

FOUNDATION NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION

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We are in the midst of challenging times for our city, state, and country. COVID-19 continues to spread, while many Floridians remain jobless, lines at local food banks are so long that families go home hungry, and even pets owned by out-of-work families are more vulnerable than ever.

Although the evolution of the COVID-19 situation is unpredictable, the DeBartolo Family Foundation's resolve to be a steady force for good in the Tampa Bay community remains strong. We continue to support grassroots efforts to feed, clothe and provide shelter to those in need, as well as protect the front-line healthcare workers striving to control this crisis.

As we work to combat this unprecedented health crisis, an age-old fight has come to the forefront as well -- the fight for social justice. The time is now to bring about meaningful change in our country and community, in support of equity, diversity and transparency.

Our Foundation's efforts to positively impact underserved communities are more intensive than ever. Driven by our belief in the responsibility we all share to stand united and create a better community and country, we continue to champion transparency and diversity. We continue to listen and learn from all voices. And to put what we learn into action, supporting local organizations that share those beliefs.

We know our community needs our help now more than ever.

One of our many initiatives to support these efforts is the development of a new website – debartolofamilyfoundation.org – built with a singular focus: to improve our ability to help others. This ground-up effort expands our mission to improve the lives of the Tampa Bay area's most underserved populations. It's now easier for those in need to apply for funding, grants and scholarships, and learn more about individual programs. And to ensure those initiatives continue to help as many people as possible, the new Foundation website along with our new e-newsletter, will serve to



inform and inspire potential contributors and our compassionate network of current supporters and volunteers.

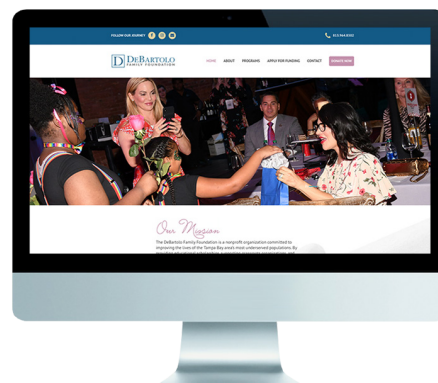
These may be difficult times – but how we stand together to respond to these challenges will define our legacy as a community, a country, and a philanthropic organization. There are brighter days coming, and by working together, we might just see them come a little sooner.

We look forward to partnering with you in the year to come, and cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity and support of our Foundation. Even more importantly, thank you for being a member of our family.

We wish you good health and happy reading!

Chief Executive Officer,
DeBartolo Family Foundation

Executive Vice President,
DeBartolo Holdings, LLC



We are so excited to
announce our **NEW WEBSITE!**
DeBartoloFamilyFoundation.org





The DeBartolo Family Foundation's Spirit of Humanity Award honors local nonprofit organizations that impact the Tampa Bay community in a meaningful way. Recipients of this award create unity, demonstrate hard work, and extend their outreach by helping people in need to overcome obstacles that are beyond their control.

In 2020, the DeBartolo Family Foundation has recognized two Tampa Bay area organizations with the \$25,000 Spirit of Humanity Award – **Dress for Success Tampa Bay** and **Pace Center for Girls**.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS TAMPA BAY

Dress for Success is part of a global movement for change, empowering women to obtain safer and better futures. The organization supports women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. In addition to providing each client with apparel and accessories to secure employment, Dress for Success's programs equip women with a confidence she can carry forever and the knowledge to actively define her life and what success means to her.

Dress for Success Tampa Bay serves clients by referral only, and women must have an interview scheduled before receiving clothing. Clients come from a continually expanding and diverse group of non-profit and government agencies that includes homeless shelters, immigration services, job training programs, educational institutions and domestic violence shelter, among many other organizations. More than 2,750 organizations throughout the world send women to Dress for Success for professional apparel and career development services.

"We are honored to have been awarded the Spirit of Humanity Award by the DeBartolo Family Foundation," said Katie McGill, Executive Director, Dress for Success Tampa Bay, Title of Dress for Success Tampa Bay. "The Foundation's devotion to the Tampa Bay community remains steadfast and strong as does Dress for Success Tampa Bay. The values of the Foundation to provide faith, support dreams, and make a difference in the community truly resonate with us and align with our mission and goals. Each and every day we strive to support women of Tampa Bay so that they can achieve economic independence by providing them with job readiness services and programs. Our heartfelt thanks to the DeBartolo Family Foundation for recognizing our work and bestowing upon us such a prestigious award."

For more information about Dress for Success Tampa Bay, please visit their website at tampabay.dressforsuccess.org.



PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

Pace Center for Girls has developed a holistic, nationally-recognized, research-based non-residential program model that features a balanced emphasis on academics and social services for girls. With 21 Centers throughout Florida, including Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties, Pace serves girls in grades 6 through 12 who have been involved with the juvenile justice system or may be headed down that path, and helps them focus on their long-term growth and development to reach their full potential.

Founded in 1985, the Centers provide a safe environment that takes into account how girls learn and develop and celebrates each girl's strengths and challenges. It is recognized nationally as one of the most effective programs in the country for keeping girls from entering the juvenile justice system and improving school success, employment and self-sufficiency.

Pace serves over 3,000 girls each year and has changed the life trajectory of over 40,000 girls since its inception. It began as a community response to the realization that girls involved with the justice system were either being placed in programs designed for boys or placed further into the system for their own protection. There were no effective alternatives.

This new alternative includes a maximum class size of 14 students per instructor, bi-weekly counseling appointments with teachers to ensure the girls stay on track, and a year-round school calendar. With the help of their counselor and adviser, girls set academic and personal goals with incentives to meet them. The DeBartolo Family Foundation's Spirit of Humanity Award will be used to support these incentives.

For more information about The Pace Center for Girls, please visit their website at pacecenter.org.

Standing together in the fight against COVID-19

As COVID-19 continues to evolve, we recognize the ripple effects of this pandemic and the financial impact it is having on Tampa Bay area families. It is times like this, when we have an obligation to step up and do what we can to support the community we live in.

With your help, our family and the DeBartolo Family Foundation, was able to respond immediately, supporting our healthcare workers and first responders and providing assistance to local grassroots efforts. A few of our contributions include:

- A \$2.65 million gift to Tampa General Hospital to help treat patients diagnosed with infectious diseases including COVID-19. The donation will be used to develop and construct a long-term, COVID-19 unit dedicated to diagnosing and treating hospital patients and hopefully, ease some of the hospital's challenges.
- 5 million meals for Feeding Tampa Bay.
- Support of Metropolitan Ministries year-round, including helping the organization exceed its goal during their first virtual food drive, Feed The Bay. Affected families received lifesaving resources like food and financial aid.
- Assistance to pet owners who could not afford surgeries during this time through Frankie's Friends to name a few.



During this pandemic, so many organizations and people have come together to help keep us safe or provide some normalcy in our lives. They are everywhere in our community, many of you probably reading this newsletter – first responders, like our very own, Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister, grocery store employees, health care workers, mail carriers, delivery drivers, government employees and more. We are so grateful to everyone making sacrifices to support the COVID-19 fight and can't thank you enough!



2020 Scholarships

With weighted 8.0 GPAs to remarkable stories of resilience, our Tampa Bay area seniors make it more and more difficult each year to select our scholarship winners. The DeBartolo Family Foundation awarded 20 seniors with \$2,500 college scholarships to continue their education at a University, Community College or Technical school. Since 2001, we have given more than \$1 million through our Scholarship Program which awards high school seniors who've achieved academic excellence despite certain financial or personal obstacles.

We are thrilled to reward each of them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to their future success!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS AND THE CLASS OF 2020!

Kayla Andrews Wesley Chapel High School
Angelina Astorquiza Steinbrenner High School
Jacquelin Benitez Winter Haven High School
Taylor Bennett Largo High School
Abigail Callejas-Mejia Mulberry Senior High School
Saphyra Dulcio East Bay High School
Isabella Harvey River Ridge High School
Hunter Helton Armwood High School
Aryn Hillary Bloomingdale High School
Shabris Howard Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School
Jah-Lisa Lopez Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School
Ada Liu East Bay High School
Abigail Miramon Pasco High School
Genesis Morlabaes Easy Bay High School
Jori Ndrita Wiregrass Ranch High School
Nicholas Politano Wesley Chapel High School
Pearl Randles Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School
Kayla Sconiers Harrison School for the Arts
Theresa Smith River Ridge High School
Cameryn Todd Center Academy

The deadline to apply for a 2021 scholarship is April 2.

Please visit our Website at to download the application:
debartolofamilyfoundation.org/programs/scholarships

The DeBartolo Family Foundation Honors Tampa Military Family through **THANKSUSA SCHOLARSHIP**

Through a partnership with ThanksUSA, the DeBartolo Family Foundation awarded Taisja Williams, a \$3,000 Heartland 4 Heroes/ThanksUSA scholarship to the University of South Florida. ThanksUSA honors the men and women of the United States Armed Forces by providing need-based scholarships and pathways to employment for their spouses and children.

Taisja is the daughter of a retired Navy Chief. Her family moved often during elementary and middle school, and during these times of change and uncertainty her love of nature blossomed. By high school, she was determined to dedicate her life to wildlife biology and environmental issues. She will major in Environmental Science at USF with the goal of becoming a Certified Wildlife Biologist. She hopes to magnify her impact through others, saying, "I will use my skills to help preserve our ecosystems and educate the world on how actions impact the natural world around us."

The DeBartolo Family Foundation advocates for those who have fought for our freedom by extending financial grants to charities that make a real difference to veterans and their families. We are proud to honor military families like supporting Taisja's academic career aspirations.

"The value of a Foundation to its community goes beyond financial contributions. A Foundation provides faith and supports the dreams of its recipients," Lisa DeBartolo, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation said.

"ThanksUSA is grateful for support from the DeBartolo Family Foundation who represent the values that our men and women in uniform risk everything to protect," said ThanksUSA President & CEO Jon Rosa. "Together, we can lessen the burden on military families who so often put their own dreams on hold while supporting their service."



For information about ThanksUSA, please visit ThanksUSA.org.

Taisja

TEACHER'S BACK TO SCHOOL GRANTS



The most critical role in the lives of students in the classroom is teachers. Many of us recognize this more than ever today with the role of teachers evolving during this year's unprecedented health crisis.

Teachers have limited resources and some struggle to provide necessary school supplies and instructional materials to their students. In an effort to help them prepare for a successful school year, the Foundation provided 1,000 Tampa Bay area teachers with grants in the form of Target and Starbucks gift cards to lighten their out-of-pocket expenses.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Christmas event has been one of the DeBartolo family's favorite Holiday traditions for the past 19 years.

On December 7, the Foundation teamed up with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and Dee Solomon to host our annual Christmas event benefiting the Family Enrichment Center, a non-profit, minority-owned social services agency that provides the community with a family-centered alternative to public and traditional social services.

Fifteen families were treated to a traditional holiday meal – for the first time a dinner instead of a luncheon – and surprised with gifts from their Christmas lists.

The event also pays tribute to Freddie Solomon, the former University of Tampa quarterback and San Francisco 49er, who lost his battle with cancer in 2012. Freddie was an amazing man, who always put others first and had so much unconditional love for the entire Tampa Bay community. We are grateful to continue to support the programs he, along with his wife Dee, loved so much, like the Christmas event and the Family Enrichment Center.

Our 2020 Christmas event will be held on December 12 at Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Church. *If you would like to support this event, please contact Judy Bragdon at 813.964.8302 or e-mail her at jbragdon@debartoloholdings.com.*



2020 GRANTS

Whether it's enriching or empowering our youth, supporting organizations that protect our animals or providing financial assistance and underserved populations, the DeBartolo Family Foundation is committed to strengthening our community by investing in grass-roots organizations that are making a difference here at home.

In 2020, we awarded the following 21 organizations over \$110,000 through our Community Grant Program:

A Brighter Community

Association of the Miraculous Medal

Bayshore Christian School

Boys & Girls Club

Brandon EPIC

Children's Dream Fund

Clothes to Kids

Cornerstone Family Ministries

Dawning Family Services

Dream Oaks Camp

FCD Cares

Florida Guardian ad Litem

Humane Society

iCare Foundation

Josh's Benches for Awareness

Corporation

Learning Independence for Tomorrow

LifePath Hospice

PETA

St. Francis Society Animal Rescue

ThanksUSA

Where Love Grows

For more information about how to request a grant application, please visit our website at debartolofamilyfoundation.org/programs/community-grants.



HUMANE SOCIETY *of Tampa Bay*

Our family reserves a special place in our hearts for animals. To us, they are part our families, our heartaches, and our triumphs. So it's essential that we support animals, and give a voice to those who can't speak up for themselves. That's why our family has long supported animal causes throughout the country and recently partnered with the Humane Society of Tampa Bay.

We are fortunate to have such incredible animal advocates in our community, and we are grateful to play a part in the creation of the DeBartolo Family Animal Shelter, which will help save more than 2,000 additional animals every year.

In 2019, the Humane Society of Tampa Bay broke ground on this new multi-story, state-of-the-art animal shelter and we are excited that it is NOW OPEN!

For more information about the Humane Society of Tampa Bay, please visit their website at humanesocietytampa.org.



BROOKS DEBARTOLO COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School (BDCHS) is entering its 13th year and the Class of 2020 rose to great heights despite the pandemic and closure of school in March. One hundred percent of the Class of 2020 graduated and many with high honors and distinction. Over 86% of the class achieved a weighted grade point average above a 4.0 and close to 60% achieved a weighted average over a 5.0 GPA.

Collectively, the Class of 2020 earned over \$1 million in scholarships, not including Bright Futures scholarships. Additionally, BDCHS ranked 8th among over 600 high schools in Florida for the completion rate of the Florida Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The average completion rate is 38.7% and the Class of 2020's completion rate was 82.3%.

The art students at BDCHS displayed their talent throughout the year earning several awards in various competitions, and their work was selected for exhibits around the Tampa Bay Area including The Dali 2020 Student Surrealist Art Exhibit, several libraries, and in Washington, D.C. with a Congressional Art winner.

Our Phoenix Robotics Team partnered with Green Gasparilla for the Bay Bead Clean Up and used their Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to help with the clean-up. We are proud of our Phoenix students for their service to the community in such an innovative way.

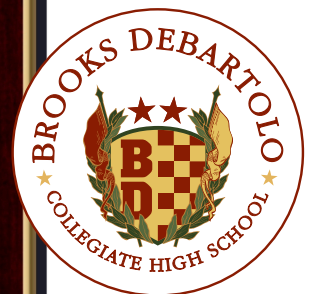
BDCHS was ranked #2 among all 132 Tampa Bay area high schools as highlighted in the U. S. News & World Report. The Advanced Placement Capstone students were selected among all high schools in the Tampa Bay area for the Scripps News Literacy Project. The students worked alongside members from ABC Action News to produce a segment about the influence of media on teens. It was an incredible opportunity for students to use their critical thinking and collaboration skills to produce this relevant and important story.

To learn more about the school, or if you would like to get involved and make a difference at BDCHS, please visit bdchs.org.



Valedictorian Phoebe Funai,

earned a weighted 9.1 GPA and had a perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA. She is attending the University of Florida Honors College majoring in finance. Phoebe was the recipient of a \$10,000 DeBartolo Family Foundation Scholarship, the Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla Scholarship, Heisman Scholarship, Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Silver Key Award, Ben Carson Scholarship Fund, and AP Scholar with Distinction. We are proud of Phoebe not only for her academic achievement, but also for her dedication to serving others in the community. Phoebe held many leadership and membership roles in various student and community organizations.



BDCHS.ORG



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The DeBartolo Family Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of the Tampa Bay area's most underserved populations. By providing educational scholarships, supporting grassroots organizations, and creating financial assistance programs like the Spirit of Humanity Award, we offer hope and a helping hand to the members of our community who need it most.