



# BOCA CARES UPDATE

Supporting the Greater Englewood Community

May 2025



*Raising funds to support the local community while enriching life within Boca Royale has always been at the heart of Boca Cares. From our **PLAY IT FORWARD** sporting events to lively evenings like **Sunset & Salsa** or this year's **Mardi Gras Masquerade**, these gatherings bring Boca Royale residents together in fun and camaraderie—highlighting our deep connection to the broader community and our shared commitment to giving back.*



## PLAY IT FORWARD ... PAY IT FORWARD

This year, thanks to the support of the WGA, Boca Cares was proud to add a 9-hole golf scramble to our lineup of sporting events. With the enthusiastic participation of our community and the generous backing of our sponsors, Boca Cares raised over \$60,000 to support local charities and meet critical needs in our community."



## PARTNERING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY LEADERS

For the past five years, **Michael Saunders** has proudly led the way in sponsoring Boca Cares events. This year, we're excited to welcome **California Closets** as the premier sponsor of PLAY IT FORWARD. We encourage all Boca Royale residents to support the businesses that support Boca Cares.

Visit the **Corporate Connections** page on the Boca Cares website to learn more.



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# BOCA CARES GRANT UPDATE



## 2025 SPRING GRANTS AWARDED TO CHARITIES SERVING THE GREATER ENGLEWOOD

*Here's how Boca Cares put your giving dollars to work in our local community*

01

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Suncoast**

Purchase 25 restricted \$100 Walmart gift cards for youth living at or below the poverty line for necessary expenses including food, clothing and school supplies.

**Grant Awarded: \$2500**

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### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County**

Summer camp scholarship fund. Covers all costs for 10 students to attend summer camp.

**Grant Awarded: \$4700**

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### **Empower Packs**

Hygiene packs for K-12 children in 22 schools

**Grant Awarded: \$2500**

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### **Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary**

Restock the animal food pantry

**Grant Awarded: \$500**

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### **Englewood Helping Hand, Inc**

Supplement weekly All Faith Food Bank with additional fresh produce.

**Grant Awarded: \$5000**

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### **Englewood Meals on Wheels, Inc**

Grant to partially pay toward the purchase of a new double full-sized, natural gas convention oven.

**Grant Awarded: \$5000**

07

### **Englewood Recovery Oasis**

Serves thousands of local addicts on their recovery efforts. Grant toward capital purchase of building for permanent location.

**Grant Awarded: \$5000**

08

### **Englewood Youth Foundation**

Purchase books for pre-schoolers (from ages 16 weeks to kindergarten) in the Englewood Community.

**Grant Awarded: \$3000**

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### **EPIC Community Resource Center**

Food for Monday Homeless Services Lunch Program

**Grant Awarded: \$5000**

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### **Family Promise of South Sarasota County**

Fund Englewood families emergency expenses and rent assistance program.

**Grant Awarded: \$3000**

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### **Jubilee Center – St. Davis's Episcopal Church**

Grant to partially pay toward the purchase of a stand-by generator to keep building running and protect food in the event of a disaster or other extended power outage.

**Grant Awarded: \$5000**

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### **Salvation Army of Sarasota County**

This grant is in support of the Venice Food Pantry Program that serves south county to supplement All Faiths Food Bank with fresh produce.

**Grant Awarded: \$2500**

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### **Senior Friendship Centers**

This grant is stipulated for ENGLEWOOD ONLY to provide food, basic necessities and social interaction for seniors in need. Provide in-home services.

**Grant Awarded: \$2500**

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### **Suncoast Humane Society**

Scholarships for 4 day summer camp program.

**Grant Awarded: \$5000**

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### **Twig Cares. Inc.**

Purchase clothing for children in foster care. Newborns through 21 years old.

**Grant Awarded: \$4000**

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### **Venice Mobile Meals on Wheels, Inc.**

Subsidize meal funding for those who have shown an inability to pay.

**Grant Awarded: \$2500**

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### **YMCA of Southwest Florida**

Provide funding for summer day camp including Englewood YMCA and Sky Academy in Englewood.

**Grant Awarded: \$3000**

## **BOCA CARES BOARD**

Jim Epifano, Chair

Bryan Domian, Maureen Gillhouse, Donna Sheldrake, Julie Sikorski, Kristina Watts,  
Member-At-Large: Michele Petry

The Boca Cares board has worked diligently throughout the year to ensure we are responsible stewards of the generous donations we receive. Our members maintain direct communication with local charities to understand their needs and ensure that funds are directed where they are most needed. We encourage you to reach out to any of us with questions—we value your feedback and deeply appreciate your continued support.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Boca Royale Residents,

Please mark your calendars and join us to learn more about the local charities your donations help support. On **June 10th**, Boca Cares will host a Grant Presentation Ceremony at 9:00 AM in the Boca Royale Clubhouse. Then, on **November 6th**, we'll celebrate the season with our annual Fall 'Fun' Raiser.

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### JUNE 10, 2025

Join us for the **Grant Presentation Ceremony** at 9:00 AM in the Boca Royale Clubhouse. Meet the representatives from the local charities supported by Boca Cares and learn more about the impact of your generosity.



### NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Join us for an evening of delicious hors d'oeuvres at our **Fall 'Fun' Raiser** as we welcome the community to learn more about the impactful work of several local charities. Hear directly from the organizations about how your generous contributions are making a difference in the lives of those most in need.



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