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Illuminating TPF's Legacy: REFLECTIONS & LOOKING AHEAD

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TIME IS OUR MOST VALUABLE, NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE.

As the world continues to adapt to a post-pandemic reality and the Suncoast region navigates both recovery from past challenges and preparedness for future disasters, it is more clear that time is our most valuable, non-renewable resource. We cannot make time go faster or slower. We cannot ever get time back, nor can we create more of it. Each of us receives that same gift of 24 hours every day, and with time being out of our control, we are faced with immense responsibility to utilize it intentionally.

Guided by a spirit of joyful stewardship, TPF diligently engages in its mission, valuing and honoring time through unique philanthropic approaches and innovative initiatives to catalyze meaningful change. From sunrise to sunset, one day offers an opportunity to further explore the Foundation's approach to strengthening people, organizations, and communities.

Where we are
TODAY

Sunrise begins our day with an emerging ball of light to kick off activities, work, and opportunities for growth. Sometimes this rise is cloudy, and it takes the sun a bit longer to shine, but this part of the day is for fresh starts, new growth, and bright possibilities.

Over the past year, TPF undertook a strategic communications evolution, **Beyond The Blog**, to educate and engage internal and external audiences. This multimedia production encompasses stories from written articles, videos, and insightful podcasts placed within a digital magazine. Seven editions have been published on TPF's website and sent through a monthly newsletter.

TPF's **Advancing Philanthropic Leadership (APL)** initiative, presented in collaboration with the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (LFSOP), continues to grow and include talented individuals in the Fellows Program. **TPF Beyond (To Propel Fellows Beyond)**, consisting of current, past, and incoming Fellows, gathered all active and launched Fellows in February 2023 to connect and collaborate. The group is now working on a hiring practices project. LFSOP continues to offer several "TPF courses," including **Beyond the Check** and an on-site spring Study Away course, **The Future of the Philanthropic Sector**. During Spring Break 2023, TPF brought ten graduate and undergraduate

students and two faculty members to the Suncoast region for an intensive week of work and consulting, focusing on TPF approaches.

TPF's **Nonprofit Internship Program** saw new light with marketing and a timeline leading to growth of the program. Three LFSOP students interned with Lighthouse Vision Loss Education Center, Military Heritage Museum, and Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's during the Summer 2023 semester. You can now explore APL endeavors through a printed and online rack card at TPF and LFSOP.

Fueling Dynamic Fundraising (FDF) continues to emerge from behind a cloudy sunrise with help from a listening tour. Over 112 participants from 95 organizations, including nonprofit CEOs, development staff, and board members, attended Zoom sessions to share their fundraising needs and aspirations.

Not all days begin beautifully. Catastrophic destruction caused by Hurricane Ian sparked the **Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund**, hosted at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Through an immediate \$500,000 gift and a dollar-to-dollar match for all donations up to \$750,000, TPF strengthened the fund and catalyzed donor support.

The Gap, a rising ray of TPF's Digital Access for All (DA4A) initiative, brings greater focus on opportunities for eligible asset-limited families and individuals to enroll in the Affordable Connectivity Program.

SUNRISE

Once the sun awakens, the busiest part of our day brings productivity, connection, and possibilities. Not every day looks the same, and some may not always be sunny, but each holds the opportunity for greater growth and time to strengthen.

Digital Access for All (DA4A) continues to be a national convener in the digital equity and access space through an eight-segment **Funder to Funder** virtual workshop series, including a partnership with the national Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. The **Digital Navigator Program** currently includes eight local organizations working independently to connect asset-limited families and individuals with opportunities to obtain digital connectivity, devices, and skills & support.

Aspirations to Actions (A2A) weaves throughout TPF and shines brightly in many areas. **Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass, A Walk to Respect**, a one-act play with original spoken word poetry, was taken on the road in February 2023 to Washington, D.C., with two performances at the John F. Kennedy Center. The production offered viewers a story of inspiration and hope as historical figures bridged divides with respect. Interest is sparking, and additional shows are being added nationwide in Redding, PA, and Phoenix, AZ, as well as a local screening at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota.

Momentum from **A2A** continues to build for DeSoto Solutions to Actions. Since April 2022, 427 participants have gathered in person for 15 Arcadia/Desoto County community conversations.

TPF's partnership with **The Harwood Institute** continues with TPFers attending Public Innovator Labs and striving to turn outward. By fostering wide participation and providing engaging programming, the **Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)** strengthens children, families, caregivers, and schools in the Suncoast region. **THIS BOOK IS COOL!** and the **Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge** encouraged 9,570 participants to continue and grow their reading. **Suncoast Remake Learning Days (SRLD)**, a ten-day festival of free hands-on learning experiences in TPF's four-county region, returned for the second year. With more than 25,000 participants, more than 200 events, and 280 partner organizations, SRLD was one of the largest Remake Learning festivals in the world.

Just as SCGLR resembles a vast, sunlit summer day, **Patriot Plaza**, one of TPF's enduring legacy initiatives, provides a tranquil spot to relish in the warmth of a sunny day. When some testimonial photos began to delaminate, TPF funded the re-purposing of six with aspirations to take Patriot Plaza out into the community. These testimonials now reside at Tidewell Hospice (2), Goodwill Manasota, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota Military Academy, Ringling College of Art and Design, with one set for installation at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County in 2024. Plans are underway to celebrate Patriot Plaza's 10th anniversary in 2024.

Margin and Mission Ignition (MMI), part of the **Nonprofit Thrivability** initiative, continues to encourage nonprofits to grow their capacity through an earned-income venture. Eight organizations are participating in MMI 2023 with shining business plans and fast pitches.

DAYLIGHT

Nourishing meals are a great way to connect and revitalize. Whether it's breakfast, lunch, or dinner, sharing a meal can gather groups together, strengthen relationships, and catalyze change.

The **Bay Park Conservancy** welcomes individuals and families to enjoy the day walking mangrove trails, playing on the ibis slides, or watching the waves come in. TPF continues to support the inclusive public park with a unique matching opportunity of \$1 million each time the community donates \$5 million.

While the **Giving Challenge** did not occur in 2023, the 2024 year is already shaping up to be an active community movement, taking place April 9-10, 2024. TPF will continue strengthening its efforts so anyone can be a philanthropist with the no-cap, dollar-to-dollar match.

Season of Sharing (SOS) continued to showcase the philanthropic strength of the Suncoast and ensured 44,500 people regionally were assisted with expenses. SOS raised \$3.67 million, with TPF providing six separate \$100,000 contributions for every \$500,000.

NetHope and the **Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP)** continue to grow connective tissue worldwide while navigating partnerships with TPF. **NetHope** and **CDP** empower TPF to educate and engage the region in disaster preparedness and relief. TPF hosted Patty McIlreavy, CDP President and CEO, for a funder briefing in Sarasota and at the Exponent Philanthropy Conference to discuss disaster philanthropy.

SUNSET

Sunsets are beautiful reminders of the time that took place. While the day may be ending in some places, it is beginning elsewhere around the globe. As TPF evolves, several initiatives have transitioned to other community partners.

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is proud of **Reach Out and Read's** impact and knows programming will experience continued success as the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership Inc. steps into the role of the official Florida affiliate and leader.

Suncoast Nursing Action Coalition (SNAC) reached a point when efforts were absorbed by both higher education and hospitals, with scholarship support to be continued by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. TPF supported the development of an impact report and hosted over 40 community members for a SNAC celebration.

TPF completed engagements with **UPLIFT Florida Network (UPLIFT)**. Evolving from the Village Movement and part of the Communities for All Ages initiative, UPLIFT continues as a hub organization creating new realities in community-based villages. **Age-Friendly Sarasota** transitioned to Sarasota County in early 2023 and continues to catalyze change with connections created by TPF's facilitation.

Higher Waters: Suncoast Quality of Life is transitioning to a disaster focus.

Advancing Mission Thrivability (AMT) served local organizations well as they emerged from COVID but is no longer a timely offering; lessons learned are embedded in other initiatives.

NOURISHMENT

Night is a time to rest and reset. **TPF dreams** of what's possible in the four-county region and then wakes up ready for action. Many brightly shining stars glimmer in the sky. The brightest being **TPFers**. As unique initiatives rise and evolve, talented and empathetic TPFers guide ideas and aspirations with many TPF approaches, including **TPF's values**, the beautiful full moon.

People, organizations, and communities continue to face disaster recovery and preparedness, with time remaining the greatest resource. TPFers respond by exemplifying **The Five Cs (Caring, Connecting, Collaborating, Contributing, and Creating)** and phases of the **Cope, Adapt, Innovate** model. Through dreaming big, using values to outline each decision, and embracing the clouds, TPF will continue to be a **Catalyst for Good through Connecting, Learning, Sharing, Evolving, and Strengthening (CLSES)**. Time is ticking, but the day looks bright, and the night looks clear. TPF is ready for another year.

NIGHT