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Our Mission:

To provide competitive scholarships for eligible individuals and to sponsor and/or donate to projects intended to enrich the cultural, intellectual, emotional or physical interests of the residents of Bentley Village or that advance the interests of the Foundation in the greater Bentley Village community and Southwest Florida.

The Foundation is funded by donations and managed by an elected Board of Trustees.

An Invitation from the Board

Each year the Bentley Village Foundation seeks financial support from residents. Your donation will enrich the lives of Bentley residents, employees, and other seniors in SW Florida. In 2022 we raised over \$307,000, and these contributions helped accomplish life changing acts through educational scholarships and special programs.

Since the Foundation's inception in 2016, our mission has been supported primarily through gifts to the Scholarship Fund and the General Fund. **In 2023, the General Fund will be renamed the Program Fund** to better describe the support that is provided. Unfortunately, many programs were put on hold when COVID began almost three years ago. Some of these programs were restarted last year and will be back in full swing in 2023. The Foundation plans to sponsor fundraising events this year to support the programs that were curtailed by COVID. **The Program Fund will provide support for...**

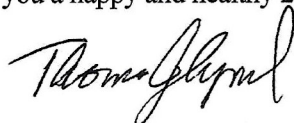
- Music Therapy at the Bentley Care Center and Assisted Living Residences
- English as a Second Language (ESL), in partnership with the Literacy Council Gulf Coast, will benefit many of Vi at Bentley Village employees
- Music, Memory & Mindfulness programs to enhance emotional and/or physical well-being
- FGCU's lecture series, co-sponsored with Vi Lifestyle
- The "Seniors Helping Seniors" program, in partnership with the Baker Senior Center Naples, will enrich the lives of many seniors.

The Scholarship Fund has provided scholarships to Bentley employees and their dependents since 2016 and has awarded a total of 85 scholarships. These scholarships are structured to follow the students through their educational path for up to ten years from the award date. We continue to hear heartwarming stories from our awardees.

We owe a debt of gratitude to so many volunteers like Diane Halas, Diane McNulty and Karen Rosenstein, founding Trustees, and Sue Goodwin, Past Secretary, who have worked tirelessly to support the Foundation. Moving forward, we need professionals to help support the work of our volunteers, and the Foundation has contracted with Gulfcoast Philanthropic Solutions, LLC, to assist with our accounting and membership systems. Our goal is to continue to keep our overhead and fundraising expenses as low as possible.

A donation form and an addressed return envelope are enclosed for your use. **You can select the Scholarship Fund, the Program Fund or divide your donation between the two Funds.** As in the past, all gifts to the Scholarship Fund will continue to be restricted to awarding scholarships.

I join with the Board of Trustees in thanking you for your financial support and wishing you a happy and healthy 2023.



Tom Lynch, President