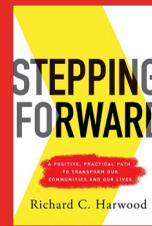


# ASPIRATIONS TO ACTIONS MOMENTS



## Shareable Moment from Community Foundation of Sarasota County (CFSC)

Nicole Light, education officer at CFSC shared her reflections from CFSC's first book circle meeting in a brief but impactful blog. You can read the full article [here](#).



## Exclusive Opportunity for Book Circle Members

Thanks to the generosity of the Manatee Community Foundation, **Stepping Forward** book circle members have the opportunity to reserve two tickets per person to see Hedda Sharapan, who worked with Mister Rogers for 50 years, share his timeless messages. The session is perfect for any adult who values civility and kindness...and for the young people in their lives.

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020, from 3pm–5pm at the Manatee Performing Arts Center

To reserve your two tickets, email Hannah at [hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org](mailto:hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org) no later than January 10 at 5pm. First come, first served while supplies last. Tickets will be available to the public mid-month.

## Community Aspirations in Manatee County

The Manatee Community Foundation invited the community to think about its aspirations for the chance to award a \$500 grant to the nonprofit of your choice. A response that inspired them were:

**Kelly French: What community means:**  
*"A network of neighbors, schools, and businesses that share a common interest and diverse ideas. Like a jigsaw puzzle with pieces of different sizes, shapes, and colors, each piece is important to the other pieces in the puzzle."*

**Kelly's aspiration for her community:**  
*"Hope and compassion. No matter how hard we try, communities will have their struggles. On any given day, we should all have hope — hope for health, safety, and prosperity. We need to have compassion for members of our community who are struggling. We need to give them hope."*

**\$500 Grant Recipient:**  
**Salvation Army of Manatee County**

You can share your aspirations for Manatee County [here](#).

## Continue the Conversation

A2A Moments is a weekly update of photos, moments of possibilities, feedback, and stories that book circles share with The Patterson Foundation.

Don't forget to send in your tidbits to [hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org](mailto:hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org) to be featured in an upcoming A2A Moments!

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