

New Focus Areas Preview

Work continues on refining new focus areas for this new approach. Updates will be posted as this ongoing process develops, below is a preview of these new areas:

New Priority Area Preview

- **Increase high school graduation rates by strengthening middle school students' readiness.** Twenty-five U.S. school districts produce one-fifth of all U.S. dropouts - and Broward is one of them. Middle school intervention offers promise, and we intend to invest.
- **Expand civic entrepreneurship by igniting the desire of new retirees to address important community issues.** We believe that civic engagement builds community and enriches lives. By tapping into an activist generation that refuses to slow down, our Re-engage for Good initiative will see the community reap a windfall of baby boomer talent and opportunity.
- **Expand the impact of the arts in addressing critical issues and building community value.** Broward is an extraordinary county with unique resources and populations. However, these features offer both great assets and uncommon challenges. The answers lie within the people themselves who have the potential to unite to make Broward a great place to live by working together. **Increase opportunities for people to work together on important community problems to create extraordinary results integrating the arts as an essential component.**
- **Develop the leadership of the nonprofit sector to innovate and meet the challenges of growth.** Nonprofits are the fourth largest employer in Florida. By strengthening the leadership of this sector the Community Foundation's **Leadership Institute** can promote long-term positive change.

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