

# Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation

## Presents Check To Harry Chapin Food Bank

On April 8, the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation presented a check for \$50,000 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The money will purchase approximately 120,000 meals for those in need in our community.



Pictured from left to right from Harry Chapin Food Bank are Richard LeBer, president and CEO; and Lynnae Messina, major gifts officer. From Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation are Tod Wilcock, president and Doug Timmel, trustee.

## Funds Eye Care Equipment

Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation Inc. recently awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Florida Lions Eye Clinic Inc. (FLLEC). These funds will be used to purchase B-Scan ultrasonography equipment for noninvasive imaging of the posterior segment of the eye, along with other much needed services.



“The addition of a B-Scan to our clinic technology will allow us to obtain a cross-sectional image of the eye in a quick, noninvasive and completely safe way. Previously, we sent patients to third party providers for this test, at the expense of FLLEC. This piece of equipment will not only save the patient time in going to another office for testing, but it will also save the clinic money,” said Robin Goldstone Garcia, FLLEC executive director. “We’re so appreciative of the generosity of the Shadow Wood residents and look forward to working in partnership with them this year and in years to come.”

The mission of the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation is to unite Shadow Wood residents to serve their Southwest Florida neighbors in need, ensuring all Southwest Florida residents have a decent place to live, adequate provisions to sustain them, and an opportunity to fulfill their life goals.

### About Florida Lions Eye Clinic

*The Florida Lions Eye Clinic offers free, state-of-the-art, eye care to children, families and adults who are underserved, do not have medical insurance, and meet the qualifying guidelines. In collaboration with Lions Clubs throughout the state, the clinic also brings onsite screenings and clinical care to many of the underserved areas in Southwest Florida. Serving over 2,000 patients annually, the clinic relies on the generosity of its supporters and their donations of time, talent, and treasure.*

Learn more about the Florida Lions Eye Clinic at [www.fllec.org](http://www.fllec.org).

### 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 neighbors in need of a decent place to live, adequate provisions to sustain them, and an opportunity to fulfill their life goals. Besides offering volunteer opportunities with local charities, the foundation also offers scholarships and grants to students and causes aligned with its vision.*

Learn more about the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation at: [www.shadowwoodcharitablefoundation.org](http://www.shadowwoodcharitablefoundation.org).

## Proshot Tennis Raises More Than \$20,000 For Shadow Wood

Nearly 400 Shadow Wood Country Club (SWCC) tennis members, friends and fans attended the eighth annual Proshot Tennis exhibition, which recently raised more than \$20,000 for the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation (SWCF).

In the feature match, tennis legend Mikeal Pernfors teamed with Gulf Harbour Golf & Country Club Pro Mike Curran to nip former touring standout Robert Kendrick and Shadow Wood’s Scott Harrington in a third-set tiebreaker. Their March 5 match was preceded by a full morning of pro-am tennis and instructional clinics that included about 25 SWCC members. Spectators also were treated to a professional women’s match featuring top local pros Bella Graf, Natalia Maynetto, Martina Fratova and Maja Ornberg. The event was open to the public.

The real star of the show was chair umpire Jimmy Arias, who dazzled the crowd with his comedic chops

and tennis knowledge. Arias, once the world’s fifth ranked player, was scheduled to play at Proshot until recent eye surgery shifted his role to master of ceremonies. Arias presently serves as a Tennis Channel commentator and director of player development at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

“Jimmy really kept the fans fully entertained,” said Sharon Rosen, who founded Proshot with Harrington and her husband Mitch. The Rosens and SWCC Sports Director Dave Dooley did much of the heavy lifting in organizing the event. They were assisted by Tammy Katz, Clark Bell, Betsy Lucke, Robin Marcus, Harrington and Elliott Hastings.

Chateau Gaby, a French winery in the Bordeaux region, was the main underwriter of the event. Other major sponsors included KeyBank, Beef-A-Roo Franchising, Cabinets to Go, First Horizon Bank, Estero Bay Chevrolet, Installed Right, SFV Services, Betsy Baker/Real Estate Agent for Keller William Elite Realty, SPF-Sun Protection of Florida, CMR Construction & Roofing, Boston Retirement Advisors, DeAngelis Diamond Construction, Infinite Aqua, Horowitch Family Foundation, Raymond James/Family Wealth Planning Group, Chris and Valerie Bopp, Diamond District and Able & Willing Pavers II.

“It’s a pleasure to sponsor Proshot and support the foundation,” said Betsy Baker, a longtime Shadow Wood resident whose husband Buddy is an avid senior tennis player.

The real winner of Proshot is the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation. The combination of sponsorships, individual donations, a popular raffle and barbecue cookout netted more than \$20,000 for the foundation, which provides scholarships and grants to local charities.

Many of the foundation trustees attended the exhibition. Doug Timmel was “part of the cheering, enthusiastic crowd” and gave “a big shout out” to the Rosens and the volunteer committee. Mike LaForte said, “This event helps us expand the reach of the foundation.”

SWCF treasurer and incoming president Steve Zentz was among the guests at a March 4 cocktail reception where Pernfors and Arias swapped stories about classic matches and their relationships with some of the most famous names in tennis history. “Proshot is just one of the important fundraising activities that assists the foundation in raising more than \$1 million a year to support scholarships and worthy charitable programs,” Zentz said.

Meanwhile, SWCC Head Pro Scott Harrington continues to lick his wounds after losing in the Proshot final. After winning the event in the 2015 inaugural, Scott has been a runner-up on six occasions. He looks forward to the next Proshot, tentatively scheduled for March 2023.

“Bring ‘em on. I’ll be ready,” he said. “Nobody beats Scott Harrington seven times in a row. Nobody.”

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