



## **Naples Children & Education Foundation Names Henderson as Grants Manager**

**NAPLES, FL** (July 8, 2025) – The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), the founding organization of the hugely successful Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF), today announced the appointment of Dani Henderson as Grants Manager. In this role, she will work directly with NCEF beneficiaries and the Grant Committee to support all aspects of the NCEF grant process.

Henderson brings nearly a decade of non-profit experience in Florida and South Carolina to NCEF. Most recently, she was director of educator programs and volunteer program manager for Champions For Learning, where she led both the Classroom Grants and Golden Apple initiatives. Before that, she worked for several years with Communities In Schools of Greenville, South Carolina, starting as a success coach and later on as a program director and site facilitator.

Henderson earned her bachelor's degree from Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina, completing more than 800 hours of volunteer work in education, housing and family support programs. She also is a graduate of the Associate Leadership Collier Class of 2024.

"We are delighted to welcome Dani to our team," said Sarah Zaiser-Kelly, NCEF Senior Vice President, Grants and Community Impact. "Her experience in community engagement, education and nonprofit work will be a tremendous benefit in building relationships within mission driven organizations serving children in our community."

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

The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), 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 close to 90 of the most effective nonprofits in the local community, providing 385,000 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 (NWWF), 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 elegant, private homes and other landmark settings throughout Naples 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 more than \$336 million, making a significant difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in Collier County.

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