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**Local Black-Led Nonprofit Organizations Join National Give 8/28  
Giving Day to Build a More Equitable Community**

*The Community Foundation of Sarasota County steps up support by  
hosting a community mixer uniting donors with nonprofits.*

**SARASOTA, FL** – August is Black Philanthropy Month, and several Sarasota-Manatee nonprofit organizations will be taking part in Give 8/28, a 15-hour digital giving event designed to support Black-led and Black-benefiting nonprofit organizations.

With the goal of boosting overall Give 8/28 performance in our area, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County is hosting a community mixer that will bring donors together with Give 8/28 participants to discover their missions and impact in our community. The mixer, providing ample learning opportunities for community members, will be from 5-7 p.m. August 28 at Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe.

Give 8/28 is like the Giving Challenge, which many of the participating nonprofits have taken part in to hone their skills in preparation of this national giving day. It catalyzes awareness and giving through creating excitement around philanthropy and encouraging donor participation from anyone interested in making a difference. In 2022, 17 local nonprofit organizations took part in the event, raising nearly \$26,000 in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties.

Participating nonprofits work to close gaps of equity and access that are known to disproportionately impact outcomes of Black and brown communities. Through providing resources and support specifically tailored to the unique communities they serve, these nonprofits help create opportunities to break cycles of disadvantage associated with lack of resources.

People interested in supporting the community by participating in Give 8/28 can attend the mixer to meet the people inspiring change through their organizations. Those who cannot make the event can still donate online to the following registrants this year:

- [Emerge Sarasota](#), advancing BIPOC young professionals through programming and networking opportunities designed to enrich, empower, and help them emerge in their careers.

- [FUNducation](#), providing programs in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics), with a focus on students in disadvantaged communities.
- [J5 Experience Incorporated](#), which focuses on strengthening the mother/daughter bond as a way of promoting healthy choices that lead to success.
- [Learn My History Foundation](#), which inspires youth through creativity, art, and education to develop leaderships skills through cultivating curiosity, collaboration, and critical thinking.
- [Making an Impact](#), an organization that maintains a comprehensive directory of services for people in need.
- [Manasota ASALH](#), which works to promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information on Black life, history, and culture to the global community.
- [Margwine Organization](#), strengthening young women through proving activities and programming in a nourishing environment.
- [Minorities in Shark Sciences](#), encouraging women of color to pursue careers in marine science.
- [Multicultural Health Institute](#), which seeks to level the healthcare playing field by promoting, educating, and ensuring equal healthcare access and treatment to vulnerable populations.
- [Newtown Nation](#), working to preserve Newtown, a historically Black neighborhood of Sarasota, and empower the people living there with educational resources that can propel them into better jobs and out of the cycle of poverty.
- [Queens of Domestic Violence](#), which spreads awareness of domestic violence and provides services to families dealing with domestic violence.
- [RECESS Education](#), which seeks to provide professional development in culturally relevant teaching to help close the achievement gap.
- [Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition](#), which maintains a museum where residents and visitors to explore and celebrate African American art, culture, history and entrepreneurship.
- [Second Chance Last Opportunity](#), offering life management skills classes and resources to at-risk teens and their low-income or homeless families.
- [SOZO Missions](#), approaching helping disadvantaged communities through using ministry and faith-based teachings.
- [Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative](#), which aims to bring visibility to the Black experience through encouraging participation in the arts.
- [The Five Pearls of Excellence](#), an organization that provides funding for activities that support Gamma Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as well as scholarships for high school students.
- [Truly Valued](#), promoting positive self-esteem, education, confidence and character among youth and families.
- [United Community Centers](#), providing support for education that helps at-risk youth develop academic success as well as community pride.
- [Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe](#), which produces professional theatre that promotes and celebrates African American history and experience.

*\*With more organizations potentially joining Give 8/28 pending eligibility*

In addition to hosting the community mixer, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County supports Black Philanthropy Month and Give 8/28 by awarding \$250 kickstarter grants to local nonprofit

organizations that register for Give 8/28. This is part of the Foundation's mission of helping nonprofits build capacity.

Now in its sixth year, Give 8/28 is a national event, drawing attention to the unique achievements and needs of Black nonprofits and the communities they serve. It is presented by the Young, Black and Giving Back Institute, an organization aimed at capacity building and impact enhancement for the Black nonprofit community.

The date, Aug. 28, signifies important landmark moments in American history: Emmett Till's murder in 1955, Dr. Martin Luther King's legendary "I Have a Dream Speech" in the U.S. capital in 1963, and Barack Obama's acceptance of the Democratic nomination for president in 2008, to name a few.

To join this year's celebration of Black philanthropy and support these local causes on Monday, August 28, visit [www.give828.org](http://www.give828.org).

To qualify as a participating nonprofit, organizations must demonstrate that their board, leadership, and staff are predominantly Black and that the organization's primary purpose is to work to build the political, economic, and/or social power of Black communities. Registration ends on August 14.

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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 \$520 million in more than 1,570 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$27.5 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 \$350 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.