,030.00	Funds will be used to assist Manatee PAL in implementing a youth leadership program for middle/high school youth, collaborating with PAL organizations throughout the State of Florida and the US to establish a local PAL Youth Development Council (YDC). There is no organized program for youth to learn about the spirit of volunteerism and philanthropy in their home community. We believe the time to teach our youth about giving back is in the formative "tween" years.	Weichel Family Fund, MCF Youth
Project Light of Manatee, Inc.	\$2,320.00	Funds will be used to purchase course materials for English language training morning and evening classes for nearly 300 students during 2011.	Lawrence Ruf Charitable Fund, Rita Bullock Fund
Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy	\$1,750.00	Funds will be used to purchase new Troxel Legacy safety helmets with GPSII Dial Fit System. Safety helmets are required by and provided for all riders and it is recommended to replace the helmets every 4-5 years to ensure high standards in quality and protection.	MCF Unrestricted, Rita Bullock Fund
South Florida Museum & Bishop Planetarium	\$2,200.00	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of six wireless internet routers; the design and launch of a mobile-friendly website portal to support new web-based content and purchase of a 16 GB WiFi iPad for testing compatibility of web-based resources.	MCF Unrestricted
St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Food Pantry	\$3,000.00	Funds will be used to provide food to needy children when school is closed during June, July and August. Estimate to serve 2,200 children of school age.	John Manson Charitable Fund, MCF Unrestricted, Brinker Creek
Stillpoint House of Prayer	\$1,405.00	Funds will be used to purchase diapers for the weekly distributions to the poor with infants and toddlers.	MCF Unrestricted
United Way of Manatee County	\$5,000.00	Building Strong Families - Manatee a project originated by Al & Barbara Siemer to enable families with school age children who are at risk of becoming homeless to stay in their homes, and the children in school. Homelessness disrupts family stability and children's education, forces the children to change schools, contributing to truancy, decline in achievement, dropping out of school, and serious disciplinary problems.	MCF Unrestricted
We Care Manatee, Inc.	\$3,000.00	Funds will be used help 16 medically needy residents with case management for one year. We Care works everyday to make necessary comprehensive healthcare available to low income, uninsured residents that would otherwise have to go without.	E.P. Dickerson Memorial Fund, MCF Unrestricted
40 Grants Total:	\$105,229.00		