

Helping Families in Need

Season of Sharing Fund



How Can I Help?

Donations may be made by check, credit card or online at www.CFSarasota.org. 100 percent of the money collected is distributed to those in need. Make checks payable to Community Foundation of Sarasota County Season of Sharing Fund, 2635 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, Florida 34237. Contact the Foundation at 941.955.3000 for more information. All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

2015/2016 Highlights

- \$2.01 million raised, supporting more than 2,800 individuals and families on the verge of homelessness in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties.
- There were more than 2,900 gifts received.
- 69% of all gifts were \$100 or less.

Who does Season of Sharing help?

Season of Sharing helps individuals and families on the verge of homelessness who reside in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties. The funds may be used for rental assistance, utility bills, child care, transportation, food vouchers and other expenses associated with helping families get back on their feet.

Who is behind Season of Sharing and who funds the campaign?

This annual philanthropic fund, now in its 17th year, was created by the Herald-Tribune Media Group and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Season of Sharing has raised and distributed more than \$15 million since its inception. The partnership is enhanced by a collaboration of media partners; significant matching dollars from The Patterson Foundation, the Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation, the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation and other funders; and donors who provide both large and small contributions.

How can someone in need access Season of Sharing funds?

The Community Foundation provides grants directly to nonprofit agencies. To receive funds from Season of Sharing, individuals must be working with a case worker at a social service agency. United Way 2-1-1 assists potential clients in finding the appropriate agency.

What agencies receive Season of Sharing Funds?

- Catholic Charities for DeSoto County
- Catholic Charities for Sarasota County
- Jewish Family & Children's Service for Sarasota County
- Manatee Community Action Agency for Manatee County
- North Port Social Services
- Salvation Army Sarasota Chapter
- Senior Friendship Centers
- Turning Points
- United Way 2-1-1 for Sarasota County
- United Way of Charlotte County for Charlotte County

All participating agencies are required to share their funds with other nonprofits that offer direct client services, as long as they fit the program criteria.

When are the funds disbursed?

Funds are distributed to agencies beginning in January, when the major portion of the annual campaign has concluded.

How can I learn more about Season of Sharing?

Information including details about available matching dollars and archived stories about those who have been helped, can be found at www.CFSarasota.org. You can also join Season of Sharing on Facebook or Twitter for updates about the campaign.

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