SEASON OF SHARING
Key Steps

1. **DONORS GIVE TO SEASON OF SHARING**
   Season of Sharing funds are raised by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County year-round, with annual official fundraising kicked off each fall.

2. **HELP IS REQUESTED BY THOSE IN NEED**
   Families and individuals with a specific need for financial assistance call 2-1-1 or work with a social worker. 2-1-1 refers individuals to an agency social worker who is able to address their needs such as rent/mortgage, utilities, child care, or transportation.

3. **AGENCY COMPLETES APPLICATION**
   Agency social worker or case manager determines all available resources have been used and completes Season of Sharing application on behalf of client in need and quickly collects all necessary documentation for submission.

4. **APPLICATIONS & CHECKS SENT**
   Season of Sharing applications are reviewed by local fiscal agents. These agents process checks, sending payments on behalf of those in need directly to the entity due, such as landlord, utility, car repair shop or child care provider. No checks go to individuals.

5. **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY PROVIDES SUPPORT TO AGENCIES**
   Community Foundation provides supports and resources to agency social workers and case managers annually. Network consists of approximately 40 human services organizations.

Season of Sharing is a partnership between:

- [Community Foundation of Sarasota County](http://CFSarasota.org/Season-of-Sharing)
- [Herald-Tribune media group](http://CFSarasota.org/Season-of-Sharing)