



Plantation Community Foundation Newsletter

April 2021

"Tee It Up for the Troops" A FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

Over 140 participants enjoyed Tee It Up for the Troops and Plantation Community Foundation's Inaugural Golf Event on Sunday, March 28. The event was a tremendous success.

The proceeds raised at the event will be donated to sponsor a dog from Southeastern Guide Dogs for a veteran in South County. The Board of Directors and the Grant Committee sincerely thank the many Sponsors, Silent Auction contributors, Volunteers, PG&CC staff and golfers who played in the event.



As the MOON set on Sunday morning, set up began.



Walk of Honor on the Bobcat



Opening Ceremonies



Southeastern Guide Dogs



First Place Winners



Spirit Award



Sponsor Myrna Bianco (second from left) and teammates



Sean Brown and Pella, his rescue dog



Byron Hill, MC for the event, and his teammates



Two Vets & their buddies!!

Photos compliments of Michael Mason

2020 Taxes and Charitable Donations

Under the 2017 tax law, the Standard Deduction was increased so much that now fewer people are itemizing deductions. Under the “Cares” act of 2020, everyone can deduct up to \$300 that they have donated to a qualifying charity on their 2020 tax return. The tax law package signed December 27, 2020 will increase that donation deduction to \$600 for couples filing joint 2021 returns.

Another way to save on taxes in 2021 is to give a “qualified charitable

deduction" or QCD to your favorite charity. QCD's are probably the best tax breaks for retirees and are very seldom used. The donation must be transferred directly from your IRA administrator to your charity.

If you are required to take a required minimum distribution or RMD, (those of us over 72) from your IRA, the charitable gift counts as part of your RMD and is not included in your adjusted gross income. This can be especially helpful if you don't itemize your income tax deductions. Lowering your adjusted gross income not only lowers the amount of income tax that you pay but it can possibly help you avoid the Medicare high-income surcharge. Also lowering your adjusted gross income may reduce the portion of your social security benefits that are subject to income taxes!

If you donated to PCF's "**Rise to the Challenge**" and "**Season of Giving**" campaigns, and/or renewed your membership at the "**Cares**" level of \$300 or "**Cares Plus**" of \$500, you may be eligible.

Upcoming Events

Lucky Ducks are Here!

The Ducks will take their dip on April 15th from 4-6 at the Club pool. Don't miss out on the fun!!!!



What can you win?

Cash, merchandise, lottery tickets, bottles of wine, liquor, gift cards galore and more!

The prize list is growing! Prize sponsors have been more than generous.

If you have purchased ducks, you do not need to be present to win.

A limited amount of ducks are still available and can be purchased at the event for \$20 a duck.

Grant Spotlight

Medicine is a part of all of our lives. Even before Covid-19 most of us could easily list the medications we have to take on a daily basis. Whether waiting in line at the pharmacy or ordering on line, we fret about the costs and the interactions with all of these drugs. If we have really good health insurance, we don't worry that much, if the insurance is just okay, we worry about the copays, but if there is no insurance, we worry a lot.

For the many in our community who have no insurance and, therefore, usually do without, a small number of not-for-profit organizations are working to provide basic health care and generic medications to a growing population of residents in need.

One such group is the **Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services** which has been working with patients in Venice since 2008. Their volunteer doctors, nurses, and pharmacists work tirelessly to provide diagnostic services and no cost generic medications to all who come without insurance. They receive no governmental support, but are able to work with pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide needed services to the vulnerable in South County. Their supply of drugs is extensive and covers many of the most common ailments such as diabetes. They do not, however, dispense any pain medications.

Good Samaritan has been the recipient of grants from the Plantation Community Foundation since 2010. They are an excellent choice for our grant money because they are on the front lines of the critical need for health care among so many below the poverty line. We are proud to be associated with them and, with your continued generosity, we will support them for many years to come.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Plantation Community Foundation is an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of South Sarasota County residents by supporting organizations in social services, healthcare, educational, environmental, and cultural activities..

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