

# FOUNDATION NEWS

THE DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION | APRIL 2023

The DeBartolo Family Foundation is committed to helping our growing community thrive. Inspiring and empowering youth is one of our Foundation's core principles, and we are excited to share a little bit about what we've been doing the last few months to help enrich the lives of students in our community.

### **NEW ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Our Foundation is committed to providing students resources to help prepare them for the demands of the world outside of school doors, and we are excited to announce our newest program – Adopt-A-School – that will fund enrichment and support programs for students, faculty, and staff at Title 1 schools.

More than 162 schools in Hillsborough County are classified Title I schools, with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students where at least 75% of those students qualify for free or reduced price meals.

During the 2022-2023 school year, The DeBartolo Family Foundation has adopted Mort Elementary in Tampa, Fla. We have donated backpacks and school supplies, teacher grants and \$25,000 to be used towards building community with extra-curricular and social experiences for students.

If you know a Title I school that would be interested in our program for the 2023-2024 school year, please refer them to the application on our website. To qualify, schools must be designated a Title 1 school in Hillsborough County. Deadline for submissions is May 19, 2023.

Click here to learn more.







## 1 VOICE ACADEMY

With the help of (holiday) contributions from friends and family, the DeBartolo Family Foundation made a \$25,000 donation to the 1 Voice Academy in Brandon, Fla. The nonprofit school is part of the 1 Voice Foundation and the only school in the country that is a fully accredited K-12 school for kids with cancer.

After Ann Massolio lost her 9-year-old son to cancer, she vowed to figure out a way to educate children while they were receiving treatment because

her son wanted to attend school so badly and couldn't.



In 2011, she presented the concept to the Hillsborough County School Superintendent and in 2020, 1 Voice Academy opened. The school serves children from birth to 18 years old and provides 25 different programs and services for the entire family. Their philosophy is that the entire family is diagnosed, not just the child.

1 Voice Academy does not receive any state or federal funding and besides the Executive Director, every person working is a volunteer.

To learn more visit **1voicefoundation.org**.

## SANDY HOOK PROMISE

The recent shooting at an elementary school in Nashville, Tenn., hit home with Lisa DeBartolo. Located only 1 mile from where she lives with her family, Lisa wanted to do anything she could to help her neighbors and made a \$10,000 donation from the DeBartolo Family Foundation to Sandy Hook Promise.

The national, nonprofit organization founded by several family members who lost loved ones at Sandy Hook, teaches schools and communities how to recognize the warning signs that someone wants to harm themselves or others. They outline steps anyone can take to help prevent a school tragedy, and through the "Know the Signs" program, teach kids and adults how to identify at-risk behaviors and report them anonymously by uploading tips, photos or social media posts to a nationally accredited reporting system.

According to Mark Barden, CEO and co-founder of the Sandy Hook Promise Action Fund, these trainings have prevented 14 school shootings.

For more information about Sandy Hook Promise please visit sandyhookpromise.org.







#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

Help us offer hope and a helping hand to those who need it most. **CLICK HERE** to make a donation to the DeBartolo Family Foundation.

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