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### **What is Impact Lakeland?**

*Impact Lakeland* is the CFGL's redesigned grant request brochure, formerly known as the "Donor Grab Bag." In an effort to help our donors make the most informed choices, the 2008-2009 *Impact Lakeland* brochure includes the organization name, project budget, information on the project and the project goal. It is divided into sections to help you easily find the programs in need of funding by the organizations you care about most.

### **How has this grant cycle changed from previous years?**

Again this year the Grant Committee chose to hold only one grant cycle that would be open for an entire year rather than two, six month cycles. Each eligible organization was invited to submit one application (organizations with agency funds were invited to submit two), as well as apply for an endowment for that program. An additional change brings *Impact Lakeland* to our donors first, before the Grant Committee has met to make their funding decisions. This allows each of our donors the opportunity to choose the projects they would like to fund first. The Grant Committee will meet in January to choose from the remaining projects in need of funding.

### **What is the Grant Committee?**

The Grant Committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who study each application, decide if the organization and its projects are eligible, and then make funding decisions. The committee has a small pool of unrestricted funds from which to grant.

### **How does the Grant Committee decide what projects to fund?**

In making funding decisions, the Grant Committee looks closely at the application to ensure that the organization's budget is sound and that they are led by a stable staff and board. The committee looks for projects that are innovative, reach a broad segment of the population, serve a previously under-served population, are well-thought out and that will improve the quality of life in the Lakeland area. Each project submitted must serve a majority of the Lakeland area, meaning at least 51% of participants or those affected by the project must be Lakeland residents.

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# Arts & Culture



**Esteem Music, Inc.**  
**Senior Lesson Program**  
**\$5,792 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Senior Lesson Program will provide active recreational group music participation to older adults at partnering nonprofit facilities throughout greater Lakeland during the July 2008 through June, 2009 program year. The objective is for 143 participants to experience the many health benefits that result from music participation conducted in a fun, supportive, and noncompetitive environment.

**Explorations V Children's Museum**  
**X5's Summer Camp 2009**  
**\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**  
**Requested Endowment Amount \$50,000**

Five children ages 5-12 from greater Lakeland will experience the highest degree of fun & adventure during X5's Summer Camp 2009! Diverse campers, staff & volunteers experience a summer of excitement lasting all day M-F for eight weeks. Themed weeks include exhilarating experiments, exquisite snacks, exclusive art, extraordinary math games, Museum exploration & outdoor exercise!  
Timeline: 3/09-9/09

**Florida Dance Theatre**  
**The Joy of Dance:**  
**Music, Movement & Emotions**  
**\$21,747 Partial Funding Accepted**

Almost 10,000 Lakeland area K-5th grade students will have the opportunity to observe a performance by FDT with various techniques and musical genres. Each piece will evoke a different type of imagery and emotion guided by the music. Some students will join the company on stage and give their own musical interpretation and be able to explain how their feelings and emotions match the movements.

**Lakeland Community Theatre**  
**Children's Theatre Program**  
**\$8,500 Partial Funding Accepted**

Each year, more than 1,200 youth ages 5-21 attend Lakeland Community Theatre's children's shows and participate in our children's productions, classes and summer camp program learning discipline, positive expression and teamwork while boosting confidence and gaining appreciation for the performing arts. Grant funds of \$8,500 will assist in pay for instructors, need based scholarships and supplies.

**Platform Art, Inc.**  
**Platform.5 Youth & Art**  
**\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Platform.5 Youth & Art program consists of working with teachers and at-risk youth programs to create work in art, film & performance. The theme for 2008-09 is "Living with Animals." Through this six month outreach program more than 500 youth will learn animal care from The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals educators, and then create artwork based on those experiences. This artwork will be exhibited May 2009.

**Polk Theatre, Inc.**  
**Hearing Impaired System**  
**\$901.80**

Purchase a wireless assisted listening system that will allow those patrons with hearing loss to enhance their theatre-going experience. This will allow those who haven't been able to participate in the past to enjoy our programs. The system will be in use for all our programs, including films, live performances, rentals and other events and available at no cost to the patron.

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## Animal Related

### **SPCA, Inc. Pets At Risk \$35,194**

SPCA Pets At-Risk (PAR): An educational outreach program teaching responsible pet ownership (proper care, nutrition, shelter, medical & behavior issues) in low-socio-economic neighborhoods with high rates of abuse, neglect, stray, feral and dangerous animals. Program includes home visits and free vaccinations/tags/spay/neuter surgeries.

## Community Development

### **Center for Independent Living in Central Florida Accessibility Modifications \$10,000, Partial Funding Accepted**

This project provides home and safety modifications, such as wheelchair ramps, shower grab bars, widening of doorways, flashing smoke detectors for the deaf, and more for between four and eight individuals who have any type of disability, regardless of their age, in the Greater Lakeland area. This project will be conducted between March and November of 2009.

### **Lakeland Vision Make Your Mark \$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Ten years have passed since the people of Lakeland have considered, collectively, what their future should be. To date, the community has addressed a majority of strategies from the vision that was developed in 1998. Lakeland Vision's "Make Your Mark" program has been designed to identify concerns that have developed over the last 10 years and, ultimately, create a new "to do list" for Lakeland.

### **How can I fund one of the programs listed in this book?**

*Funding the programs found in this **Impact Lakeland** brochure is easy! If you are a donor with the CFGL, simply fill out a grant request form and mail or fax it to the CFGL. If you are currently not a donor, and would like to fund a program simply contact the CFGL and our professional staff will assist you. Then we take care of the rest, including letting the organization know you donated (unless you choose to remain anonymous), following up on your grant and sending you an acknowledgement letter for Income Tax purposes.*



*Please Note: If you see this symbol with a specific grant, it represents agencies that have a fund at the CFGL.*

# Education

## **Achievement Academy Safety First Program** **\$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Visitor and Volunteer Identity Management System will create a safer environment for our students and staff by allowing us to screen all visitors and complete immediate background screenings using the most current database information available. Our number one focus is our children and the necessity to give them a safe and secure environment which to create brighter futures.

## **Achievement Academy Art of Learning** **\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Achievement Academy Charter School conducts pre-kindergarten classes for children with special needs ages two through six years of age. Art Centers will be provided for nine classrooms to help 100 children learn the fundamentals of color, line, shape and texture by painting and drawing. Children are active learners and art develops small motor control, hand eye coordination and a love for art.

## **All Saints' Academy Lakeland College Preparatory Scholarship Assistance** **\$60,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

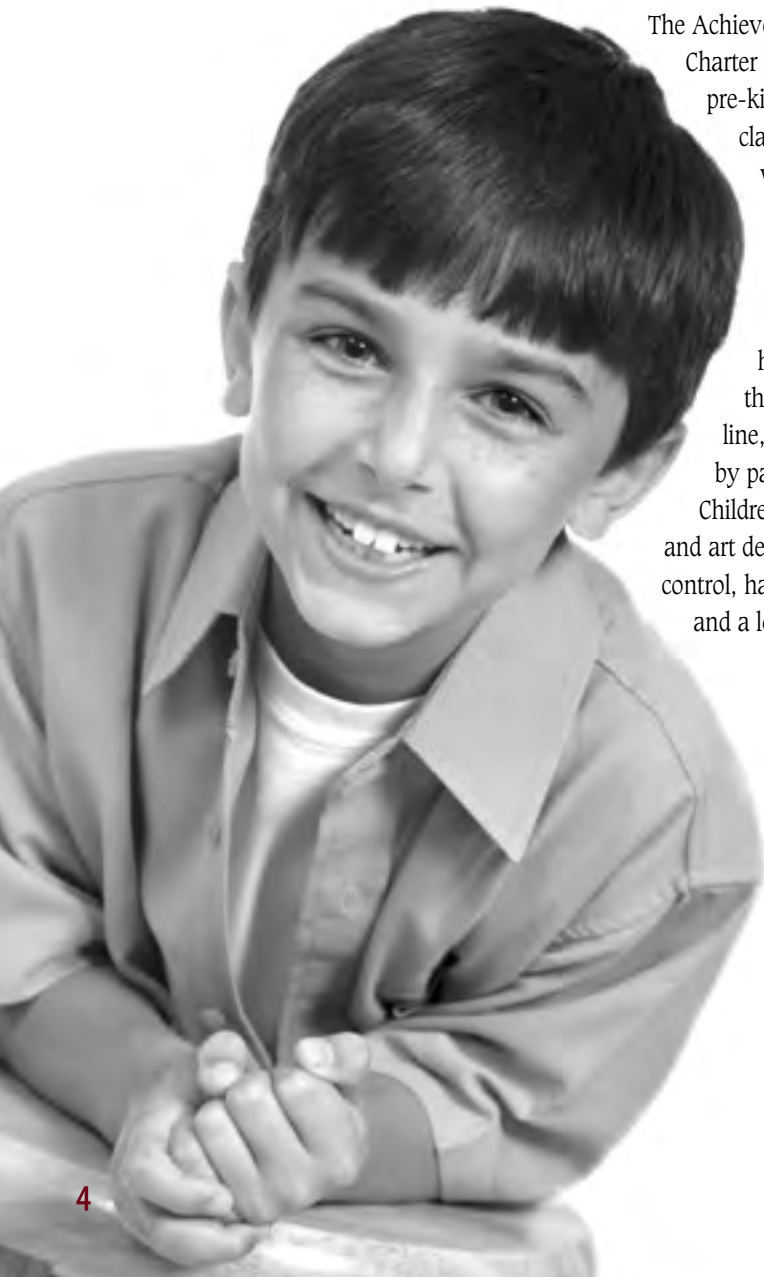
All Saints' Academy is committed to providing a unique college preparatory experience to gifted and academically motivated students who are underserved in their present situation and lack the financial resources to change them. The program will take a minimum of six middle and high school students and move them to an environment with a 100% college acceptance rate. Students will receive assistance with the most appropriate placement and financial support for college.

## **Florida House, Washington, D.C. Inc** **A Civic Responsibility; Understanding the Process** **\$31,150**

This project is an effort to educate the young people of Polk County in civic knowledge and an individual's responsibility. The program is targeted for 7000 7th grade students in the Polk County public school system. This program will include teachers' lesson plans, student workbooks, instructional video, and follow-up tests. An essay contest will identify a student that will visit Washington, DC.

## **Junior Achievement of West Central Florida JA Shadow Day** **\$20,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

To help lower the high school dropout rate, college students & staff volunteers will mentor up to 1000 underserved Lakeland middle schools students with the JA Economics for Success program during the 2009-10 school year. JA College Shadow Day brings teens to tour Lakeland colleges & technical schools as they experience college life & attend an interactive rally emphasizing college opportunities.



**Learning Resource Center of Polk County, Inc.**

**Summer Camp READY!**

**2009 @ Family Foundations**

**\$10,970 Partial Funding Accepted**

**Requested Endowment Amount \$112,000**

The gift of summer 2009...a month of learning and academic growth, increased language development and social skills, and readiness for school success. That is what Summer Camp READY! 2009 can mean to 50 struggling at-risk pre-K and kindergarten students. Daily interactive sessions at child-friendly Family Fundamentals will offer an exciting parade of themed, rich language-laden experiences.

**Learning Resource Center of Polk County, Inc.**

**Summer ESOL Camp READY!**

**2009 at Westminster**

**\$8,775 Partial Funding Accepted**

LRC's Summer ESOL Camp READY! will provide 30 kindergartners who are English Speakers of Other Languages an intensive language-rich world for four weeks at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Bi-lingual education professionals will lead small groups daily through experiential centers – reading readiness with literature, math sense with cooking, coordination with movement, and vocabulary with games.

**Mote Marine Laboratory Conservation and Education: Turtles Teaching Science**

**\$20,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Conservation of endangered sea turtles will be enhanced with satellite technology that will track the migratory routes and foraging areas of adult female loggerheads. Tagged turtles will be “adopted” by Lakeland area schools and will be tracked by approximately 300 students online in the classroom. Students will plot turtle locations and learn conservation research methods.

**Pace Center for Girls Inc. Read to Succeed**

**\$15,631 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Pace Center for Girls Literacy Project will provide educational materials such as books, videos, DVD's, and computer programs with interactive reading curriculum, to approximately 103 girls between the ages of 12 and 18 who attend PacePolk annually. Traditionally Pace girls are two to eight years behind academically. This project will ensure our girls embrace education and succeed academically.

**Parker Street Ministries Parker Street Ministries Summer Camp**

**\$10,000, Partial Funding Accepted**

Summer Camp is an eight week summer program for children in the Parker Street neighborhood. Sponsored and facilitated by Parker Street Ministries, this program engages at-risk children, elementary through middle school, in educational exercises and constructive activities. Approximately 30 children attend this program every summer, providing structure and preparing them for the coming school year.

**What does “Partial Funding Accepted” mean?**

*Some organizations listed in this brochure have indicated in their grant application that they could receive partial funding and still continue operating. Others however, require full funding in order for the program to continue operating the program. In the case of a new program, if not funded it may never begin! That's why **Impact Lakeland** is so important to our nonprofits. Without funding received through this process, many of these programs may never reach their full potential.*



# Education



## **Polk Community College Foundation First Generation Scholarships for Graduates of Lakeland High Schools \$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

PCC First Generation in College Scholarships will benefit Lakeland residents who are the first in their family to earn a college degree. A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to four Polk Community College students over two years (\$1,250 annually) toward the attainment of their Associate's Degree. This amount represents approximately half of PCC's annual tuition. The need for these scholarships is tremendous as First Generation Students represent more than 78% of PCC's population.

## **Polk County Builders Association Transporting Students to Hands On Training \$8,500 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Polk County Builders Association Foundation ("Foundation") provides building-related educational and charitable services to high school-aged youth in the greater Lakeland area. The Foundation will collaborate with the Polk County School Board to give approximately 80 students, which is 67% of FBA students in the Greater Lakeland Area, hands-on experience in remodeling/building buildings.

## **Polk County Veterans Council Veteran's Park Master Plan \$25,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The City of Lakeland has allowed the Council to develop Veterans' Park into a location of reflection, remembrance and education. The vision is to provide a suitable location for combat battle, unit and individual monuments and memorials. The intent is to never forget those who served and insure our community and particularly the young people of our community understand the requirement of freedom for service above self.

## **READ Lakeland Literacy Council TLC for Literacy**

**\$10,500 Partial Funding Accepted**  
READ Lakeland's "TLC for Literacy" will help transform our community's adult non-readers into readers. By hiring a Tutor-Learner Coordinator (TLC), READ Lakeland will better identify and train tutors and learners. In one year, 20 or more non-readers will receive tutoring and acquire literacy skills. A salaried "TLC" will empower this volunteer organization to increase literacy in Lakeland.

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**Santa Fe Catholic High School  
Science Lab Equipment**

**\$14,500 Partial Funding Accepted**

Santa Fe is in need of modern and safer science equipment and lab stations. Santa Fe has three labs and much of the equipment, as well as lab stations are 30-40 years old. Improvements would allow for additional learning opportunities for our students who are required to take at least three years. of science, most students take four years. Renovations would allow for more hands-on learning experiences as well.

**St. Joseph's Catholic School  
Reading Resource Program**

**\$5,557 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Reading Resource Program will provide remediation for students that are below level in reading. The resource teacher will provide a learning environment where the students will build a reading foundation in the areas of phonics, vocabulary, comprehension and reading fluency using differentiated instruction, focused practice and implementation of strategies, building a reading foundation.

**Success By 6  
Parent Lending Libraries**

**\$15,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Parent Lending Libraries are placed in childcare centers to put age-appropriate books in the hands of preschool children and their busy parents. These convenient libraries help encourage early literacy skills, language development and parent interaction. Reading with young children improves language proficiency. Language skills are the primary predictors of success or failure in kindergarten.

**United Way of Central Florida  
Bridge The Gap To School Readiness**

**\$24,950 Partial Funding Accepted**

Bridge the Gap to School Readiness is a five day a week program specifically designed to teach and model outcome based activities that prepare children to enter school ready to succeed. In a quality, developmentally appropriate environment, children experience literacy embedded throughout the class and within all of the play experiences provided.

**USF Foundation  
Central Florida Gifted & Talented  
Institute (CFGTI)**

**\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The CFGTI is the first summer program for gifted and talented students in Polk County. A collaboration between USF Polytechnic and the Polk County Schools, the institute launched two exciting programs in 2008 and plans to expand these offerings in 2009. Hot 2 Bot (robotics) and Sci-Fi High (creative writing) offer innovative, challenging curriculum for students entering 7th, 8th and 9th grade.



***I want to provide partial support for one of the programs listed, but it doesn't say "Partial Funding Accepted." Can I still provide funding?***

*Contact the CFGL and we will be happy to assist you in your desire to help the organization. There may be other donors who are thinking the same thing and we can pair you up to get the entire program funded.*

## Elderly

### **Alzheimer's Association – Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Caregiver Connection**

**\$8,347 Partial Funding Accepted**

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease is a commitment that can span 20 years and is physically, emotionally & financially challenging to caregivers. The Caregiver Connection will provide support programs to Alzheimer's caregivers so that they can better care for their loved one while maintaining their own health. 430 people will be served over the one year funding cycle of this program.

### **Faith in Action of Central Lakeland Choice Services for Seniors**

**\$23,960 Partial Funding**

**Accepted**

The Choice Services for Seniors project will focus on providing two basic services for seniors;

food choice and

housekeeping. Many of

our elderly live on a fixed income and social services

which eliminate personal choice.

In addition to providing basic

home cleaning, this project would

present the elderly with a "market"

environment to select free food,

personal care and produce items.

### **Helping Our Needy Ones Respectfully, Inc. (H.O.N.O.R.) HONOR**

**\$14,560 Partial Funding Accepted**

**Requested Endowment Amount \$280,000**

H.O.N.O.R. serves functionally impaired seniors by helping ensure their safety and independence at home. By providing minor maintenance and repairs to a population that is vulnerable to exploitation, H.O.N.O.R. utilizes community youth and adult volunteers in providing home repairs (leaks, pipes, roof, floors, lights) and yard work. Depending on volunteers we expect to serve 90+ elder needs this year.

### **We Care of Polk County Project Assist**

**\$7,500 Partial Funding Accepted**

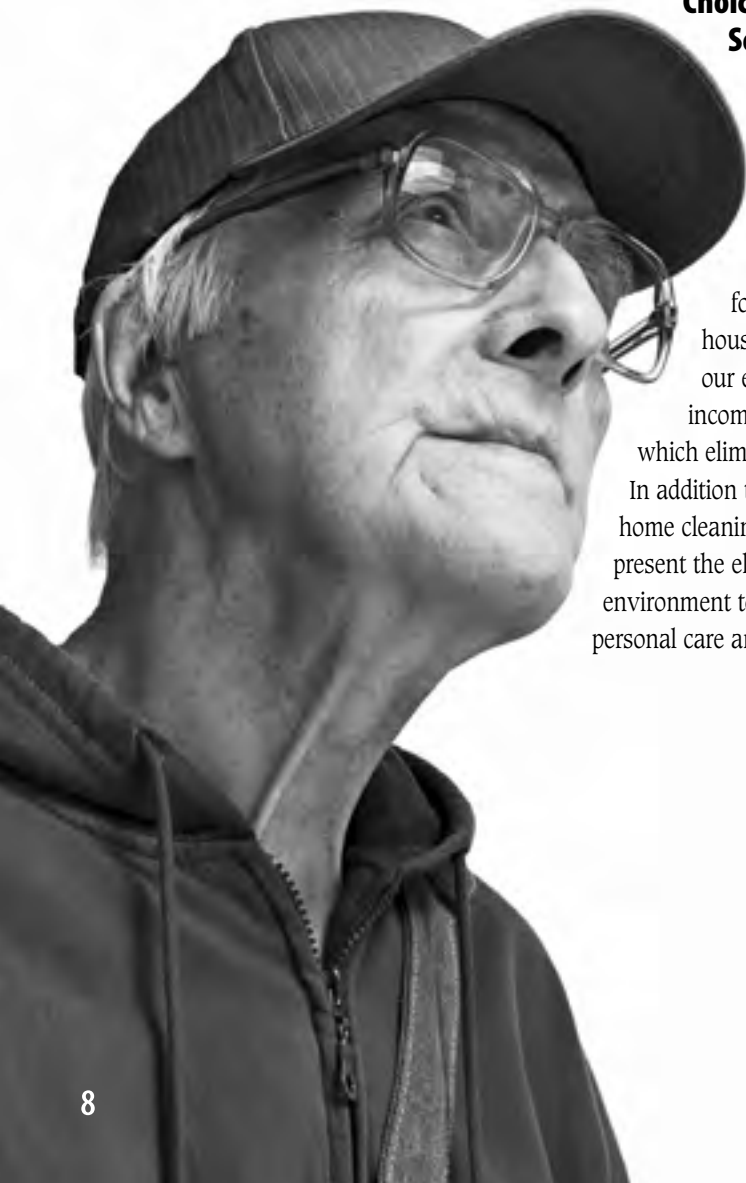
Project Assist Lakeland will provide pharmaceuticals and diagnostics/ancillary services to patients being served by the 215 volunteer physicians of We Care of Polk County. These patients are low-income, uninsured, as well as high-risk, and residents of the greater Lakeland area.

## Family

### **Lakeland Habitat for Humanity Transitional Housing**

**\$60,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Lakeland Habitat is partnering with the Salvation Army to assist those coming out of shelter housing to become Habitat Homeowners. The need for transitional affordable housing is paramount for these families. Habitat will build transitional units for this population while they are working on their own home. We have already built two homes. We need to build at least two additional homes and are requesting \$60,000 to build one of the additional homes.



**NAMI Polk County, Inc.**  
**NAMI Basics and Speakers Series**  
**\$6550 Partial Funding Accepted**

NAMI Basics Education Program targets families with children having behavioral, emotional or mental disorders. NAMI Basics helps identify strategies of parenting while nurturing the family unit. The six unit peer led program and follow-up Mental Health Professionals Speakers Series teaches the fundamentals of caring for you, your family and child. Class size 20, Speakers Series 250, Timeline: six months.

**Women's Resource Center of Florida, Inc.**  
**Independence You**

**\$20,000 Partial Funding Accepted**  
The Women's Resource Center requests funds to better serve the women in Lakeland by continuing the highly successful Independence YOU program. This program provides comprehensive services to women who have a lack of resources for everyday living. Services include weekly workshops, free counseling, security deposits, direct case management, employability skills and open access to available resources.

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**A Woman's Choice, Inc.**  
**Precious Hearts Prenatal Care Program**

**\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**  
In Jan-Aug of 2008, A Woman's Choice confirmed 320 positive pregnancy tests. Ideally, each woman should seek immediate first trimester prenatal care. Yet, according to a *Ledger* article, community clinics are shorthanded and unable to meet the growing need. With Precious Hearts Prenatal Care, AWC could offer clients continuous care through their first trimester and provide help to other agencies.

**Alliance for Independence**  
**Retail Employment Program**

**\$9,731 Partial Funding Accepted**  
The Retail Employment and Training Program provides employment and skills training for adults with developmental disabilities. The program's profits enable AFI to sustain current training, but expansion of the program would make it possible for us to help more clients by adding additional vocational training and valuable income to support the agency's 120 clients.

**Anchor House Ministries, Inc.**  
**Changing Lives, Changing Futures**  
**\$20,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The "Changing Lives, Changing Futures" program, will be primarily based out of Sigler Hall, our Center for Independent Living. The residents of Anchor House often come from backgrounds of pain, neglect and often abuse. This new program aims to take kids for whom chaos has been the norm, then teach, train and mentor them with basic life skill that prepare them to be successful.

**Central Florida Speech & Hearing Center**  
**TANGO Communication Device**

**\$9,087 Partial Funding Accepted**  
TANGO is an amazingly powerful "Human Speech Generating" device, designed for children and adults with communication disorders so severe that others cannot understand their speech. Many have physical disabilities and cannot use signs, writing or typing to help them communicate. If funded, we can use TANGO immediately with our patients in the Augmentative & Alternative Communication Program.



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# Health & Human Services

## Central Florida Speech & Hearing Center Middle Ear Analyzer

**\$9,503 Partial Funding Accepted**

Infants under six months of age are referred to the Center's Newborn Hearing Testing Program, especially those funded by Medicaid. In order to adequately evaluate the hearing of these babies, we must replace our 15-year-old middle ear analyzer with a new "TYMPSTAR" Middle Ear Analyzer. This analyzer can also be used to test children and adults but is the only one capable of testing infants.

## Faith in Action of North Lakeland Family Caregivers II

**\$6,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The people who will be served are frail, elderly and the homebound that reside in one of the poorest areas in Polk County, the people we serve in Polk County...200 people that reside in this area are living below the National poverty level, these people will be served. Volunteers and family members will have six eight week training classes in 2009, so that they will be better qualified.

## GFWC Junior Women's Club W.H.A.L.E. We Have A Little Emergency

**\$2000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The WHALE Program is an identification and informational packet for child safety car seats. Important medical information about the child is placed on the safety car seat. Two stickers for EMS personnel are also included. In the event the adult is unresponsive, the sticker would give EMS important info about the child. We would like to get these packets out to all children's agencies and hospitals.

## Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties, Inc. Beds 4 Babies Program

**\$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Beds 4 Babies Project is an initiative of the Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties. The project works in collaboration with community partners who identify and refer pregnant women and families who lack a safe place for their baby to sleep. Eligible participants receive a crib as well as information and instruction on safe sleep practices.

## Heartland for Children, Inc. Help Before Harm

**\$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

HFC is seeking grant funding to roll out "Help Before Harm" a local Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Campaign. It is a community-centered educational child abuse prevention awareness campaign that will be implemented by purchasing child abuse prevention awareness materials to be distributed in pediatricians offices, health departments, hospitals, local agencies and schools in the greater Lakeland area.

## Homeless Coalition of Polk County, Inc. Homeless Management Information System

**\$20,250 Partial Funding Accepted**

HUD has required the Polk County homeless service providers to implement a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to be eligible to apply for annual homeless funding. The database captures demographic and service statistics used to evaluate agency performance and to develop project goals, measurable objectives, and action plans. The providers were awarded \$1,240,189 from HUD for 2008-2009.



**La Leche League of Lakeland  
Education and Expanded Outreach  
\$2,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

La Leche League of Lakeland provides FREE information, referral, support, and personal help by trained volunteers to women who want to breastfeed their babies as well as educational presentations several times per year. Grant money will be used for volunteer training (updated reference materials, conference expenses) and to purchase educational materials, breast pumps, and other lactation aids.

**Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine  
Project Dentist's Care  
\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Led by the Dental Director, Dr. Stephen Young, and supplemented by volunteer dentists from the Polk County Dental Association, this clinic seeks to provide comprehensive dental services to more than 500 at-risk, uninsured patients annually, by providing dental exams and treatment, x-rays, development of a comprehensive treatment plan and follow-up care, dental hygiene visits and patient education.

**Lighthouse Ministries  
Feeding Families In Need  
\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Feeding Families in Need Project will provide food for families and children in the greater Lakeland area who currently do not have sufficient means to provide for themselves. Lighthouse Ministries will collaborate with local schools to identify those students whose families are most in need. The project will serve the equivalent of 25 families for a month within 90 days of project funding.

**LRMC Foundation  
Healing Arts at LRMC  
\$20,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Healing Arts Program integrates the visual, literary and performing arts into the health care experience to enhance the healing process at Lakeland Regional Medical Center and Cancer Center. The Healing Arts programs reach out to patients who are vulnerable physically, emotionally or socially. The program also interacts with patient's families as well as staff members at both facilities.

**Peace River Center  
Drug Treatment Scholarships  
\$11,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Peace River Center wishes to partner with the CFGL, Inc. to provide Drug Treatment Scholarships for individuals/families ages 17+ who are receiving substance abuse treatment. We are requesting expenses for 14 clients to participate in an Intensive Outpatient treatment program. Full treatment includes 111-hours of individual/group therapy, random drug screens, treatment planning and reviews.

**Pregnancy Health Center  
Education and Testing for  
Sexually Transmitted Diseases  
\$3,640 Partial Funding Accepted**

This Program will serve 350 single sexually active women from January through December 2009. Our goal is to teach women to think in a new way about their sexual behavior—"start over"—and practice abstinence until marriage. First visit: registered nurse (RN) provides education on the risks of sexual activity. The RN introduces the woman to the "start over" plan and appropriate testing is done. Second visit: RN provides test results, treatment plan and "start over" follow-up.

**What does "this program can be endowed" mean?**

*Many of the programs listed in this brochure are recurring programs that depend on new funding each year to continue operating.*

*In order to ensure the future of these vital programs, the CFGL is now offering an opportunity for our donors to endow specific programs. By providing the endowment portion of the funds requested, you are ensuring that the program will continue in perpetuity! The formula used to calculate the amount needed to sustain the annual income is: **Fund Principle x 5% = Estimated Annual Income.***



# Health & Human Services

## **Prevent Blindness Florida See the Difference Vision Screening Program**

### **\$7,250 Partial Funding Accepted**

See The Difference Vision Screening Program will provide free vision screening over a 12 month period to 720 underserved/uninsured children and adults utilizing health services at Lakeland's clinic of the Polk County Health Department over a 12-month period. For those who fail the vision screen, PBF Staff will assist anyone needing financial assistance to obtain a free eye exam, glasses or support for an eye disease.

## **Rebuild Polk After Disaster RPAD's Mitigation through Rehabilitation**

### **\$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Mitigation through Rehabilitation will allow low-income homeowners in Lakeland to become eligible for repairs in addition to the mitigation services that RPAD will provide. When combining necessary repairs with mitigation, this fortifies and protects the home against wind and water damage during a storm, thus keeping residents in the home and out of the shelters.

## **Talbot House Ministries Extending Help & Hope**

### **\$53,737 Partial Funding Accepted**

One hundred percent of funding from this grant will be spent to provide medical, mental, and dental healthcare and medications to poor, homeless, and elderly persons that are the most-often forgotten and underserved members of our society.

## ***I want to know the results of the program that I fund. Is that possible?***

*As a requirement of the grants process, all agencies that receive funding from the **Impact Lakeland** grant process must provide follow-up reports to the CFGL.*

*The reports are required at six months, 12 months and upon the project's completion.*

*The reports are shared with donors that funded the particular program.*

## **Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE)**

### **2009 Canned Foods and Personal Care**

#### **\$27,359 Partial Funding Accepted**

VISTE requests funding to provide elderly clients with canned foods and Personal Care items. These will supplement donations from Publix Super Markets, Inc., Albertson's and Saddle Creek. The canned foods will support the VISTE food assistance program which helps 1,200 clients monthly maintain healthy diets. The Personal Care items will provide clients products to maintain personal hygiene and living condition.

## **Volunteers in Service to the Elderly (VISTE)**

### **2009 Hot Meals Assistance**

#### **\$24,920 Partial Funding Accepted**

Proper nutrition is crucial to the health and well-being of many VISTE clients. Malnutrition is a greater risk as many are unable to cook for themselves and they lack the financial resources to get outside assistance. VISTE Hot Meals help to mitigate this health risk by delivering fresh prepared, nutritious meals twice weekly.



**Wilson House  
Part-time Counselor**

**\$25,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Wilson House has two counselors and we are requesting funds to subsidize a part-time counselor. Since starting our in-house counseling we have doubled the number of residents (17). We also serve approximately 20 individuals who have moved on to permanent housing. Our mission is to serve the homeless male chronic substance abuser through counseling and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Youth

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Tampa Bay  
Mentoring Children of Prisoners  
Program (MCOP)**

**\$5000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Big Brothers Big Sisters will use the funds to support five matches in our Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program. MCOP serves youth who have one or both parents incarcerated in a State or Federal prison. MCOP provides meaningful relationships to at-risk youth, ages 5-17, by recruiting, screening and training volunteers to serve as a mentor for a minimum of one year under professional guidance.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of  
Lakeland & Mulberry  
TEEN NIGHT**

**\$6,750 Partial Funding Accepted**

Often misunderstood by others, teenagers are filling our Lakeland area facilities! The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lakeland & Mulberry propose TEEN NIGHTS. One weekend night a month under the supervision of caring adults greatly reduces the opportunity for teen pregnancy and delinquent behavior. It makes a difference that's priceless.

**Central Florida Autism Institute, Inc.  
Camp CABAT 2009**

**\$15,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The autism population continues to expand. This year between 1 in 66 and 1 in 150 children will be born with autism. These children are typically excluded from summer camps. CFAII will provide its 3rd year of summer programming. We will expand opportunities for children and youth with autism to participate in camp with their typical peers by providing recreational & therapeutic summer camp.

**Children's Home Society of Florida  
Children's Crisis Closet**

**\$9,995 Partial Funding Accepted**

Last year, 1,044 children of the Lakeland community were removed from their abusive homes. The Children's Crisis Closet is designed to help ease children along the transition. Often, there are no immediately available supplies and the children have no other choice than to use a trash bag to transport their personal items. This closet would make critical supplies available to case managers.

**Florida Baptist Children's Homes  
Youth Leadership &  
Service Program**

**\$23,850 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Youth Leadership and Service program will mentor and coach 20 youth, ages 13 to 18, to improve their employability skills, community volunteerism, and leadership skills. This stipend-based program will give focus to formerly abused, neglected, and abandoned youth to overcome the factors that contributed to at-risk conditions.

***I would like to see this program in action. Can the CFGL help with that?***

*Absolutely! Simply contact the CFGL's Director of Agency Relations to arrange a site visit so you can see for yourself the impact of your dollars. Call 863-683-3131.*



# Youth

## **Girls Inc. of Lakeland AfterDrive**

### **\$15,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Over 300 youth in grades K-12 and members of Girls Inc. and Boys and Girls Club of Lakeland, would be forced to spend risky after-school hours alone and/or unsupervised without the necessary transportation to their safe and nurturing after-school programs. AfterDrive, an afterschool transportation partnership was formed in 2006 and is the solution to this problematic issue.



## **Girl Scouts of West Central Florida Membership Extension**

### **\$6,500 Partial Funding Accepted**

Through the membership extension outreach program Girl Scouts of West Central Florida is currently serving 899 at-risk girls ages 5 to 17 in the following zip codes in the greater Lakeland area: 33801, 33803, 33805, 33809, 33810, 33811, 33812, 33813, 33815 and 33868. Girls participate in year round programming to gain specific knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors and positive values.

## **Gulf Ridge Council, BSA JAKE Youth Diversion Program of Polk County**

### **\$35,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Youth Diversion Program of Polk County is a six month program for first-time, non-violent youth ages 11-18 that are referred by the Department of Juvenile Justice. 150 youth are referred each year. It is a comprehensive, proven program developed specifically with the needs of local youth and law enforcement in mind. The youth avert from going through the correctional system.

## **Orlando Youth Alliance Lakeland Youth Alliance**

### **\$3,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Lakeland Youth Alliance holds a weekly support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) youth ages 12-20. GLBTQ youth are three times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual counterparts. There are hundreds of GLBTQ youth in Polk County. LYA began in the spring of 2008 and offers a safe space, emotional help, and resources.

***I'm not familiar with some of the agencies applying for grants, but their projects sound interesting. How can the CFGL help me?***

*We have the information necessary to help you learn more about these organizations and to assist you in making the wisest funding decisions for you. Just call our office or visit [www.cfgl.org](http://www.cfgl.org).*

## **Polk County Workforce Development Board Inc. Polk Works "Work Zone"**

### **\$170,385 Partial Funding Accepted**

During the summer, older area youth often have few activities and little direction. Polk Works proposes a "WorkZone" in Lakeland for more than 200 youth who will participate in workshops, educational field trips, and internships to expand their knowledge of essential employability skills and needed for the workplace and develop a career path.

## **Sweat Monkey, Inc. Non-Profit Real Community**

### **\$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Real Community is a free, web-based system that enables students, 13 and older, to identify community needs and increase volunteerism. Through outreach, students will be able to access information to learn about local nonprofits, needs and services, and search for volunteer opportunities through our Real Community. Nonprofits will benefit by reaching a resource that will impact our community through volunteerism.

[www.cfgl.org](http://www.cfgl.org)

**The Salvation Army,  
a Georgia Corporation  
Summer Camperships  
\$12,000 Partial Funding Accepted  
Endowment Requested Amount \$250,000**

A summer camping opportunity serving disadvantaged children in the greater Lakeland area regardless of race, color, creed, ethnicity, or family income. This camping experience will make a memory that will last into adulthood. Campers may ride horses, swim, canoe, practice archery, team & individual sports, and crafts on the grounds of Camp Keystone located in North Central Florida.

**Why should a nonprofit agency open a fund with the CFGL?**

*In addition to the added bonuses in the grant cycle, there are numerous reasons why an agency fund benefits Lakeland's non-profit organizations. When an agency opens an endowed fund within the Community Foundation of Greater Lakeland it provides the agency the opportunity to have operating support forever. Another benefit is CFGL's access to institutional investment managers that most non-profits would not be able to access on their own; and we provide the agency the benefit of being invested in a larger pool of funds, which means more return on their dollars. If you know of an agency who could benefit from holding a fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Lakeland contact our office today!*

**The Wesley Mission  
Wesley Mission At-Risk  
Youth Outreach  
\$30,417 Partial Funding Accepted**

Wesley provides services for at-risk youth in Lakeland's Parker Street area. We seek \$30,417 for direct service costs. Collaborating with City of Lakeland, police and area non-profits, we provide sports, skills training and computer classes for youth. This grant will secure programs to teach responsibility, self esteem and alternatives to gangs, drugs and other options for youth.

**TiAnViCa Riding Academy,  
Incorporated  
Equine Assisted Learning –  
Cowboy Poetry**

**\$5,000 Partial Funding Accepted**  
TiAnViCa is a place where disabled individuals can experience the magic of horses and their power to change lives. TiAnViCa is expanding its program to include Equine Assisted Learning. This program is geared towards at-risk youth and uses the proven Cowboy Poetry curriculum. Each lesson is designed to teach character education that coincides with the Search Institute's 40 developmental assets.

**Young Life of Polk County  
Camp Scholarships  
\$15,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

Young Life is a Christian community of adults that reaches out to teenagers. We build bridges of friendship in order to earn the right to be heard. Camping is one of the hallmarks of our ministry where kids experience adventure, unconditional love and hear the story of the Gospel in a non-threatening way. Camp scholarships provide a way for kids to go to camp who cannot afford it.

**Can an individual start a fund for the benefit of an agency or a specific field of interest?**

*Absolutely! If a community member has a non-profit organization they particularly care about, the CFGL can help them set up a fund to benefit that organization, or many.*

*Contact our office today to learn more.*

## Other

**Mosswood Center for Spiritual Life  
\$10,000 Partial Funding Accepted**

The Mosswood Center for Spiritual Life is a community sanctuary where all can nurture healing the mind, body, and spirit; enhance personal energy and discover universal truths. Our target population is all those that are searching for wholeness of mind, body, and spirit. Programs have begun with initial funding from Westminster Church. New funding for program staff is needed beginning 1/1/09.

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# To Our Donors

## **Why is it important for me to replenish my fund?**

*In order for donors to continue to make an impact in our community and keep their funds active, we recommend donors routinely review their fund statements and when necessary, replenish their fund. We encourage each donor to give as often and as much as you like especially if you desire to create a lasting legacy for your family.*

*"Looking **Forward. Giving Back.**" is our way of emphasizing the importance of ensuring your fund has enough dollars to accomplish your family's lasting impact on our community.*

## **How do I replenish my fund within the CFGL?**

*Replenishing your fund is simple. All it takes is a transfer of assets to the CFGL – stock, cash, real estate, etc. Call our office today for more information on how to transfer various types of assets. **Call 863-683-3131.***

## **If I spend down my fund, and decide to halt charitable giving for awhile, what happens to my fund?**

*If for any reason you decide to halt your giving, it is necessary to contact the CFGL office in order to make your fund inactive. This will allow you to continue using your fund in the future, but will prevent your fund from being invaded by fees.*

## **Can I help support the Grants Committee?**

*Of course! The committee is always grateful to donors who allocate dollars from their funds to assist the committee in funding these important projects. Some donors choose to support the committee by making an outright gift (this can be done annually, at the start of the fund, or whenever is convenient for the donor), or by allocating a percentage of their fund to the committee each year. Contact the CFGL office today to learn more. **Call 863-683-3131.***

## **What do I do if I want more information on one of these programs I see?**

*Simply call the CFGL office and our professional staff will be happy to provide you with information you need to make the wisest giving decision. You can also download information from our website at [www.cfgl.org](http://www.cfgl.org).*



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