

Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation



MISSION STATEMENT

The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation seeks to empower our members and our community by encouraging philanthropy to improve the overall quality of life in Fort Myers Beach. We respond to the changing and emerging needs of our community by providing support for education, health and welfare, and the preservation of our natural environment and history.

RAISING MONEY TO GIVE IT AWAY



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Educational Efforts



We established and endowed scholarships at FSW in 2020. They automatically provide permanent, yearly educational support to those who live or work in the 33931 zip code. These scholarships are not only for traditional degrees but also for workforce certificates, funded directly to scholarships for students.

Our investment in these students is also an investment in our community.

I lived in fort myers beach from 1998-2002 and currently live in fort myers 33912



Thank you, Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation, for your very generous gift. This gift will be a wonderful contribution to my college financial needs. As a Fort Myers Beach resident, I have many amazing memories as a young child attending Fort Myers Beach Elementary school and visiting the parks, beaches and pools in the community. Fort Myers Beach is home to me and will always have a special place in my heart. Seeing it go through so much damage during Hurricane Ian was heartbreaking but I'm confident that as a community we can build it back up and restore its natural beauty. As a U.S. Army veteran, and current Florida National Guard member, I always strive to find ways to help our community. Being a Registered Nurse will be the best way for me to help the community. Once again, I would like to thank you for choosing me to receive this gift, as a returning full time college student, this gift will help me get one step closer to achieving my career dreams of becoming a nurse and be able to take care of our community members.

Sincerely, Mayra

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I used to live and go to school on Ft Myers Beach as a child and still have family there.



Dear Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the scholarship you have awarded me. I am truly honored and humbled to have been chosen as a recipient of this generous gift.

Receiving this scholarship has lifted a tremendous financial burden off my shoulders and will allow me to focus on my studies without having to worry about the cost of tuition and other expenses. Your support has given me the opportunity to pursue my academic goals and has brought me one step closer to achieving my dreams.

I am impressed by the work that the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation does for our community, and I am grateful to be part of this effort through your scholarship program. Your investment in my education will not go to waste, and I promise to use the knowledge and skills I gain from my studies to make a positive impact in the world.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you for your kindness and generosity. Your support has made a significant difference in my life, and I will always be grateful for your contribution.

Sincerely, Patrick

I work 16 hours weekly at Fort Myers Beach Library



Dear *Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation*, my name is Yamile Perryman and I am student and mother of two little girls. I have recently received your generous donation and I wanted to thank you. My goal is to become a librarian and serve the community and you foundation is making a difference in my life.

Yamile

I have worked in Fort Myers Beach at Sea and Sun Boat Rentals from October 2021 to February 2022 then at Snug Harbor from February 2022 to September 2022 when boat season slowed down.



Dear Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation,

Thank you so much for this fantastic opportunity and your aid in helping me to pursue my academic goals. I truly appreciate this, and I am so honored to have been chosen to receive this scholarship from you. I will use this scholarship to do great things; since my degree is geared toward Marine Science. I was very humbled when I saw that fort Myers beach was the donor, as this is my first scholarship acceptance, and I have lived and loved going to fort Myers beach growing up most of my life. thank you again for this fantastic scholarship, and hope you have a great rest of your week, thank you again.

Brianna

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Educational Opportunities



Our Foundation continues to give students scholarships to other post-secondary and vocational schools as well.



There will always be opportunities for children to participate in camps on or near Fort Myers Beach!

Bay Oaks provides recreational events, educational programming, and field trips.

Ostego Bay teaches conservation in our local estuary environment. They have been serving the FMB area for thirty years.

Friends of Lovers Key provides Eco-Arts Camp where children enjoy fun experiences to become effective stewards of our beautiful coastal community.

Joanne Semmer was overjoyed for the bright future of Ostego Bay. She made sure that some of the funds may buy prizes for children at camp!

Bay Oaks was inspired by our call to put together summer camps.

Kathryn Klar is excited that the displays at Lovers Key can now be restored.



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Keep Lee County Beautiful



Jenn Downes from Keep Lee County Beautiful informed us of the effects of Hurricane Ian. From October through December, there was over 10 years' worth of waste produced.



Trish Fancher accepted the funds to support KLCB. KLCB and FMBCF have been working together since FMBCF was the Pilot club over 30 years ago!

We take seriously the preservation of our natural environment with both member participation and philanthropy.

We assist Keep Lee County Beautiful initiatives with teams of members who either assist in the organization of the day or get out onto the beach and pick up trash.

At Great American Clean Ups, we hand out supplies and document what is brought back.

Adopt-A-Shore partners with us to clean the beach. Our area starts at the Dakota Ave. Beach. We meet quarterly to walk the beach.



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Our Environment

Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation donates funds for educational purposes for the Marine Task Force.

Turtle Time will have an interesting year as the environment for turtles has been so disturbed.

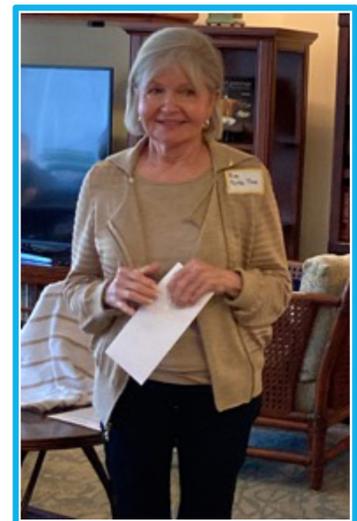
FMB Chamber Water Foundation is dedicated to bringing awareness and education on the health of our aquatic ecosystem, its organisms and wildlife to our Island and surrounding communities.



Really, Jen Rusk was not crying when she realized MERTF has the resources to rebuild! Really!!



Turtle season has started! Eve Haverfield has many plans to restock all of Turtle Time's equipment and pamphlets.



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Quality of Life and History



The Estero Island Historic Society keeps alive our stories of the past. We are proud to assist in preserving the uniqueness of Fort Myers Beach.

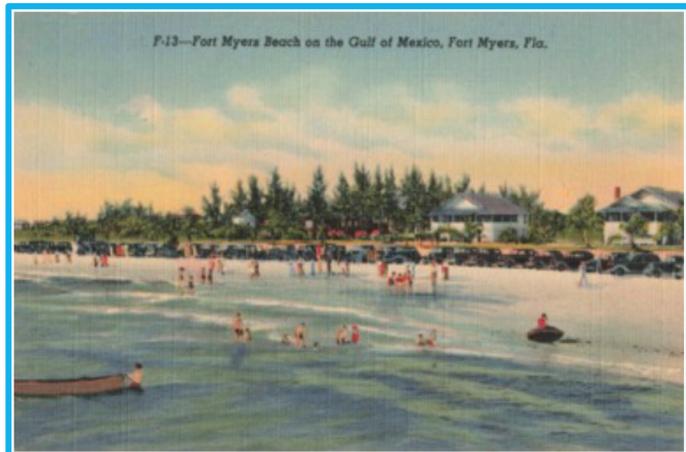
Our FMB Library means so much to many—books, classes, rooms to rent and the best elevator in Florida!

Lizbeth Rhodes is looking forward to the new space for the children's corner where the library was severely damaged.

*Fort Myers Beach
Public Library
Your Beach Library!*



Ellie Bunting told us that the older buildings at the Historic Museum survived better than the newer ones!



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The FMB Art Association and Gallery provides opportunities for artists to show their pieces and classes for us to hone our skills, too.

Bring Music Back to the Beach Fund was created by songwriter, Stephen Clarke. It provides free entertainment at events in Times Square and Moss Marina while bringing in local musicians who have lost their jobs and income due to Ian.



Star Sherwood discussed all the Art Association is doing to come back to the Beach.

Bring Music Back to the Beach



Stephen Clark



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Member Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held at the Pancake House. They're fun and informative. We gather to welcome new members, to eat and make merry, to enjoy each others company and to be part of the solution.

We learn about organizations on the Island- KLB, FMB Art Association, FMB Chamber Water Foundation, and the Town's Parks & Rec Dept.

We also make important decisions including how to distribute our funds.



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