

**Lakewood Ranch Community Fund
Grants Fall 2018**

Organization	Grant Amount	Description
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast	\$5,000.00	Grant funds will be used to support essential One to One Mentoring Program services for the Lakewood Ranch youth that the agency serves through community-based and site-based mentoring.
Children's Guardian Fund	\$3,150.00	Funds will be used to provide Lakewood Ranch area children in foster and state care with normalcy and enrichment support. By enrichment we mean experiences and items which improve the life of a child, i.e., tutoring, art class, musical instrument, music lessons, tumbling class, band fee, sport fees, martial arts, swim lessons, etc.
Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast	\$2,500.00	To engage underserved youth in the Lakewood Ranch area in our Youth in Nature Initiative, providing meaningful, "WOW" experiences in nature.
Easterseals	\$5,000.00	Funds are requested to subsidize "Project Rainbow" - costs of \$25 per hour providing respite care and case management services to Lakewood Ranch families. Trained respite workers provide home-based and/or center-based respite care services for children who typically require 24 hours a day care from their primary care-giver because they are medically fragile, chronically ill or disabled.
Family Network on Disabilities	\$4,000.00	To provide 8 hours a month of in-home respite care services to families that have a child or multiple children with a diagnosed disability or special need residing in Manatee County, including the Lakewood Ranch Community. Respite care is temporary, short-term relief provided to families and caregivers to "give them a break" from the extraordinary demands and stress of ongoing care for an individual with a disability or special need.
Foundation for Dreams	\$5,000.00	To support the year round Dreams Oaks Camp program for children with special needs. These funds will be allocated to program supplies and camperships, so that families that need financial assistance can send their child with special needs to the program.
Girls Scouts of Gulfcoast	\$2,000.00	To support the "Super STEAM Saturday: Think Like an Engineer" program in Lakewood Ranch. Super STEAM Saturday is a free, one-day program for girls in grades K-5, with hands-on workshops featuring fun, safe, age-appropriate STEAM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities. The program is to encourage girls to further explore STEAM fields, both as subjects of study now, and possible career paths in the future, as they gain basic knowledge about a particular STEAM theme. This Super STEAM Saturday event will focus on engineering.
Giving Alliance of Myakka	\$3,500.00	To provide nutritious food to needy families in Myakka City. We are the only food pantry that is regularly open in Myakka City and we are currently have approximately 200 families
Honor Animal Rescue	\$2,220.00	To launch a new program called "Fostering for Families", which is designed to provide an educational opportunity for children, as well as an activity that families can participate in together. Lakewood Ranch area families would be given the chance to raise litters of kittens or puppies for up to 8 weeks in their homes and document their experiences in a "Foster Journal".
InStride Therapy	\$3,000.00	To provide Lakewood Ranch area clients with Hippotherapy sessions throughout the year.

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JoshProvides	\$1,380.00	To support the cost of room rental fee at SCF Lakewood Ranch, youth/young adult group facilitator and refreshments for the monthly epilepsy support group. The purpose of the monthly epilepsy support group is to provide a safe, supportive setting for individual and families to discuss issues and challenges they face living with epilepsy and/or caring for a loved one who has epilepsy as well as provide a forum for youth/young adults to discuss their concerns.
Junior League of Manatee County	\$3,000.00	To support the Kids in the Kitchen initiative, a health and wellness program focused on teaching children about the importance of good nutrition and physical activity as part of an overall healthy lifestyle.
Manatee Arts Education Council	\$4,000.00	To provide registration scholarships to Lakewood Ranch area students to attend the Manate Arts Council's Annual Summer Arts Enrichment Camp. smARTen up Summer Camp will be a one-week camp held in partnership with the School District of Manatee County at a school site located in the Lakewood Ranch area.
Mark Wandall Foundation	\$6,400.00	To support children from the Lakewood Ranch and surrounding communities experiencing grief through the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver. Grant funds would underwrite the cost for 16 children for 8 equine therapy sessions with SMART.
Nature's Academy	\$4,500.00	To support the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Literacy Project that provides underserved 5th grade students with an experiential STEM experience at no cost to their families or schools. Specifically, would provide partial support for items like bus transportation to and from our Anna Maria Island location, supplies including water shoes, water quality equipment, and reusable water bottles for 3,300 students.
Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's	\$5,000.00	To support education programs, support groups, care advising and community resource referrals in Lakewood Ranch to people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. Also, we would like to offer a program for people diagnosed with Young-Onset (those under the age of 50).
Rowlett Academy	\$2,350.00	To purchase robots and accessories for teaching K-5 students coding in the Tech Lab. The robots can be programmed using Javascript. The products requested are specifically designed to meet the needs of various age groups.
SMART - Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy	\$3,000.00	To provide therapeutic riding sessions to children with disabilities who reside in the Lakewood Ranch area and are currently on our waiting list.
St. Joseph Food Pantry	\$2,000.00	To purchase canned fruit to be given to families in need in the Lakewood Ranch and East County area.
Stillpoint Mission	\$6,500.00	To support the Basic Food Program, an ongoing outreach program which distributes supplies of unlimited bread, limited canned foods and dry goods, pastries, one pound of dry beans and one pound of rice, and 8 ounces of cooking oil each distribution day (Monday and Friday every week).
Take Stock in Children Manatee	\$5,000.00	To support the placement, instructional materials and training of mentors from the Lakewood Ranch community for TSIC-M scholarship recipients that attend school in Lakewood Ranch.
We Care Manatee	\$5,000.00	To provide a Mobile Mammography event in the Lakewood Ranch and East County area; a dedicated community outreach program and mobile delivery providing preventative and early detection.
22 Grants Totaling:	\$83,500.00	