



Through the COVID-19 Response initiative at The Patterson Foundation, this weekly Amplify communication aims to weave together what works in each county for a healthier and more thriving Suncoast. You're receiving this message because you've been identified as a community advocate, and we hope you'll share these stories and messages far and wide in your network.

The Patterson Foundation understands that the recovery process following a disaster or unexpected challenge includes three distinct phases:

Cope → Adapt → Innovate

In this edition, we spotlight nonprofits adapting and innovating to better serve their stakeholders.

Heart Gallery of Sarasota

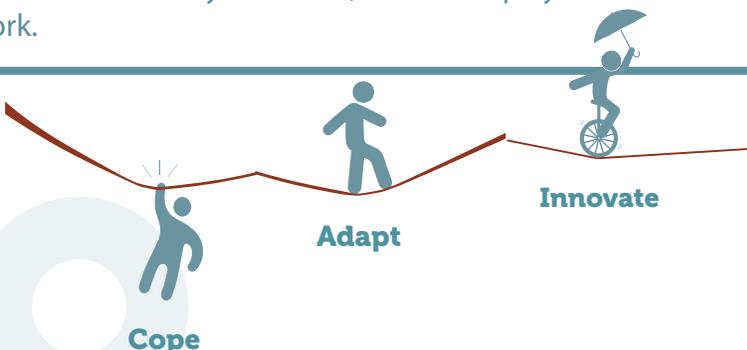
The adoption inquiry portal hosted by the Heart Gallery of Sarasota reported a 96% decline in the number of parents seeking the adoption of foster children in our area at the outset of COVID. The organization acted quickly and secured a grant from the Libertore Fund to launch a pilot of their Family Finder technology in Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties that began in June, recruiting over 1000 prospective adoptive and foster families in the first month. Heart Gallery is now positioned to place more children with the right families faster.

[Find out more about Family Finder and Heart Gallery of Sarasota.](#)



Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of May 17, 2021

COUNTY	7-Day Rolling Avg of Daily New Cases	% Pop. Completed Vaccine Treatment
Charlotte	25	42.58%
DeSoto	4	22.19%
Manatee	69	34.53%
Sarasota	45	43.72%



UnidosNow

UnidosNow's Parent Leadership Program is connecting with their participants in new ways! The pandemic has been especially challenging for the mothers in this group, and being able to bring them together to simply chat and connect has made them feel supported. At this relaxing and informal cafecito call, moms encouraged each other to get the vaccine and to take time out to do something for themselves. They also talked about Mother's Day. There is trust and respect among these mothers, and these Zoom sessions provide the perfect venue to connect in these times.

What is the Parent Leadership Program?

UnidosNow's Parent Leadership Program engages parents in learning life- and English-language skills to better navigate the education system in the United States, actively participate in their children's education, learn confidence and leadership skills, and successfully integrate into the Sarasota and Manatee communities.

Link: [How are Manatee County Agencies Coping, Adapting, and Innovating?](#)

Link: [Share your story form](#)

Our goal is to share the bottom line data and why they matter in the Suncoast. The first column is a 7-day rolling average of daily new cases. The CDC uses a 7-day rolling average of daily new cases to illustrate positive and negative trends. The second column is the percentage of the population in each county who have either received both doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or the single dose Johnson & Johnson – signifying a "complete treatment."

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Please forward this to your network, and when you have stories about overcoming and thriving during COVID-19, please send them to Abby Rolland at:

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