



FOUNDATION NEWS

THE DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION | FEBRUARY 2026

2025 IN REVIEW: MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER



As we look back at another meaningful year, we are filled with tremendous gratitude for the impact we've created together. At the DeBartolo Family Foundation, our purpose has always been to uplift and inspire through expanding access to education, empowering community programs, and providing vital support to families and individuals facing hardship. Your generosity continues to make this mission possible.

In 2025, we were honored to stand alongside remarkable nonprofits, dedicated educators, and compassionate community members like you. This year brought an exciting milestone as we expanded our charitable efforts beyond Tampa Bay and began

meaningful work within the Nashville community. Together, we helped students chase their dreams, recognized those who go above and beyond for others, and supported initiatives that strengthen families and neighborhoods in every community we serve. Every moment of progress reflects your kindness in action.

Your belief in our work fuels everything we do. Whether you donated, volunteered, shared our mission, or simply showed up with an open heart, you helped create meaningful change. We are deeply inspired by your commitment to making a positive difference.

In 2026, we are excited for the opportunities that await. Together, we will continue to open doors, encourage new possibilities, and invest in the well-being of the people and communities we cherish.

Thank you for being a valued part of the DeBartolo Family Foundation family. We are humbled by your support and proud to continue this journey with you.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Chief Executive Officer,
DeBartolo Family Foundation

Executive Vice President,
DeBartolo Holdings, LLC

EDUCATION INITIATIVES



Adopt-A-School Program

For the 2024-2025 school year, we were proud to reflect on a meaningful highlight from our partnership with Pierce Middle School: the creation of a dedicated Relaxation Room for teachers.

Designed as a peaceful space to rest and recharge, the room was brought to life by the talented students of Pinellas Technical College's Interior Decorating Services program, led by instructor Kelly Jackson. Their creativity transformed an ordinary room into a calming retreat that supports the well-being of the educators who give so much every day.

We're grateful to everyone who made this project possible and honored to have supported Pierce Middle School in such a special way.

For the 2025–2026 school year, we are proud to partner with Woodbridge Elementary in Tampa through our Adopt-A-School program, providing classroom resources, teacher appreciation efforts, student experiences, and ongoing support to help every child thrive.

This year also marks an exciting milestone as we expand the program beyond Florida. We are thrilled to welcome Johnson Alternative Learning Center as our first Adopt-A-School partner in Nashville, Tennessee. Our commitment remains focused on uplifting students and staff through meaningful assistance that enriches learning and strengthens school communities.



EDUCATION INITIATIVES



Teacher Back-To-School Grants

In 2025, the DeBartolo Family Foundation continued to recognize the challenges teachers face in delivering high-quality education with limited resources.

Knowing that many educators often cover the cost of essential school supplies and instructional materials out of their own pockets, we partnered with local schools to provide grants that helped ease these financial burdens.

By supporting teachers in this way, we aim to create a more enriching learning environment for students and make a lasting impact on the school system. These grants allow us to invest in educators, empowering them to inspire and guide the next generation of leaders.



Valedictorian Scholarships

Arjun Nair Named Valedictorian of Brooks-DeBartolo Collegiate High School

We proudly awarded the DeBartolo Family Foundation Valedictorian College Scholarship to Arjun Nair, the Valedictorian of Brooks-DeBartolo Collegiate High School's Class of 2025. Arjun graduated with an impressive 8.28 district GPA and 4.0 state GPA, served as a student leader in HOSA and DECA, and volunteered at Moffitt Cancer Center, AdventHealth, and through the Mayor's Youth Corps. He also earned his Associate in Arts degree from Hillsborough Community College. Arjun is headed to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to major in Biology on the path to becoming a surgical oncologist. We look forward to celebrating all he will achieve ahead!

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

DeBartolo Family Foundation Scholarships

In 2025, the DeBartolo Family Foundation proudly awarded scholarships to an inspiring group of young leaders who are already making a positive impact in their schools and communities. Representing high schools throughout the Tampa Bay area, these students embody hard work, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence.

Through our scholarship program, we strive to ease the financial challenges of pursuing higher education so these talented scholars can stay focused on their goals and future success.

WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Tess Aguero, Strawberry Crest High School

Michael Morales, East Bay High School

Rebecca Youssef, J. W. Mitchell High School

Logan Hardin, Jesuit High School

Amya Cotney, Armwood High School

Lauren Launikitis, Robinson High School

Jack VanderSchoor, Steinbrenner High School

Tiyana Perrin, East Bay High School

Hala Rassas, King High School

Dravyn Oblak, East Bay High School

Shandria Davis, King High School

Angeliq Otero, Jule F. Sumner High School

Aeleyah Abou-Assi, Gaither High School

Zayda Martin, Winter Haven High School

Lily Swanton, Steinbrenner High School

Isabella De La Rosa, Spoto High School

Madison Yates, Land O' Lakes High School

Mackenzie Yates, Land O' Lakes High School

Bryan Harden, Hillsborough High School

Areon Atkinson II, Brooks DeBartolo
Collegiate High School

Ashawnee Tabor, Tampa Bay Technical

Andrew Fink, Steinbrenner High School

Murielle Ackey, Jule F. Sumner High School

Stacy Rodriguez Liz, Tampa Catholic High School

Madison Douglas, East Bay High School

Dakota White, Lakewood High School

Mason Wesley, Sickles High School

Asia Williams, Carrollwood Day School

Jackson Wainwright, River Ridge High School

Alexus Spates, Jule F. Sumner High School

Sarah Jaber, Summerlin Academy

Angelina Bellestri, Gibbs Senior High School

We are so proud of all of you!

SPIRIT OF HUMANITY (SOH) AWARDS



Empowering the Next Generation: The Skills Center Receives Spirit of Humanity Award

This past spring, we were proud to present The Skills Center with the Spirit of Humanity Award, along with a \$25,000 donation. For over two decades, The Skills Center has empowered Tampa Bay youth through sports-based programs, life skills coaching, and high-quality STEM education.

Celeste Roberts, President & CEO, shared, “We are honored to receive this award. The support will help us expand our STEM programs, giving students hands-on experiences and the tools they need to succeed.”

Lisa DeBartolo, CEO of the DeBartolo Family Foundation, said, “The Skills Center is changing lives and strengthening our community. Their work exemplifies the Spirit of Humanity Award: lifting others through compassion, education, and opportunity.”

To learn more about The Skills Center, visit theskillscenter.org.



Empowering Families Through Advocacy: Our Children Have Rights Receives Spirit of Humanity Award

In the fall, we proudly presented Our Children Have Rights .Org (OCHR) with the Spirit of Humanity Award and a \$25,000 donation. The award honors local nonprofits that demonstrate compassion, resilience, and a commitment to uplifting others; qualities OCHR embodies every day.

OCHR supports families navigating the child welfare system, providing guidance, legal education, and co-parenting resources to help parents understand their rights and reunify with their children.

To learn more and support their work, visit ourchildrenhaverights.org.



Celebrating Compassion: Children's Network of Hillsborough Spirit of Humanity Award Recipient

In December, we were proud to honor Children's Network of Hillsborough County with the Spirit of Humanity Award. Since 2022, CNHC has served as the lead community-based care agency for Hillsborough County, providing foster care, adoption, case management, and abuse prevention services. Through programs like their Intensive Family Services Team (IFST), CNHC helps keep children safely in their homes whenever possible, strengthens families, and supports youth through prevention and reunification services.

With this Spirit of Humanity Award, CNHC will continue expanding access to critical family support and permanency services, creating a lasting impact for children and families across the community.

To learn more and get involved, visit childrensnetworkhillsborough.org.

HOLIDAY JOY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Bringing Holiday Cheer to Our Community

Giving back during the holidays is a meaningful way for our Foundation to celebrate community, compassion, and the spirit of the season.

This year's Freddie Solomon Christmas Extravaganza was a true highlight, allowing us to support 15 families and 51 children from the Family Enrichment Center's Kinship Care Program. The program is dedicated to strengthening families by helping kinship caregivers access essential services, build support networks, reduce stress, and promote long-term stability.

Beyond the Freddie Solomon Christmas Extravaganza, the Foundation was proud to support several organizations in spreading holiday cheer throughout the community. We helped bring festive cheer to the Boys & Girls Club through our support of the Jones Family Foundation, we contributed to OnBikes for their "Santa's Bike Shop," which created unforgettable moments for children and families, and we supported the Foundation's Gathering Joy initiative, helping families experience the warmth of the season.

In addition, we recognized the hardworking educators and staff at Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School, Woodbridge Elementary, and the Johnson Alternative Learning Center with holiday gifts as a small token of appreciation for the positive impact they make every day.

Woodbridge Elementry



Freddie Solomon Christmas Extravaganza



OnBikes



Organizations We Supported in 2025

This year, we partnered with and supported numerous organizations, including:

- Little Saint Nick Foundation
- Children's Cancer Center
- Buddy Baseball
- Instruments of Change
- Mary Lee's House
- Florida Recovery Schools of Tampa Bay, Inc.
- Gary Sinise Foundation
- Operation Code Vet
- Equality Florida Institute
- Clearwater Free Clinic
- Pace Center for Girls
- Heart Gallery of Tampa
- Jackson in Action 83 Foundation
- Frankie's Friends
- FEAST Food Pantry
- After School-All Stars
- Sandy Hook Promise
- Nashville Public Library Foundation
- Thistle Farms
- Where Love Grows



**WHERE LOVE
GROWS**



*Children's Cancer Center
Christmas cards sponsored
by the DeBartolo Family
Foundation*

**Operation
Code Vet**



Your generous support helps us extend our reach and touch even more lives year after year. Thank you for continuing to be a meaningful part of our mission.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Help us offer hope and a helping hand to those who need it most. Visit our website to make a donation to the DeBartolo Family Foundation.

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