Our values:
We are passionate about our strategic community leadership, transforming ordinary into extraordinary. We live it through our core values:
- Compassion – Caring for citizens of our communities
- Empowerment – Enabling others to succeed by leveraging our influence, support, and encouragement
- Innovation – Discovering, cultivating, and promoting new opportunities
- Integrity – Ensuring the highest ethical standards in all we do
- Quality – Demonstrating excellence
- Stewardship – Managing the assets and resources entrusted to us in a careful and responsible manner for the benefit of all we serve

National Standards:
The Community Foundation of Sarasota County (Community Foundation) has been recognized for having organizational and financial practices in accordance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

Board of directors:
Distinguished leaders who represent the rich diversity of our community serve on our board of directors. Philip A. Delaney, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Northern Trust Florida in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, is our current board chair. Margaret Callihan, who now serves as Chief Executive Officer and President of Suntrust Bank, South Florida, is our immediate past board chair.

Current assets (as of May 31, 2014):
$273 million

Number of charitable funds:
More than 1,200

Grants and scholarships made in fiscal year 2013/2014:
$19.3 million

Grants and scholarships distributed since 1979:
$145.1 million
Kinds of organizations/charities that receive support from the Community Foundation

Many donor advisors make recommendations to a variety of grant recipients from their funds. Others have designated specific charitable organizations to receive grants from their funds year after year. Approximately half of the funds at the Community Foundation have been designated by their donors to support broad fields of interest, such as children, education, the arts, health, human services, animal welfare, civic engagement, the environment, etc.

Types of charitable funds that can be established at the Community Foundation

- Donor advised — allows donors to recommend grants from the funds they have established.
- Unrestricted — provides discretionary income to respond quickly to pressing needs in our community and to address important issues that will make a difference to the quality of life in our area.
- Field of interest — directed to specific areas of need that have special meaning to a donor, such as children’s programs, arts education, the environment, aiding the homeless, etc.
- Scholarship — helps deserving young people and adults achieve the dream of higher education.
- Designated — provides perpetual support to specific charities donors care about.
- Nonprofit organizational — established by a nonprofit organizations to support the nonprofit organization and provide everlasting endowments.
- Supporting organizations — have their own board, 51% appointed by CFSC, and qualify for the preferential tax treatment afforded 501(c)(3) public charities.

Impacting our community

The Community Foundation brings together people who care deeply about the community and the organizations that serve the community in order to improve the overall quality of life for its residents.

We also provide training, support and consultation to local nonprofits so they may effectively govern, fundraise, communicate, and manage staff and volunteers. This enables charitable organizations to be more effective at achieving their missions, making the greatest community impact with donor investments.

Manatee Community Foundation’s association with the Community Foundation of Sarasota County

Manatee Community Foundation (MCF) was established in 1999 and is a subsidiary supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc. under Section 509(a) of the Tax Code. MCF serves the residents of Manatee County and Lakewood Ranch. A separate staff and board of directors manage the day-to-day operations of MCF, while administrative functions are handled by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. To date, MCF has an asset base of approximately $30 million. For more information visit www.ManateeCF.org.