

Charitable grants of \$7.43 MILLION AWARDED BY

Naples Winter Wine Festival founders







rustees of Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of Naples Winter Wine Festival, recently presented \$7.43 million in grant checks to charitable organizations that serve Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children. Twenty-four charities received grant checks totaling \$6.18 million to help fund programs and services over the next 12 months. Grants ranged in size from \$25,000 for St. Matt's Kids Camps to \$1 million for Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. The grants will fund early learning programs, after-school and summer programs, physical and mental health services, and counseling and services for foster children and other at-risk youth.

In addition, grants totaling \$1.2 million were awarded for three multi-year, strategic initiatives aimed at providing out-of-school programs in Immokalee; addressing children's behavioral health issues; and improving children's vision through screening and providing prescription eyeglasses — the 2012 festival's fund-a-need cause.

The 2013 Naples Winter Wine Festival will take place Jan. 25-27. For more information about Naples Winter Wine Festival and Naples Children & Education Foundation, visit www.napleswinefestival.com or call 888.837.4919.

- I. Bob and Joan Clifford, Terry and Bob Edwards, Barbara and John Jordan
- 2. John Jordan, Jerry Nichols, Theresa Shaw, Joan and Bob Clifford
- 3. Kelly Haynes, Joan Clifford, Mr. Hocus Focus (vision initiative mascot), John Jordan, Dr. Bill Kuzbyt and Bob Clifford

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