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**Community Foundation of Sarasota County Appoints Vice President of Philanthropy**

*Jay Young will oversee efforts to cultivate donor relationships and lasting legacies by connecting philanthropic passions with charitable causes.*

**SARASOTA, FL** – As charitable giving continues to define our region’s growth and spirit, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County has appointed a new Vice President of Philanthropy to lead its donor outreach and stewardship efforts. In this role, [Jay Young](#) will further the foundation’s commitment to its donors, both current and prospective, by connecting them with local issues and causes and ensuring the greatest results for their philanthropic investments and goals.

“It’s rare to find someone as thoughtful and strategically-inclined as Jay, and we couldn’t be more thrilled to welcome him to our talented team,” says Roxie Jerde, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. “With Jay’s expertise, knowledge, and enthusiasm, we’ll be able to dive even deeper with our donors to bring their charitable dreams to life and take those invaluable relationships to new heights. His desire to serve and impact community will certainly take us far.”

Young brings more than 28 years of experience of business development and relationship management in the financial services industry to his role at the Community Foundation. He most recently oversaw a regional team covering the state of Florida and portions of the southeastern United States at Fifth Third, working with large for-profit and not-for-profit organizations including foundations. He previously held positions at Fidelity Investments and SunTrust Bank (now Truist).

Young received his B.A. from American University in Washington, DC, and throughout his career has served as a volunteer on the board of various arts and human services organizations.

“I’m honored and excited to start a new journey here at the Community Foundation alongside a community that has tremendous heart,” says Jay Young, Vice President of Philanthropy. “I look forward to helping connect our donor’s dreams, visions, and investments for the future with the

foundation's deep resources, and, in the process, extend a helping hand of support to the many causes they feel most passionately about."

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***About the Community Foundation of Sarasota County:*** The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a public charity founded in 1979 by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council as a resource for caring individuals and the causes they support, enabling them to make a charitable impact on the community. With assets of \$421 million in more than 1,500 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$48.9 million dollars last year in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, civic engagement, animal welfare and the environment. Since its founding, the Community Foundation has been able to grant more than \$323 million to area nonprofit organizations to our community thanks to the generosity of charitable individuals, families, and businesses. For more information, visit [www.CFSarasota.org](http://www.CFSarasota.org) or call (941) 955-3000.