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THE LEAGUE CLUB GRANTS AND DONATIONS TOP \$400,000

Twenty-three grants were awarded to area nonprofits in Collier and Lee Counties this month by The League Club of Naples, Florida. These grants will address community needs including enhancing education for 2,720 students; providing healthcare and emergency shelter for 1,200 people and combating hunger with 141,042 meals. This year's grants totaled \$352,569. An additional \$48,444 was made in donations to emergency funds of Collier Comes Together Coronavirus Relief Fund, Harry Chapin Food Bank and St Matthews Pantry. \$38,444 of this amount was raised via a member challenge. This brought the total of The League Club financial gifts to the community in the past twelve months to \$401,013.

President Maria Lane Arends points out "For over three decades The League Club has strengthened our community through our grants and donations. During this pandemic, the needs are great. This year's financial awards support local nonprofits in their work for human well-being. Our 'Commitment to Community' remains stronger than ever as we recover from the pandemic. We are very proud that The League Club has invested over \$5.4 Million in the community since 1987."

"As a result of the pandemic and massive economic disruption, special consideration was given to projects that addressed basic humanitarian needs such as food, healthcare, education and emergency shelter. The agencies selected work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents of Collier and Lee counties." notes The League Club Community Vice President Connie Mockenhaupt.

The recipients of the 2021 grants are:

Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL
Baby Basics of Collier County, Inc.
Blessings in a Backpack SWFL
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.
Collier Health Services, Inc./Sr. Veronica Fund
Collier Senior Resources
Community Cooperative Inc.
Guadalupe Center, Inc.
Guardian ad Litem Foundation, 20th Judicial Circuit, Inc.
Harry Chapin Food Bank of SWFL
Meals of Hope
NAMI Collier County, Inc.

Naples Senior Center at JFSC, Inc.
New Horizons of Southwest Florida
Pace Center for Girls, Inc.
Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida
Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc.
Physician Led Access Network of Collier County
Redlands Christian Migrant Association
St. Matthew's House
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Naples District Council, Inc
The Naples Players, Inc.
Valerie's House, Inc.

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 are active members of a Junior League that is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International.

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