



## **2018 The League Club; Briefcase Breakfast News Release**

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### **30 Local Agencies Receive \$327,970 from The League Club Club Surpasses \$4.2 Million in Community Contributions**

Naples, FL - The League Club awarded 30 community agencies a total of **\$327,970**, at its annual Briefcase Breakfast on April 5, 2018. With this year's gifts, the club surpassed a total of \$4.2 million raised and contributed to 157 local nonprofit agencies in Collier and Lee counties since it was founded.

**President Liz Winebrenner** said, "As The League Club celebrates our 31<sup>st</sup> year of service, our Commitment to Community is stronger than ever. The funds raised at this year's "Lesley Stahl: Her Stories Today," will be distributed by our grant committee in 2019. We thank our over 600 members, Circle of Friends, supporters, community members who support our event and our business sponsors for their generosity. Working together we are able to make a difference in Collier and Lee Counties."

The League Club has an in-depth vetting process for all grant requests. Teams of League Members do on-site visits to all agencies requesting monies for specific programs that meet the Leagues Funding Priorities. The list is prioritized and the final candidates meet with the entire Community Involvement Committee for the last round of Agency presentations.

2018 was a challenging year with the direct hit of Hurricane Irma. **Melissa McClayton, VP Community for The League Club**, states "The devastation suffered by thousands of residents who lost their homes and needed immediate help humbled us all. We were very privileged to have the resources to also assist those in need by awarding a special \$43,000 grant to Collier Comes Together Disaster Relief Fund for those impacted by the disaster." League Members also volunteered many hours to assist Meals of Hope at three large meal packing events to help with the drain of Irma on area Food Banks.

The League Club is an organization of women strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism and philanthropy. Members are current or former members of The Association of Junior Leagues International. For more information please visit **[www.leagueclub.org](http://www.leagueclub.org)**.