



Socrates Rivers Joins The Community Foundation as Director of Development

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JACKSONVILLE, Florida – March 29, 2023 – The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida is pleased to announce Socrates Rivers has joined the staff as Director of Development, as the Foundation continues to grow.

Socrates is an experienced fundraising professional with more than 17 years in development, finance, and business, most recently having served as the Director of Major Gifts & Corporate Giving at the FSCJ Foundation. He also serves on the boards of the United Community Outreach Ministry and the First Coast Tiger Bay Club of Jacksonville. Socrates is a graduate of Ohio University and holds an MBA from the University of Akron.

As Development Director, Socrates is responsible for the cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of new funds and fundholders at the Foundation. The primary role is working with potential and existing fund holders to open new funds and facilitate giving to fundholders' interest areas and preferred organizations. He will steward a portfolio of existing fundholders, providing ongoing relationship management and philanthropic service. He will work closely with John Zell, Vice President of Development.

"The Community Foundation has distinguished itself through world-class donor service, and I'm thrilled that Socrates will help us continue that tradition," Zell said. "He brings a wealth of expertise that will help us in our work to connect people who care with causes that matter."

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Created in 1964, the Foundation has made more than \$695 million in grants since its inception, and manages assets that totaled more than \$630 million at their peak in 2021.

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