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### **Women's Fund Created in South Hillsborough County**

(Sun City Center, Florida) - A group of concerned citizens representing both men and women recently established the Women's Fund through the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center to champion the causes for women and girls in South Hillsborough County.

The Women's Fund is already valued at almost \$200,000 and will provide charitable contributions to nonprofit agencies that address poverty, abuse, teen pregnancy, and student drop-out rates that disproportionately impact women and girls.

The timing of the Women's Fund comes on the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center and will be used to improve the quality of life for women and girls and promote the spirit of philanthropy in South Hillsborough County.

Approximately 100 men and women attended the kick-off luncheon of the Women's Fund on Nov. 2 at Club Renaissance in Sun City Center. Susan MacManus, Ph.D., Professor of Public Administration and Political Science with the University of South Florida, was the keynote speaker. She addressed the subject of "Women Voters – Key to Election 2006."

#### **About the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.**

The Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center was established in 1992 and is a division of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay began in 1990 to build a better community through creative philanthropy, vision, and leadership. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization which administers funds established by individuals, corporations, private foundations, and nonprofit organizations to support the charitable needs of the Tampa Bay area. The Foundation currently administers more than \$120 million in assets, placing it in the top 100 of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide. With two additional divisions in Pasco County and greater St. Petersburg, it is a well-regarded philanthropic entity in the community, having granted out a record \$9.1 million last year in the Tampa Bay area.

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