The Patterson Foundation (TPF) Newsletter

The Bay Turns One!

The Bay Sarasota recently reached another major milestone. Not only did they host 36 events to celebrate their first anniversary, but they also triggered another $1M from The Patterson Foundation.

Remarks from Debra Jacobs, president and CEO of The Patterson Foundation.

We live in a region where the heart of generosity beats vibrantly, and indeed, The Bay Park has been the beneficiary and exemplar of excellent stewardship. Over the last five years, even before anniversary celebrations, generous givers have donated more than $40M to advance an idea to become a reality for

Celebrating Five Years of Partnership

The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (LFSOP) is the world's first school dedicated solely to the study and teaching of philanthropy. Since its inception in 1987, it has demonstrated a commitment to training and empowering next-generation practitioners to innovate and lead to create positive and lasting change in the world.

Similarly, The Patterson Foundation's approach to philanthropy is to tap into expansive networks, movements, and partnerships that generate lasting impact regionally, nationally, and globally. The Patterson Foundation (TPF) focuses on strengthening the efforts of people, organizations, and communities by focusing on issues that address mutual aspirations, foster wide participation, and encourage learning and sharing.

The marriage of two driving forces in shaping the future of philanthropy was inevitable.

In 2018, consultant Laurey Stryker and President and CEO of TPF Debra Jacobs provided the foresight and
all ages. This does include contributions from each of the major foundations, who, like donors, found elements of The Bay Park that aligned with their philanthropic missions. But it is the number of donors that is impressive—more than 2,800!

The Patterson Foundation has offered matches over the last five years, and today, I am thrilled to announce that the community has once again triggered another $1M from us, bringing our investment to $8M. There is still one more million on the table, so I encourage you to be part of donating to make that happen!

pathway to develop the Advancing Philanthropic Leadership (APL) initiative in collaboration with LFSOP, which has resulted in a 5-year relationship that has grown under the visionary eye of Debra and the leadership of TPF staff and subsequent lead consultants Joni Steinberg and Don Bowman, with programs including the Fellows Program, TPF Beyond, IUPUI Electives, the Nonprofit Internship Program, and the Tuition/Fees Reimbursement Program. Always intentional about its commitment to empowering practitioners to innovate and lead positive and lasting change in the world and our backyard, a new collaborative journey begins. TPF’s Fueling Dynamic Fundraising (FDF), under the leadership of Sara Leonardi is propelling TPF into the next five years by adding learning opportunities through The Fund Raising School of LFSOP.

DeSoto "Solutions to Actions" Dive Into Discovery!

"In early October, Solutions to Actions: Dive Into Discovery attracted 325+ to learn, share, celebrate, and think forward. It was led by Cheri Coryea and Ashley Coone and supported by TPF staff, Fellows, and engagers.

Dale Smith’s photos give viewers a glimpse into the action.

Beth Duda’s blog uses a pineapple analogy to describe the process." – Debra Jacobs, president and CEO of The Patterson Foundation.

When You Wonder, You’re Learning Book Circle Project

With nearly 1,000 participants engaged in the When You Wonder, You’re Learning book circle project within our region, SCGLR proudly acknowledges the power of fostering connections and trust within our community. This effort has inspired individuals to embrace wonder, curiosity, and joy.

As the book circles continue to ignite excitement around those “Aha” moments and the bonds we’ve formed, we cordially invite you to mark your
On January 24, 2024, we have the honor of hosting authors Gregg Behr & Ryan Rydzewski as they join the Suncoast community. Together, we’ll bring the book circle project to a close and prepare for the highly-anticipated Suncoast Remake Learning Days. From Saturday, April 20, 2024, through Saturday, May 4, 2024, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties will dazzle for 15 consecutive days during this free regional learning festival.

We welcome your thoughts. Connect with us at thepattersonfoundation@gmail.com