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Coral Gables Community Foundation Awards \$230k in Grants to Deserving Local Non-profit Organizations & Working Artists



CORAL GABLES, FL (Friday, June 7, 2024) – The Coral Gables Community Foundation today awarded \$230K in community focused grants to non-profit organizations and professional artists vital to preserving the quality of life in Coral Gables. The Community Giving Program is co-chaired by F. David Olazabal and Ashley Cusack.

"These grants were selected to fill the greatest needs of the Coral Gables community," said Cusack. "We believe these 51 grants and 11 artist awards are investments that have the potential to make South Florida a better place to live, work, learn and play."

The Community Giving Program reviewed 136 letters of inquiry in March, and narrowed the slate to 89 finalists reviewed by the Grants Committee, which brought the list down to 40 that would receive awards. In all, the Community Giving Program has made 466 grants worth over \$1 million since the program was conceived under the leadership of Foundation Board Chair Carlos Garcia in 2014.

Giving Committee Co-Chairs F. David Olazabal and Ashley Cusack presented the grants before a packed courtyard of more than 100 guests at Bachour in Coral Gables on June 7th.

COMMUNITY GIVING PROGRAM

The Coral Gables Community Foundation Community Giving Program awards grants to deserving local non-profit organizations that address issues within the organization's focus areas and serve those who live, work, learn and play in Coral Gables. The Community Foundation's focus areas are Education; Arts & Culture; Environment, Placemaking & Historic Preservation; and Social & Health Services. The next opportunity to apply for grants in the Community Giving Program will be announced in Spring 2025.

COMMUNITY GRANTS (Total: \$106,750)

- 305 Pink Pack: "305 Pink Pack Grocery Assistance"
- Actors Playhouse: "A Christmas Carol, the Musical"
- Alhambra Orchestra: "From Folk to Classical"
- AUM hOMe Shala: "Mindful Aging: Yoga Therapy"
- Bake-A-Wish Cakes Miami: "Birthday Cakes for Underserved Children"
- Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum: "HandsOn! | Festival"
- Breakthrough Miami: "Breaking Through in the Gables"
- Children's Bereavement Center: "Providing Grief-Informed Training"
- Comic Kids: "Drawing Resources"
- Community Arts Program (CAP): "Music Education: The Art of Inclusion".
- Coral Gables Art Cinema: "2025 Miami Children's Film Festival"
- Coral Gables Fire Department Cadets: "Cadets Travel to Compete at Gator Games"
- Coral Gables Museum: "Time Travelers with George Merrick"
- Coral Gables Senior High School "In & Out of State College Tours"
- Coral Gables Senior High School: "Support for highlights Newsmagazine"
- Coral Gables Women's Club: "Dental Clinic Improvements"
- Crystal Academy: "De- Escalation Sensory Tool Kit"
- Friends of Gables High: "Beach Volleyball Varsity Sports"
- Friendship Circle of Miami: "Friendship Circle Program Growth"
- GableStage: "Shakespeare and 2024-25 Mainstage" – xxxxx
- The CLEO Institute: "genCLEO at the UM"
- Girl Scouts Council of Tropical Florida "Camp Mahachie Invasive Species Remediation".
- GW Carver Elementary PTA: "Open Air Classrooms"
- The Home Team Miami: "Homework Help"
- Hunger & Basic Needs Program, Riviera Presbyterian Church: "Hunger Action Program"
- ICU Baby: "ICU Baby's Volunteer Program"
- Key Clubhouse of South Florida: "Recovery Work w Serious Mental Illness"
- Live Like Bella: "Financial Assistance Program"
- Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired: "No-Cost Low Vision Services" – To xxx,
- Miami Waterkeeper: "Take a Tour With Miami Waterkeeper" – To xxxxx.
- NAMI Miami-Dade: "Community Conversations / Ending the Silence for Youth" –
- Profiles in Black Miami: "The Golden Gates of Coral Gables"
- Sanctuary of the Arts: "Sanctuary of the Arts 2024-25 Season"
- Seraphic Fire: "2024-2025 Season Concerts in Coral Gables"
- Tropical Audubon Society: "Restoration of the Pine Rockland Habitat"
- University of Miami Frost School of Music: "Donna E. Shalala MusicReach Program"
- The Way Forward (formerly The Woody Foundation): "Disabilities Panel"
- The WOW Center: "Support for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities"
- YES Institute: "Youth Bullying / Crisis Prevention Training for Educators"
- Zoo Miami Foundation: "Earth Agents"

Background: Browse grants from 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | Spring 2021 and Fall 2021.

TRISTARR LIFELONG LEARNING FUND

Because "not everyone's life runs in the same track," improving access to life-long learning opportunities is the generous promise of the [Tristarr Lifelong Learning Fund](#) at the Coral Gables Community Foundation. Adults who return to school to study career skills, citizenship, languages and cultural enrichment in Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County will benefit from a visionary, \$75,000 gift. Local non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for grants in support of programs for adults who re-enter school. The fund made \$75,000 in grants in 2023 and this is its second cohort of grants.

TRISTARR GRANTS (Total: \$72,750)

- Miami Book Fair: "Emerging Writers Fellowship"
- Baptist Health South Florida Foundation: "Baptist Health Academic Conference"
- Camillus House: "Security Training Course"
- City Theatre: "Homegrown Playwright Development Program"
- Coral Gables Adult Education Center: "ESL Classes"
- Goodwill Industries of South Florida: "Transfr Virtual Reality Equipment and Training Program"
- Lindsey Hopkins Technical College: "Lindsey Café"
- Ladies Empowerment and Action Program (LEAP): The Incarcerated Women's Chance for Change Initiative"
- Miami Film Lab: "Filmcraft Series: Tales of Working Artists"
- Refugee Assistance Alliance: "General Educational Diploma (GED) & College Study for Refugees"
- Thelma Gibson Health Initiative: "Senior Literacy Information Project (SLIP)"

CORRAL & CATHERS PROFESSIONAL ARTIST FUND

Established by Coral Gables resident and founder of Mosaicist, Inc. Ray Corral, and Catherine Cathers, arts advocate, the [Corral & Cathers Artist Professional Artist Fund](#) at the Coral Gables Community Foundation serves to recognize and support regional artists with grants to further their professional development and skill in a variety of disciplines and mediums. The Corral & Cathers Artist Fund encourages artists who have dedicated their lives to developing their art. Grants are intended to assist with artistic exploration, supplies, exhibits, project-related expenses, residences, artistic professional development and opportunities.

CORRAL & CATHERS GRANTS (Total \$50,000)

- Dinorah de Jesús Rodríguez: Video, digital photography, 2D, 3-D
- Thomas Bils: Oil painting
- Alice Brenda Goldhagen: Photography
- Marisa Telleria: Installation, sculpture and painting
- Wendy Kornfield: Watercolor
- Yusymy Lara: Sculpture
- Lauren Shapiro: Ceramics
- Carlos Estévez: Drawing w graphite + ink on paper, fabric
- Silvana M Soriano: Printmaking, painting and collage
- Nicole Salcedo: Painting, drawing, assemblages, sculptures, installations.
- Aurora Molina: Embroidery, sculpture-making, drawing, photography, fiber art.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Those who would like to assist in supporting these organizations can [donate](#) to the Coral Gables Community Foundation safely and conveniently online at <https://gablesfoundation.org/donate/>.

Merrick Society: The Community Grants Program would not be possible without the generous unrestricted, annual gifts made by community leaders and philanthropists through the Merrick Society. Merrick Society is the main source for our Community Grants and Scholarship Programs. More on the Merrick Society is here: <https://bit.ly/msrenew22>

ABOUT THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Established in 1991 by community leaders, the Coral Gables Community Foundation inspires impactful philanthropy through charitable funds and programs using local knowledge, expertise and trusted relationships. More at www.GablesFoundation.org.

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