

## Boca Cares Announces Grant Awards to Support Local Community Charities



Each grant is based on thorough vetting of requests submitted to the Boca Cares board, aligning with our mission to address the unmet needs of local charities. *By working directly with these organizations, Boca Cares gains a deep understanding of their needs and provides targeted support to help them achieve their goals.*

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all donors and sponsors who made these grants possible. ***All Boca Royale residents are invited to attend a ceremony awarding the grants on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 8:00 – 9:00am in the Boca Club Library.***

### The grant awards are as follows:

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Suncoast** was awarded \$3,000 to purchase 50 \$100 restricted Walmart gift cards for youth living at or below the poverty line to cover necessary expenses including food, clothing, and school supplies.

**Center Place Health** was awarded \$3,000 to provide health and wellness education services for children in North Port, Venice, and Englewood, including free health and dental screenings and vaccinations. Funds are allocated as \$1,500 for health physicals and \$1,500 for dental evaluations.

**Charlotte County Homeless Coalition** was awarded \$3,000 to replace hurricane impact-resistant doors at the Emergency Center, which offers safe refuge for seniors and veterans.

**Englewood Community Care Clinic** was awarded \$3,000 to provide 10 clinic patients with a continuous glucose monitoring system for a six-month period.

**Englewood Elementary Lunch Angels** was awarded \$750 to provide 500 lunches for children whose parents were struggling to provide lunch for their child.

**Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.** was awarded \$3,000 to help supplement the weekly All Faiths Food Bank order with additional, often-requested food items.

**Englewood Meals on Wheels, Inc.** was awarded \$5,000 to help purchase microwaveable meal containers, aiding recipients in reheating their meals easily.

**Englewood Youth Foundation** was awarded \$3,000 to provide a free book a month for each child from the ages of 16 weeks to kindergarten for those families that are well below the poverty level. The Englewood Youth Foundation will match the Boca Cares grant. This First Readers program encourages good reading habits to make successful students and therefore successful adults.

**EPIC Community Resource Center** was awarded \$3,800 to provide food for unhoused and at-risk neighbors.

**Family Promise of South Sarasota County** was awarded \$3,000 to fund emergency expenses and rent assistance for Englewood families as determined by Family Promise staff.

**Jesus Loves You Ministry** was awarded \$3,875 to modify an existing shower trailer to accommodate generator capacity and fund fuel and supplies to support two additional shower locations in Englewood.

**Jubilee Center – St. David’s Episcopal Church** was awarded \$3,000 to fund perishable and nonperishable goods for distribution to those in need in the Englewood community and for "summer backpacks for kids."

**Literacy Center for Dyslexia, Inc.** was awarded \$2,000 to provide a scholarship program for teachers to learn specialized intervention skills for students with dyslexia.

**Twig Cares, Inc.** was awarded \$3,500 to purchase clothing for children in foster care, from newborn to 21 years old.

**YMCA of Southwest Florida** was awarded \$3,000 to provide scholarships for disadvantaged children to attend summer camp.

The Boca Royale community, together with local businesses, continues to demonstrate its commitment to helping those less fortunate.

**Together, we can make a difference!**