



## **Naples Children & Education Foundation Names Auction Relations Coordinator**

**NAPLES, FL** (September 27, 2021) – The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, announced the appointment of Emily Flack as its new Auction Relations Coordinator. In this role, she will assist in guest liaison participation for Festival chefs, vintners, donors, sponsors, patrons and others while maintaining wine inventory. Flack also will be responsible for coordinating the wine service volunteers and transportation.

“We are pleased to add Emily to our team,” said NCEF Chief Executive Officer Maria Jimenez-Lara. “Coming from a background of adversity, she is devoted to contributing to the betterment of the underprivileged and at-risk children in our community. Her sincere desire to help others will be inspirational as we prepare for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Naples Winter Wine Festival in January 2022.”

A native of Reno, Nevada, Flack was raised in Central Florida where she graduated with her Associate in Arts degree simultaneously with her high school diploma. She then graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Throughout her college experience, Flack was very active in volunteering with multiple organizations serving at-risk youth.

Prior to joining NCEF, Flack worked as a child protective investigator with the Florida Department of Children and Families. In this position, she worked with many of the community NCEF grant-funded agencies and saw the positive impact of the Naples Winter Wine Festival on a daily basis. Before that, she worked in production management and design development for local firms.

### **About Naples Children & Education Foundation**

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, is improving the educational, emotional and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted over 50 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing more than 275,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time.

### **About Naples Winter Wine Festival**

The Naples Winter Wine Festival, one of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, offers a weekend of unforgettable memories. Guests enjoy world-class food and wine during intimate dinners in private homes and are invited to bid on once-in-a-lifetime travel and wine experiences during an electrifying live auction. Since its inaugural event in 2001, the NWWF has raised nearly \$220 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

For additional information on the Naples Children & Education Foundation or the Naples Winter Wine Festival, contact Lisa Juliano at [lisa@napleswinefestival.com](mailto:lisa@napleswinefestival.com) or 239-514-2239.