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The League Club Makes Unrestricted Grant Distributions Totaling \$425,387

Naples, Florida, April 15, 2020 -- Grants awarded this month to 44 area nonprofits by The League Club of Naples, Florida total \$415,387 to provide basic humanitarian needs. In a special Board session last week, the Board voted to release restrictions usually applied that grant distributions be spent on specific projects. These grants are separate from The League Club's decision last month to disburse a \$10,000 emergency fund to Meals of Hope. These two distributions total \$425,387 in 2020. Since 1987, The League Club has committed over \$5 million in philanthropic giving.

President Gigi Stewart said, "For over three decades The League Club has strengthened this community through our philanthropic grants and volunteerism. This year our Commitment to Community is stronger than ever. A recent regional nonprofit survey indicated nearly all of our region's nonprofits are experiencing disruptions to their programs and projects. We are proud to be flexible enough to address this need. We believe this is essential to human well-being in Collier and Lee counties."

VP, Community Susan Harris said, "The need is great. The disruptions caused by the pandemic are devastating to many. Making these funds unrestricted in use is the best way The League Club can help the nonprofits that our membership voted to support in February."

2020 Grant Recipients

ABLE Academy, Inc.	Hope for Families Ministry Corp.
Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL	Literacy Volunteers of Collier County
American Red Cross	Meals of Hope
Baby Basics of Collier County, Inc.	NAMI Collier County, Inc.
Blessings in a Backpack SWFL	Naples Art Association
Books for Collier Kids	Naples Lions Club Foundation, Inc.
Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, Inc.	Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.
Catholic Charities of Collier County	Neighborhood Health Clinic, Inc.
Champions for Learning™	New Horizons of SWFL
Children's Network of Southwest Florida, LLC	Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc.
Community Cooperative, Inc.	Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee
Conservancy of SW Florida, Inc.	Physician Led Access Network of Collier County (PLAN)
Eva's Closet and Foundation	Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)
Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation	Senior Friendship Centers, Inc.
Florida Lions Eye Clinic, Inc.	Shelter for Abused Women & Children
Friends of Foster Children Forever, Inc.	South Florida National Parks Trust, Inc.
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.	Sparking Literacy, Inc.
Grace Place for Children & Families, Inc.	St. Matthews House, Inc.
Guadalupe Center, Inc.	The Immokalee Foundation, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Inc.	Valerie's House Inc.
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida	Wellfit Girls Program SWFL, Inc.
Healthcare Network of SW FL (Sr. Veronica Fund)	Youth Haven, Inc.

The awards presentation was sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust, who offer a comprehensive array of banking, trust and investment services to clients interested in establishing long term, high touch relationships. Our media sponsor was eBella magazine who gives voice to dynamic women, connects the community and collaborates to make a real difference.

The League Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization of women in Southwest Florida strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism and philanthropy. The League Club is open to women who have been or still are active members of a Junior League that is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International.

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