

# Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation Donates \$1.1 Million To Charities And Students

The Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation (SWCF) raised a record \$1.2 million in the fiscal year ended March 31, up 20 percent from a year earlier.

The robust giving prompted the SWCF Board to award \$1.1 million in grants to 16 Southwest Florida charities and two scholarship programs. The funding supports housing, food, education and health and human services programs that assist more than 30,000 low-income residents.

“The foundation’s vision is for all Southwest Florida residents to have a decent place to live, adequate provisions to sustain them, and an opportunity to fulfill their life goals,” said SWCF President Steve Zentz.



Pictured left to right: 2022 Shadow Wood scholarship recipients Maegan Leon, Samantha Twombly, Keltan Erwin, and Matthew Briggs

**The 2022 Grant Recipients Include:**

- Alliance for Period Supplies (\$15,000)
- Bonita Springs Assistance Program (\$25,000)
- Café of Life (\$49,000)
- Feeding the 5000 (\$15,000)
- Florida Lions Eye Clinic (\$25,000)
- Friends of the Salvation Army (\$54,500)
- Guardian Ad Litem (\$58,000)
- Habitat for Humanity (\$329,000)
- Harry Chapin Food Bank (\$59,612)
- Hearts and Homes for Veterans (\$50,000)
- Interfaith Charities (\$80,200)
- Kids Minds Matter (\$50,000)
- Literacy Council Gulf Coast (\$37,500)
- New Horizons (\$126,000)
- St. Matthew’s House (\$9,612)
- Valerie’s House (\$50,000)

**This Year’s Winners Include:**

**Maegan Leon**, daughter of Ruth Leon, administrative assistant for golf course maintenance. Maegan is a recent graduate of Naples High School where she was active in band and served as captain of the color guard. In high school, she finished with a 3.5 GPA, including several advanced placement courses. She plans to pursue a journalism degree at Florida Gulf Coast University.

**Samantha Twombly** works as a bartender at Shadow Wood Country Club while attending Florida Gulf Coast University. She is a junior health sciences major with a 3.73 GPA. Sam regularly volunteers at the FGCU campus food pantry and the Community Cooperative soup kitchen in Fort Myers

**Keltan Erwin**, a bartender in the food and beverage department. She is a recent Florida Gulf Coast University business school graduate with a 3.5 GPA and Dean’s List honors. Keltan also volunteers at two local not-for-profit organizations. Her scholarship will help fund a graduate degree in business/entrepreneurship.

**Matthew Briggs**, who works in outside operations in the Shadow Wood cart barn area. He is a sophomore

at Florida Gulf Coast University, pursuing a degree in construction management. Matt also is a member of FGCU’s nationally ranked American Collegiate Hockey Association men’s hockey team. In addition, he volunteers at the Midwest Food Bank in Fort Myers.

A second scholarship program, a partnership with the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, provides educational grants to local high school graduates interested in trade or technical training. This year, Estero High School and Bonita Springs High School each had five students awarded \$5,000 scholarships. To read more about the 2022 scholarship recipients, visit [www.shadowwoodcharitablefoundation.org/recipient-videos](http://www.shadowwoodcharitablefoundation.org/recipient-videos).

**Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation Impact**

Nearly 98 cents of every \$1 donated to SWCF goes directly to the charities and scholarship programs. Since its founding in 2012, the foundation has awarded more than \$5 million in grants and \$525,000 in scholarships.

Direct donations to SWCF were up 5 percent in fiscal 2022 to \$860,523. An annual raffle netted \$146,805, an increase of 7 percent from a year earlier. The yearly gala auction was a major success with \$129,029 raised, compared with \$35,816 in pandemic-plagued 2021. Donations from special events – including concerts and sports events raised nearly \$83,000.

**About Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation**

*The Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to unite residents of the Shadow Wood community to serve their Southwest Florida residents to have a decent place to live, adequate provisions to sustain them, and an opportunity to fulfill their life goals. To learn more about SWCF follow us on Instagram and Facebook or visit us at [www.shadowwoodcharitablefoundation.org](http://www.shadowwoodcharitablefoundation.org).*

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**Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical**  
Oct. 14 To 16 – Hinman Auditorium  
Cost: \$30, general admission

Based on Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic thriller, *Jekyll & Hyde* is the gripping tale of a brilliant mind gone



horribly awry, set to a powerful pop-rock score by Frank Wildhorn with book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse.

An evocative tale of two men – one, a doctor, passionate and romantic; the other, a terrifying madman – and two women – one, beautiful and trusting; the other, beautiful and trusting only herself – both women in love with the same man and both unaware of his dark secret. A devoted man of science, Dr. Henry Jekyll is driven to find a chemical breakthrough that can solve some of mankind’s most challenging medical dilemmas.

In an attempt to cure his ailing father’s mental illness by separating “good” from “evil” in the human personality, talented physician Dr. Jekyll inadvertently creates an alternate personality of pure evil, dubbed Mr. Hyde. Rebuffed by the powers that be, he decides to make himself the subject of his own experimental treatments, accidentally unleashing his inner demons along with the man that the world would come to know as Mr. Hyde.

**A Lovely Day To Kill Your Spouse**  
Oct. 20 To 30 – Moe Auditorium  
Cost: \$30, general admission

The world premiere play from New Zealand playwright Lindsey Brown.

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