



JULY 2014 PROGRESS REPORT

Heart of Florida United Way Invests in Seminole County Students



Executive Director Davia Moss, The Foundation for SCPS; Heart of Florida United Way Vice President, Community Investment, Joan Nelson; and Kenneth Bentley, Seminole County Public Schools.

The Foundation was among 18 organizations recently selected to receive grant awards through Heart of Florida United Way's Building Safe Communities through Education initiative as a part of the 2014 - 2015 Investing in Results Competitive Grants Process. The \$80,879 award will benefit the Last Best Chance program at the Dr. Velma Hayes Williams Center, with the potential to be extended for up to three years.

Superintendent Walt Griffin, Ed.D. shared, "This grant will provide an opportunity for additional students to earn high school graduation. A genuine collaboration between Seminole County Public Schools and the City of Sanford, this program will provide the necessary time and appropriate resources

Great American Opportunities Sales Benefit Schools



Mark Voitek, Great American Opportunities, presented the check to Foundation for SCPS Executive Director, Davia Moss

Our thanks to Great American Opportunities (GAO) for their recent donation of \$3,304. The Foundation receives a percentage of the total sales of the Enjoy the City discount coupon books and candy sold by our schools. GAO fundraising programs provide schools with a number of options, including magazines, cookie dough, frozen treats, discount cards, confections, candy bars and quality gift items. We appreciate their partnership to benefit our schools!

needed for students to matriculate high school credits. We understand that the traditional path towards graduation does not meet the needs of every learner. We need to do things differently, and this is one such example. The number one initiative of Seminole County Public Schools is that all students achieve graduation, on-time with their cohort and with a meaningful diploma that will help them achieve their individual goals after high school graduation. This grant will help Seminole County Public Schools achieve their number one priority, graduation!"

The Last Best Chance Program is offered free of charge to students, ages 16-20, at the Williams Center in Sanford, Florida. It's used as a motivating resource for students and their families by providing them educational, social and emotional support. The program makes it possible for high-need, at-risk youth in the Sanford community and throughout the district to find a place of refuge from high stress family situations, as well as the unhealthy, risky temptations of crime, unemployment and poverty found on the streets. The Last Best Chance Program strives to provide students with hope, along with confidence in their ability to achieve a better life for themselves. In addition, it provides a pathway for students, which leads to recovery of credits, graduation from high school and preparation for college and/or career.

Rotaries Come Together in "Service Above Self" to Support Education



Rotary representatives visited A Gift For Teaching for a tour, and to meet several Take Stock in Children scholars. Shown L-R: Becky Miller, A Gift For Teaching - Seminole; Tim Loftin, Rotary Club of Lake Mary; Bob Levy, Rotary Club of Seminole County South; Russ Hauck, Rotary Club of Altamonte Springs; Barry Gainer, Rotary Club of Seminole County South; Isabelle Pierson, Take Stock scholar, Lyman High; Marlene Mraz, Take Stock in Children; Kyle Mueller, Take Stock graduate, Lyman High.

School Supply Drive Campaign Underway

Many SCPS students need our assistance in order to start the school year with a new backpack filled with school supplies. Do you want to help? Consider organizing a school supply drive in July or August with your business, organization, or friends and family.

It's easy to get involved! [Click here](#) for the Supply Drive toolkit.

Contact 407-320-7767 or Becky_Miller@scps.us for more information.

We want every student to start the school year off on the right foot with the basic tools they need for success!

18th Annual



Saturday, November 22 Westin
Lake Mary
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Join us for a delightful evening filled with wonderful student performances, beautiful student art displays, and fabulous auction packages - all to benefit the visual and performing arts programs in our schools.

We're pleased to welcome back Bob Frier, FOX 35 Evening News Anchor, as our emcee for the night.

Rotary Clubs are known for taking action to build and support their communities. Seminole County Public Schools students and teachers will feel the love this school year due to recent grant awards from several Seminole County Rotary Clubs. The Foundation was pleased to receive approximately \$10,000.00 in monetary and in-kind donations. Rotary Club of Seminole South led with their donation of \$8,000.00. Altamonte Springs, Winter Springs, and Lake Mary Clubs also donated. Funding will provide scholarships for at-risk students in the Take Stock in Children program, as well as new backpacks for highest-need students to start the school year, and support for A Gift For Teaching - Seminole program. Teachers and students in Seminole County Public Schools appreciate Seminole County Rotarians!

Bob Lewy, Chairman of the Charitable Contributions Committee, said, "The Seminole County South Rotary Club has a long and proud tradition of supporting educational initiatives in Seminole County. Over its 45 years in existence, it has provided scholarships directly to graduating seniors far in excess of \$250,000. In addition, it has provided financial and volunteer support for educational charities, primarily through The Foundation for Seminole County Schools, including reading initiatives, A Gift for Teaching- Seminole (AGFT-S), and Take Stock In Children. We are exceptionally pleased that in 2014, we were able to offer \$4,000 to AGFT-S and an additional \$4,000 to Take Stock In Children for scholarships (matched by state funding) for a total impact of \$12,000 towards Foundation-supported activities. We are proud to partner with The Foundation in support of its education and literacy objectives."

Sponsorship opportunities are available now. [Click here](#) to register for the event and for more details, or call 407-320-0196 or email Susan.Zettler@scps.us.

Fat Guy's Open Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, October 10, 2014
Celebration Golf Club
8:00 a.m.

Tournament proceeds benefit the Families in Transition program. For more information, contact Michael Gibbons, 407-620-9165 or email gibbons1820@earthlink.net.



Or visit our [website](#).

The Foundation's mission as a non-profit organization is to enhance the quality of education in Seminole County Public Schools by: raising and distributing funds and in-kind donations; fostering involvement in schools by business and the community; and providing recognition and rewards for outstanding contributions to, and performance within, the school system.



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