The Patterson Foundation (TPF) created its Digital Access for All (DA4A) initiative to explore, educate, and engage sectors working to enhance access to technology that connects people in ways that foster inclusion and well-being.

That’s how the Cookie Crumbles

**Digital Access for All** (DA4A), an initiative of The Patterson Foundation (TPF), aspires to discover how external stakeholders are moving the needle on access to digital technology. One piece of DA4A is the **Digital Navigator Program**, where local Suncoast organizations are trained by TPF to connect asset-limited families and individuals with opportunities to obtain digital connectivity, devices, skills, and support.

DA4A hosted its first Thrive and Dine, where digital navigators from each of the three cohorts convened to share, learn, network… and, yes, dine. Continue reading to learn more about this day full of presentations, table conversations, and key themes: outreach and partnerships, opportunities and challenges, and community awareness.

MHI Delivers Its First Affordable Internet Enrollment Event in Manatee!

The **Multicultural Health Institute (MHI)** is known for its work helping to narrow healthcare disparities in Sarasota and Manatee counties and for its ability to directly engage with community members on important health and wellness topics. Now, with trained digital navigators on their team, MHI is fulfilling its mission by ensuring its constituency has access to affordable home broadband, computing devices, and digital literacy training opportunities so they can better seek and enjoy health services, including preventive care.

Last month, digital navigators from MHI and **The Patterson Foundation**’s **Digital Access for All** team opened the doors of the Oneco United Methodist Church in Manatee to welcome community members to their first-ever affordable internet enrollment event. Continue reading to glimpse how their efforts are chipping away at the digital divide through events like this.
From Fellow to Future:  
Reflecting on the Impact of the Fellows Program  

In 2021, Michael embarked on a transformative journey, moving from New York City to Sarasota, Florida, for a Fellowship with The Patterson Foundation. After an enriching experience, he joyfully accepted a Program Officer position with the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation in Rochester, NY. Discover more about his remarkable journey.  

Federal Broadband Funding:  
Progress and Next Steps  

Over the past several months, Karen Stewart has been connecting with the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA) to explore the Digital Equity Scorecard, learn from the Building for Digital Equity (B4DE) event, and listen to NDIA’s subscriber calls to understand how to implement broadband expansion through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This blog provides a quick summary of the funding and progress made to ensure digital equity and access, including connectivity, devices, and skills to strengthen people of all ages and backgrounds, especially ALICE families who often work in jobs that are essential to the workforce and earn just above the Federal Poverty Level.  

Do you have a resource or idea to share with the community? Is there a national, regional, or local effort you’d like us to know about or feature in future publications? Contact DA4A at digitalaccess@thepattersonfoundation.org to be considered.  

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