



## Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation

**The Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation, Inc's., mission is to “mobilize the collective goodwill of our community, to improve the lives of our neighbors, including those who are most vulnerable”.**

With your generous support, we look forward to ensuring that many individuals and families in the Venice and South Sarasota County area receive the help they need.

In 2024 we began our second year as a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, we are thankful for the hard-working VYCCF board and committee members who helped bring about those substantial changes. Also, we are thankful to the VYC board members for their support, and club staff for helping to make our events so successful!

The VYCCF 2024 grant giving budget is \$150,000, including the VYC to VYBA pass-through gift of \$20,000. We completed the first grant cycle in January, the committee reviewed and voted on 14 grant applications. The Grants include Our Mothers House, Children First, Laurel Civic Association, Child Protection Center, Family Promise, as well as two new environmental organizations, Sun Coast Reef Rovers, and Oyster Boys Conservation. These first grants are being given out between February and May 2024. Our second grant cycle began in March, we expect to have received grants from over 30 organizations during this year.

Organizations such as Laurel Civic Association, formed in 1969, work to shape the lives of people of all ages. Their programs include reading programs, teen empowerment workshops, after school academic programs, for children and teens, fostering above average academic performance. Facilitated by staff, part-time teachers from the Sarasota School District, as well as volunteers.

Another example of an organization helping many individuals is Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. Since 1968 BBBS has been recruiting volunteers, caring adults, who want to make a difference in the life of a young person. Their mission is to create and support one-on-one mentoring relationships, that help contribute to positive youth development. Programs such as these have been proven to have very positive results.

Thanks to the success of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride/Walk for a Better Community in February, we will be able to support many deserving charitable organizations. We also had a very successful wine auction in January, 43 baskets of wine (over 250 bottles) we raised almost \$15,000! Thanks to the many members, friends and families who have donated to the foundation so far this year!

### **Your Volunteer VYCCF “Committee of Leaders”**

Chair, Sylvia Hollister, Vice Chair, Dave Slaman, Board Secretary, Robert Scholten, Corr. Secretary Fran Jeffrey, Treasurer John O'Donnell, Director, Don Healy, Recording Secretary, Joi Nemke, Kevin Collins, Cheryl Hall, Pamela Phildius, Barbara Isaacson, Noni Lavelle, Currents Editor Barbi Richardson, Beth Piel, Anne Van Cott, Cheryl Cook, Rick Schimek, Karla Olson, Haydn Fusia, Michael Nemser, VYC Board Rep.

Sylvia Hollister – 2024 VYCCF Chair

# *Jazz Under the Stars* *Thursday, April, 18 6 – 9 PM*

## **Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation** ***Charting a Course to a Better Community!***

### **Donation / Sponsorship Form**

Please consider supporting the Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation and its 2024 Charitable Projects. Our Foundation continues to focus on: ***Hunger, Childrens and Youth Services, Mental and Physical Health Initiatives, Veterans, Education, Literacy, Homelessness, and the Environment.*** *You can become part of our community giving by becoming a sponsor or supporter of our **Jazz Under the Stars** benefit at the Club. Information about our giving is described on the back of this flyer. For the third year in a row, the Jazz night will feature the amazing music of the “Venice High School Jazz Band”. Sponsors will be recognized on that evening!*

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Event Sponsor at \$1,000.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Sponsor at \$500.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver Sponsor at \$250.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze Sponsor at \$100.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Supporter at \$50.00

Please return this form with your check to: VYCCF, The Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice, Florida 34285 or leave the form with one of the Club’s receptionists.

**Please make Reservations by calling the club at 941-488-7708!**

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