



## Philanthropy that Goes the Distance

A student with special needs receives therapeutic instruction thanks to The Elizabeth Cotter Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of Broward.

**Elizabeth Cotter** was an Olympic equestrian, a beloved teacher and mostly, a cherished sister. When she lost her battle to cancer, her brother Randy wanted to honor her giving spirit.

He created the Elizabeth Cotter Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward to continue Elizabeth's care for children and animals. Now, each year, disabled youth learn to ride horses, and young students receive academic help.

You too can honor someone this season through a Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward ... *For Good. For Ever.* Learn more at [cfbroward.org](http://cfbroward.org).



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**Each high school dropout** costs his or her community an average of \$500,000 in lifetime public assistance, a sobering statistic for Broward County which has one of the nation's lowest graduation rates.

The implications for individuals are even more shocking. Dropouts are ineligible for 90% of jobs, they are eight times more likely to be imprisoned and average half the earnings of college graduates.

Recent research from John Hopkins University finds dropout origins begin as early as sixth grade when students begin down the path of graduation success or failure.

The new Community Foundation **School is Cool** publication outlines conversations with more than 100 researchers, teachers, parents and school administrators to investigate ways

to address middle school challenges. The publication details the "R&D" phase of the Foundation's **School is Cool** initiative, which seeks to raise Broward high school graduation rates to 90% in five years. Here's some of what we heard:

*"Students learn at different paces. A doctor can't tell you the date you'll get well - why teach that way?"*

*"Kids need to know that work in school results in life success."*

*"Remember when middle school was called Junior High? It felt important, not just an "in-between" place."*

View all comments and the Foundation's research at [cfbroward.org](http://cfbroward.org).



## The Art of Community

**Like members** of any large and diverse community, Broward residents and industries are susceptible to isolation and fragmentation. This separation weakens residents' connection to the place they call home and their satisfaction with it. It weakens what we call, "sense of community."

To improve this critical element of community vitality the Foundation will invest \$2.5 million in bold, unique projects over five years that use the arts to address pressing community issues and increase residents' sense of community.

To apply for **The Art of Community Challenge** grant or for more information on how you can support this initiative, contact Nancy Rogan at [nrogan@cfbroward.org](mailto:nrogan@cfbroward.org) or visit [cfbroward.org](http://cfbroward.org).



**Community Foundation of Broward**  
\$50 million and 27 years invested in Broward  
More than 400 charitable Funds  
\$100,000,000 in assets



## Leader 2 Leader

**Nonprofit leaders** serving more than 500,000 Broward residents and overseeing collective budgets of more than \$100 million have come together as part of the Leadership Institute's first Leader 2 Leader Forum.

The 21 CEOs of many of Broward's largest nonprofits met at Northern Trust to hear City Furniture CEO, Keith Koenig discuss the concept of *Lean Business*.

Koenig's discussion was based, as all Leader 2 Leader forums will be, on articles in the most recent issues of the Harvard Business Review, the magazine universally recognized as the leading forum for the world's most innovative and successful business practices.

The Leader 2 Leader Forum sessions are designed to expose nonprofit leaders to the best ideas and practices from the business sector through discussions led by local business giants.

City Furniture CEO, Keith Koenig



### To Your Town Square

**In 1917**, the first bridge connecting Broward's mainland and its beaches was opened.

This bridge between east and west Broward created one of South Florida's most important boulevards. What started as a dirt road that crossed the swampy wetlands, quickly became a central gathering place for civic heads, business leaders, artists, professionals and tourists.

Given its history as a meeting place, it is not surprising that Las Olas will become the new home for the Community Foundation. As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Foundation will move to the 10,000-square-foot property located at **910 East Las Olas Boulevard**. The move will allow the Foundation to expand its role in addressing pressing issues in Broward, provide for larger training and education facilities, and reduce offsite rental expenses.

"We know we will continue to grow during the next ten years and wanted to find a great space before conditions changed," said Linda Carter, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. "From this new home the Foundation will act as the town square for community conversations that will help residents work together to make Broward better."

The first road to the ocean was called "Las Olas," Spanish for "the waves."



## My Boomer Valentine

**Do you hear that rumble in the distance?** That's the sound of baby boomers getting ready to retire. Every six seconds a U.S. citizen turns 60. Consider this in light of the fact that for the first time in half a century, more boomers are leaving Florida than settling here.

"I think baby boomers have trouble remaining connected to South Florida once they retire," comments retired Weston resident, Charles Campbell. "Without work to connect us, we're quickly bored and struggle to find ways to stay involved in community life."

Residents such as Charles are among the 500,000 baby boomers the Community Foundation of Broward's Re-engage for Good initiative seeks to involve in work that helps Broward and keeps them connected to our community.

Harnessing the skills of these boomers is something the business world is already working hard on. Fortune magazine reports that companies are hanging onto their baby boomers at almost twice the rate of that of a decade ago because they fear a brain drain.

Re-engage for Good seeks to stop the largest, healthiest, most educated generation ever to consider retirement to leave Florida in search of more than a golf course. Instead this initiative will help them tackle pressing challenges and invest in Broward's vitality.

## For Good Awards

for those who make a difference *forever*

### And the winners are ...

Broward County residents have submitted more than 120 applications for the For Good Awards which seek to recognize residents over 60 who are making Broward better in their retirement. The Foundation will announce the winners on February 14th at a celebration luncheon which will include video tributes of the winners and recognition of all nominees.

The Awards are made possible by **The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation, Inc.**

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