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CELEBRATING 2020

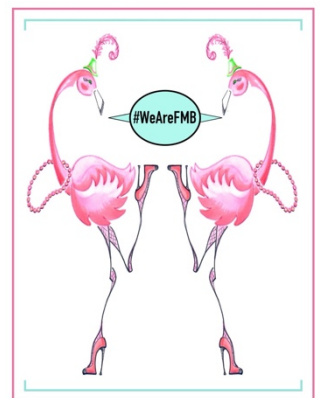
What an amazing year 2020 has been! A year for the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation to celebrate! What do we have to celebrate? Well, a lot!

OUR 10th ANNIVERSARY! The Community Foundation began when the Pilot Club, which had been serving the island for almost 25 years, dispersed. During these 10 years, over \$175,000 was distributed to support our neighbors. That entailed a lot of fund raisers from galas and fashion shows, to casino nights and dinner auctions, to yard sales and luncheons. Our philanthropy has reached many beach organizations such as the Beach Library, the Mound House, Friends of Matanzas Preserve, Fort Myers Beach Fire Department, St. Vincent DePaul, Choice Market. In fact, we have supported over 30 organizations!



We were all set to repeat these efforts in 2020 when suddenly, life came to a halt. The Covid 19 Pandemic shut everything down. One of our members, Anita Cereceda, with Janeen Paulauskis decided to extend neighborly kindness to the hospitality workers of the island. They sold **#WeAreFMB** t-shirts hoping to make \$5000 so they could give out 100 \$50 Publix gift cards. The Community Foundation became deeply involved right from the start. Heartfelt thanks go to Jan Falkum for whipping together a web page to

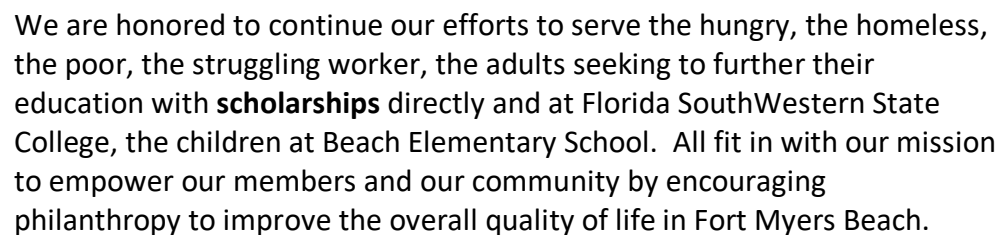
sell the shirts. Sincere appreciation goes to Cheryl Hohman, our foundation treasurer, for taking on the almost full-time job tracking every penny. The numbers are astounding: \$62,057.05 deposited with \$47,171.84 disbursements split between costs of merchandise and 640 Publix cards! (Thank you, Cheryl, for counting every nickel!) Six hundred forty cards went directly to people in need, all in less than three months! Fort Myers Beach is an amazing place. Is there anywhere else that could have done this successful endeavor?



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A photograph of two female staff members standing in a library. The woman on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a grey t-shirt and a grey face mask. She is holding a stack of four informational cards. The woman on the right has short brown hair and is wearing a black vest over a colorful striped shirt and a light blue face mask. They are both smiling at the camera. The background shows library shelves filled with books and a wooden door.



A TASTE OF PARADISE
FAVORITE FLAVORS OF FORT MYERS BEACH



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A group of young women are performing on a street during a parade. They are wearing matching costumes consisting of black long-sleeved shirts, black pants, and large, voluminous pink feathered hoods that cover their heads and shoulders. They are holding long, thin pink ribbons or streamers that trail behind them. The background shows a busy street with other people, including some in similar costumes, and buildings under a clear sky.

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