



Foundation awards grants to 4 nonprofits

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SUN CITY CENTER - Thanks to a gift from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center, four nonprofits will be helping South Shore residents.

Recipients included the SouthShore Arts Council, Performing Arts Club of Sun City Center, Museum of Science & Industry and Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools.

The arts council received \$25,000 - the largest award - that will cover the costs associated with a new community mural in Ruskin, the annual Ruskin Big Draw arts festival, a high school art competition and program for the nonvisual arts.

"We're in the final stages of negotiations with Mary and Martha House shelter for battered women to paint a large mural on the domed building occupied by the Second Hand Rose thrift shop," said Bruce Marsh, council board member and local artist.

In addition to \$15,000 earmarked for the mural, \$3,000 will cover awards for area high school students who place in a judged competition co-sponsored by the SouthShore Regional Library and the arts council. Prize money will be distributed to eight winning students and their respective art departments. Five high schools will be involved in the competition, including Lennard, Riverview and East Bay and two schools in the Brandon area that have yet to be determined.

An additional \$3,000 will cover adult art classes and workshops in the Big Draw, and the remaining \$4,000 will pay for honorariums to bring high-quality artists and scholars in the nonvisual arts to venues in South Shore.

Teaching Tools in Hillsborough Schools received \$10,000 to purchase supplies for teachers in Title I schools in South Shore, and \$12,000 went to the Performing Arts Club of Sun City Center to purchase a projector to show movies at Rollins Theater and for other community uses.

MOSI was given \$5,000 from the George A. Lutz Fund for its sixth annual National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding Hispanic scientists who promote a greater public understanding of science and motivates young Hispanics interested in science. The money will help fund scholarships for at-risk youth who participate in MOSI's Youth Enriched by Science program.

Grants from the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center can range from \$250 to \$100,000 over three years. The money comes from interest earned on the foundation's estimated \$21 million in principal, which includes funds bequeathed or donated.

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