



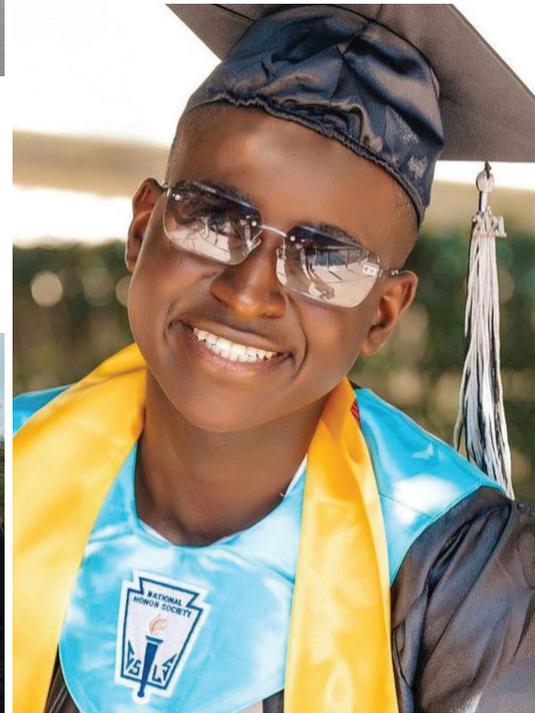
**BENTLEY
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OUR IMPACT



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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*** On the cover clockwise from left: Pat and Bill Grafstrom; Aleksandra St. Fleur, 2024 Scholarship Awardee; Wayne Antworth and Johendys Solano Recipient of Citizenship Award; Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus; Geoff Joseph 2023 Scholarship Awardee, Scholarship Awardee, Dollars for Scholars Golfers 'Hap' Halpin, Judy Halpin, Nancy Nortz, Rich Nortz*

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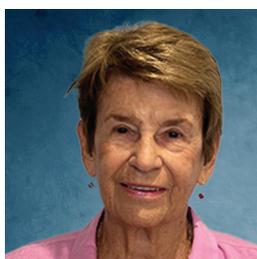
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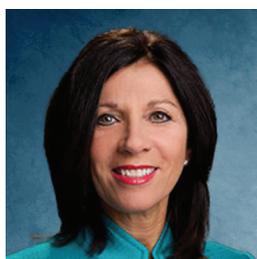
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OUR MISSION

The mission of Bentley Village Foundation is to enrich the lives of residents, employees, and others within Collier County and southwest Florida and enhance their cultural, intellectual, emotional, and/or physical well-being through philanthropic programs and educational scholarships.

PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS



This year has been extraordinary for Bentley Village Foundation! As President, I have had the honor of witnessing the generosity and dedication of our community. Together, we have responded to the needs of our Bentley community, making a tangible difference in countless lives. The Board of Trustees, volunteers on committees, and those who plan and execute programs, have dedicated hundreds of hours of their time and talents.

In 2024, members and supporters of the Foundation came together to contribute over \$696,157, an incredible achievement! Among these contributions was a generous estate gift of \$100,000 from the Burke family, establishing a named endowed scholarship that will benefit recipients for generations to come. Be sure to read this report's inspiring article about planned estate giving. Through the combined success of our Membership Drive, Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament, Taste of Opera, and the Boots and Bling fundraiser, we've raised critical funds to continue making a difference. For all the details on how these contributions were raised and invested, please check out the financial section of this report.

The Scholarship Fund is one of the most transformative ways we support our Bentley Village Community. Since 2016, with the remarkable generosity of our residents and supporters, we have awarded 107 scholarships, totaling more than \$850,000 to Vi at Bentley Village employees or their dependents. These scholarships do more than provide financial assistance—they open doors to opportunity, empowerment, and brighter futures. This year alone, eight scholarships were awarded, changing the lives of individuals who are often the first in their families to pursue advanced education. The stories of these recipients are a testament to the profound impact of your contributions.

The Foundation also makes a difference in our Bentley Village Community through our Program Fund. Our programs fulfill our mission of "enhancing the cultural, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being of our community." We emphasize music in many of our programs because of the positive changes music makes in seniors' lives. Whenever you check the box for Programs when you give a gift to the Foundation, you support Music Therapy programs, Memory and Mindfulness programs, concerts, and participatory programs such as Belles and Beaus. The Literacy Council helps Vi employees improve their speaking and reading skills through the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. We also co-sponsor the Florida Gulf Coast Academy educational classes with Vi Lifestyle.

I encourage and invite all residents to become involved with some aspect of the Foundation. Our emphasis in 2025 will be honoring all our volunteers and donor members. If you are a Volunteer or Donor Member, we thank you for your support. Participating can be personally rewarding, will expand your network of friends in our community, and will make a difference in the lives of scholarship awardees and seniors in our Bentley community and in Southwest Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Wayne Antworth". The signature is written in a cursive style.

E. Wayne Antworth

HAVING AN IMPACT - SCHOLARSHIPS



Federlin Jean Food and Beverage Lead Server , Stephanie Jean, Federlin Jean, Jr., Marie Carmel Jean, Brittany Jean

Since its inception in 2016, Bentley Village Foundation has partnered with the Collier Community Foundation (CCF) to award “Bentley Wings” competitive scholarships each year to Vi at Bentley Village employees and their dependents, opening doors many thought impossible. These \$6,000 scholarships can be used for any accredited institution offering advanced education and/or vocational training and are renewable for up to eight years. Through 2024, the Foundation has awarded a total of 107 scholarships.

In 2024, the Foundation awarded eight new scholarships to deserving students, including scholars originally from Peru, Haiti, and Ukraine. Over the years, many have come from families who immigrated to the US for a better life or to escape violence or war. Your support has helped turn their dreams into reality. Bentley residents are instrumental in continuing the “Bentley Wings” Competitive Scholarship program. Residents have funded the \$48,000 needed for the 2024 scholars, plus the funds that support our 30 previous scholarship awardees who are continuing their education. Are these scholarships making a difference in the lives of our employees and their dependents? Read the stories of three of this year’s scholars. In addition, you can see brief biographies of all of our 2024 scholars. **To see the stories of other scholars, point your phone’s camera on the QR code and tap the banner that appears.**



HAVING AN IMPACT

SCHOLARSHIPS



Anastasiia King

In 2022, Anastasiia left her home in war-torn Ukraine to seek safety and a future in the United States. Back in Ukraine, Anastasiia had built a career as a Doctor of Laboratory Science, a role that allowed her to make a significant impact on the lives of many. However, upon her arrival in the U.S., she encountered an unexpected hurdle: her medical degree could not be used in her new country.

Undeterred, Anastasiia embarked on a journey of resilience and reinvention. She enrolled at Florida Southwestern

State College, determined to rebuild her professional life from the ground up. She was selected for the Advanced Medical Assistant course and degree program, a stepping stone that would enable her to enhance her medical skills in the United States. In this program she is also working towards certifications in phlebotomy, electrocardiogram, and medical billing—skills that will equip her to provide comprehensive care and thrive in the U.S. healthcare system.

Reflecting on her journey, Anastasiia shares, "Thank you for the opportunity to start a new professional life by mastering new knowledge and skills without financial stress. I truly believe that education is a privilege that, unfortunately, is available to few. But thanks to you, luck smiled on me! Thank you for your trust and belief in my potential."

Anastasiia works as a housekeeper and part-time at the Concierge Desk. Anastasiia's story is one of courage, perseverance, and gratitude. It's a testament to the profound impact that access to education and financial support can have on someone's life. She stands as a beacon of hope, showing that even in the face of adversity, dreams can be reignited, and new paths forged.

HAVING AN IMPACT

SCHOLARSHIPS



Alexandra St. Fleur

Alexandra is the daughter of Mimose St. Fleur, a Licensed Practical Nurse at Bentley's Care Center. She is a senior at Florida Gulf Coast University, majoring in Nursing. Born and raised in Naples, Florida, with Haitian roots, Alexandra has been working toward a career in healthcare from an early age. At 22, she balances her studies with per diem work at Senior Helpers during school breaks, gaining valuable experience in the field she's passionate about.

Her journey began at Lorenzo Walker Technical High School

in Naples, where she graduated cum laude, already a step ahead with a year of college completed. Beyond academics, she was active in sports, playing basketball and running track. She also continues to enjoy activities like kayaking, running, weight-lifting, and playing tennis. Her commitment to her community is evident in her regular church attendance and service in the kids' ministry.

Alexandra's goal is to become a cardiac nurse and work in the ICU, where she can provide critical care to those in need. Looking further ahead, she dreams of offering medical assistance pro bono and participating in mission trips to help those in crisis around the world. For Alexandra, nursing is not just a career but a way to give back and make a meaningful difference.

Reflecting on the support she has received, Alexandra says, "To my donors, thank you for contributing to my education. I would not be able to attend college if it weren't for you. Your contribution has eased the financial burden on my family."

As she approaches the end of her college career, Alexandra acknowledges the challenges of securing scholarships in her final semester. Yet, thanks to the generosity of her donors, she can focus on her studies without added financial stress. "Your support has not only helped me but also my mother. She passed her boards this year without the pressure of working extra hours to support me. My family is in a better place because of you, and I am so grateful."

Alexandra's story is a testament to the power of education and support in transforming lives, and inspiring others through her dedication and gratitude.

HAVING AN IMPACT

SCHOLARSHIPS



Cynthia Ochoa

Cynthia has spent over two decades building a life in the United States since moving from Peru 23 years ago. With a clear goal of pursuing a career in accounting, she began working in the banking industry, where she gained eight years of experience. After earning her associate's degree in accounting, she set her sights on a role that would allow her to grow further in her field.

In 2023, Cynthia joined Bentley Village as an

Accounting Assistant. This position has been a valuable learning experience and a step toward her goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree in accounting. Her focus is on developing her skills and advancing her career within the organization.

Receiving a scholarship has made a significant difference in Cynthia's educational journey.

"I would like to express my deepest gratitude for this scholarship. It represents more than financial assistance—it's a chance to continue my education and pursue my goals."

As a first-generation college student, the cost of education has been a challenge. The scholarship has eased my burden, allowing me to concentrate on my studies without constant financial stress.

"Your generosity has enabled me to focus on my education and work toward my dreams."

Cynthia is grateful for the Foundation's support. She is determined to make the most of this opportunity.

HAVING AN IMPACT

PROGRAMS



Through a diverse range of programs, we aim to reduce isolation, promote healthy living, and enrich the lives of our residents. Here are some highlights from our 2024 initiatives that showcase our commitment to having a positive impact.

Belles and Beaus members Leilani Brenner, Carol Shaw, Carol Mulder

Music Programs

The Power of Music

Music is a cornerstone of our programs due to its profound benefits for seniors. Research from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine highlights music as a “total brain workout” that can lower blood pressure, reduce anxiety, alleviate pain, and improve sleep, mood, alertness, and memory. Recognizing these benefits, we integrate music into many of our offerings.

Participatory Music

Engaging in music through singing or playing instruments amplifies its natural benefits, enhancing mood, skill development, and brain function. Our participatory music programs include:

- **Belles & Beaus:** A 29-member choral group directed by acclaimed concert musician Jodie DeSalvo, and life-long musician Sherry Bailey. The group practices weekly and performs biannual concerts.
- **Bentley Barber Shoppers:** An offshoot of the chorus, this self-led group of eight performs independently.
- **Ukulele Lessons:** Expanded in 2024, leading to performances at events like the HUGS concert.
- **Bi-Weekly Sing-Alongs:** Open to all residents, held on alternate Thursdays at Seaside throughout the year.



Paradise Coastment Barbershop Chorus

HAVING AN IMPACT

PROGRAMS



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Music Therapy

While music can be inherently therapeutic, it is not therapy. Music therapy, when performed by a qualified music therapist, offers significant support to seniors grappling with memory issues. Delivered by qualified therapists, our music therapy program offers significant support for seniors with memory issues, enhancing cognitive function and emotional well-being. Engaging in music therapy helps improve memory recall, social interaction, and overall mental health. We use the House of Music Therapy to provide professional music therapy services at Independent Living, the Bentley Care Center, and Assisted Living. The program also offered supervised training to Bower School of Music students providing placements for the supervised practicums required for graduation. The Foundation offered 291 Music Therapy sessions in 2024.

RESIDENT IMPACT

Testimonies from residents and caregivers highlight the transformative power of music therapy.

“My husband spoke for the first time in months during this concert. He even sang some of the words,” noted one resident

Mindfulness Programs

Professionally-led mindfulness programs help residents cope with age-related stresses, such as chronic illness, loss of functionality, or the death of loved ones. In 2024, Angel Tarquini Sanders led several guided mindfulness series in Independent Living, providing essential support to our community.

Intellectual and Cultural Stimulation

As we get older, we sometimes step back from activities we once enjoyed, like going out for entertainment or learning new things. A key part of our mission is to bring those experiences closer to home—concerts, lectures, performances, and discussions—so we can continue to enjoy them. In 2024, we provided many opportunities to do just that.

Forum

The Forum, supported by the Foundation and run by volunteers, offers intellectually stimulating sessions in such areas such as aging, culture, science, government, and local issues.

HAVING AN IMPACT

PROGRAMS



Live On-Stage Music Programs

Throughout 2024, the Foundation sponsored diverse music programs, including sing-alongs and dance opportunities, featuring genres from opera and classical to rock and bluegrass.

Hwy 41 South Bluegrass Band

Met Opera Series

This series streams world-class opera performances to our campus, enriching our residents' cultural experiences.

Music & Memory Education

We offered two educational sessions on Music Therapy and Drumming to demonstrate how these programs benefit residents with cognitive impairment and their caregivers.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Through a system of awards, grants, and in-kind services, the Foundation works with other respected organizations to create a synergy and efficiency in reaching seniors and those who work with those we serve.

Baker Senior Center Naples We contributed to the Center's luncheon series with bi-weekly sing-alongs by Doug Williams and provided volunteer opportunities for our residents.

Community Music Therapy Outreach In 2024, we piloted a successful Group Music Therapy program for skilled nursing facilities, which will expand to monthly sessions in 2025, encouraging broader adoption of similar programs.

Employee Citizenship Awards To support employees' journeys to U.S. citizenship, the Foundation reimburses \$500 of the application fee, recognizing the significant financial and educational challenges involved.



Renée Fleming Thais at Met

HAVING AN IMPACT

PROGRAMS



John Guerra, FGCU

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Continued)

FGCU Academy

Co-sponsored by the Foundation and Vi Lifestyle, FGCU Academy brings a series of educational lectures to our campus, providing continuous learning opportunities.

Literacy Council - ESL Our collaboration with the Literacy Council Gulf Coast helps residents tutor Vi employees who are non-native English speakers, helping them achieve personal and professional success while enhancing our community workforce.

Neighbors Visiting Neighbors Planned in 2024 and being refined in 2025, this initiative explores pairing BVF volunteers with Avow to support hospice patients and their families.

Please help us continue these impactful programs

We invite residents and supporters to help sustain and grow these impactful programs by selecting the program fund option when giving to Bentley Village Foundation. Your contributions ensure that we can continue enhancing the lives of our community members through enriching, supportive, and joyful programs.

**Together,
we can have
an impact**



Victoria Torres, ESL student, Peter Leigh, ESL Tutor



From left: Tripta Sarin (Bentley Village ESL Chair), Linda Clemons (tutor), Bill Welbourn (BVF Vice President), Dave Crawford (Literacy Council Director), Wayne Antworth (BVF President), 'Pete' Tougas (tutor), Ron Tougas (tutor).

Bentley Village Foundation Awards The Literacy Council Gulf Coast \$3,000

Bentley Village Foundation presented Dave Crawford, Director of the Literacy Council Gulf Coast, with a \$3,000 donation at the council's 35-year celebration on March 28, 2024.

In addition to Bentley Village Foundation's annual grant to the Council, VI at Bentley Village residents are trained how to tutor employees to help them to speak, read, and write in English. Residents also tutor employees preparing for the U.S. Citizenship tests.

The Council assists adults and children to acquire the English literacy skills and the education necessary to improve their quality of life and enhance the entire community.

2024 Bentley Village English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors include Aubin Ames, Linda Clemons, Susan Dietrich, Peter Leigh, Sally Melvin, Tom Oullette, Tripta Sarin, Kathy Smith, Barbara Streicher, 'Pete' Tougas and Ron Tougas.



Pictured from left to right: Penny Smith, Vi at Bentley Village Executive Director, Barbara Streicher (ESL tutor), Johendys Solano, Wayne Antworth, Foundation President, and Linda Clemons (ESL Tutor).

Celebrating Citizenship: Johendys Solano's Inspiring Journey

Bentley Village Foundation is thrilled to support the "Citizenship Awards," a program that reflects the determination and resilience of Vi at Bentley Village employees pursuing U.S. citizenship. Johendys Solano, a server at Lakeside Grille, received the award in 2024.

Becoming a U.S. citizen is no small feat. It requires a deep understanding of U.S. history, government, and the Constitution, all while mastering the English language. For many, the final challenge is the significant financial burden of the application process, which costs around \$1,000. To help ease this burden, the Foundation proudly reimburses \$500 to employees who achieve their dream of citizenship.

On Solano's path to citizenship, Barbara Streicher and Linda Clemons, both English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors, provided language lessons, encouragement, and help with his studies.

Wayne Antworth, Bentley Village Foundation President, described a profound moment during the Resident Council Meeting, where residents came together with Johendys to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, embodying the spirit of support and togetherness.

The Foundation is honored to play a part in these life-changing moments, celebrating the courage and dedication of our employees.



A Testament to Estate Planning and Charitable Giving

Honoring the Legacy of James (Jim) and Jeanne Burke:

Jim and Jeanne Burke left an indelible mark on the world through their generosity and foresight, culminating in the creation of the James L. and Jeanne K. Burke Scholarship Endowment Fund. Their story is a profound reminder of the lasting impact that thoughtful estate planning and charitable giving can have.

Jim (92) and Jeanne (89) led a vibrant life filled with travel to Finland, Ireland, Germany, France, Italy, and Japan. Jim enjoyed playing golf, shooting several hole-in-ones and celebrating course championships. The Burkes had an infectious zest for living and were known for their lively Irish personalities.

They raised two children, Julie and Brian. Julie preceded Jim and Jeanne in death and Brian, who resides in New Hampshire with his family.

In 1993, after Jim retired from Foster & Gallagher in Peoria, PA, they relocated to Naples, Florida. They were married a 68 remarkable years before passing away in 2023.

A Charitable Gift Planning workshop, sponsored by Ciccarelli Advisory Services, sparked their interest in philanthropy, aligning perfectly with their values. Over the years, Jim and Jeanne became passionate supporters of several causes including the "Bentley Wings" Competitive Scholarship Fund. Their commitment to education, which they viewed as a cornerstone of their own success, led them to establish the James L. and Jeanne K. Burke Scholarship Endowment Fund with a generous \$100,000 gift. The fund was created to ensure that future generations could access the gift of a college education, reflecting their belief in the transformative power of learning.

"By creating a legacy, they have ensured that their values and generosity will benefit others for generations to come."

Jim and Jeanne's legacy lives on through their endowment, which will continue to support the BVF Scholarship program. Their story is a testament to the profound impact that estate planning and charitable giving can have. By creating a legacy, they have ensured that their values and generosity will benefit others for generations to come. For those inspired to create their own legacy or explore planned giving options, please contact Wayne Antworth, wayneantworth@gmail.com, or Paul Ciccarelli at Paul@CAS-NaplesFL.com.

HAVING AN IMPACT

ESTATE PLANNING



While donations throughout the year are one way to support the Foundation's mission, Planned Giving, or Legacy Giving, offers a chance to make a larger, lasting impact on the causes you care about.

Planned gifts come in many forms. Some people use estate and tax planning to benefit the causes they care about.

These gifts can be as simple as donating in your will or trust or as creative as giving real estate, life insurance, or other assets such as stocks.

Unlike annual donations or membership dues, planned gifts are part of your long-term financial planning. They allow you to make a meaningful difference while enjoying potential tax benefits. Whether you give cash, stocks, real estate, or other assets, your generosity can have a lasting impact on Bentley Village Foundation and the community we serve.

"Planned Giving allows you to leave a legacy that supports programs like the "Bentley Wings" Competitive Scholarships or Music Therapy, ensuring these programs have an impact for years to come."

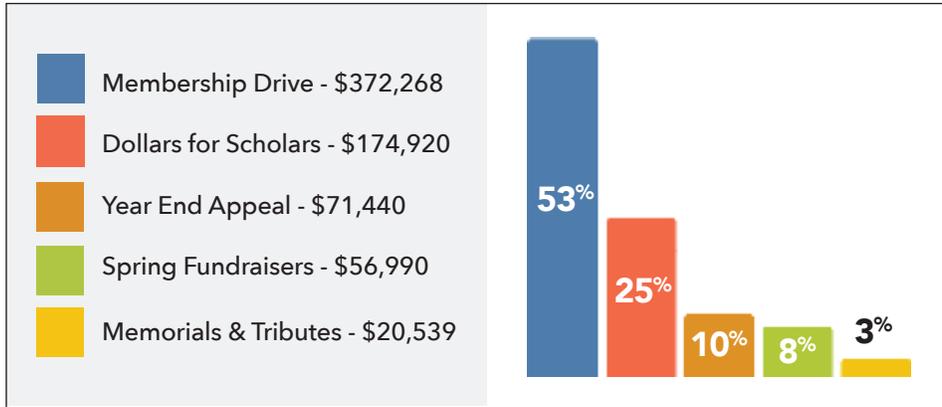
Here are two inspiring examples of how planned giving has helped secure the future of our "Bentley Wings" Competitive Scholarship program. In 2013, long-time VI at Bentley Village residents G. Walter and Martha Adams Erickson established a special \$50,000 scholarship in their name, benefiting three scholars to date. More recently, in 2024, James and Jeanne Burke generously contributed a \$100,000 scholarship endowment to support the Foundation Scholarships, ensuring continued opportunities for deserving students.

You can also ensure the continuation of Music Therapy, Participatory Music and other valuable programs with planned giving to the Program Fund.

We invite you to explore how planned giving can fit into your legacy. Visit BentleyVillageFoundation.org or contact Wayne Antworth (845-518-4135) or Paul Ciccarelli (239-262-6577) for more information on how you can make an Impact.

HOW YOU HELP US SUPPORT OUR MISSION

How We Raise Our Money



Bentley Village Foundation’s total 2024 contributions were \$696,157. Contributions to the Scholarship Funds totaled \$512,769 and to the Programs Fund \$183,388. Donor Members supported the Foundation throughout the year with the fundraising efforts detailed below.

Membership Drive

The 2024 Annual Membership Drive raised \$372,268. Of that, \$200,553 was designated for the

Scholarship Fund, \$100,000 for the Burke Endowment Fund and \$71,715 for the Program Fund.

Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser

The 2024 Dollars for Scholars Event in October raised a record \$174,920 in support of the Scholarship Fund.

Year End Appeal

Contributions totaled \$71,440. \$22,500 was designated for Scholarship Fund and \$48,940 was applied to the Programs Fund.

Spring Fundraisers

The Foundation had two fundraisers in 2024 to support the Programs Fund: A Taste of Opera in January raised \$32,489 and Boots and Bling in April raised \$24,501.

Memorials and Tributes

Last year residents contributed \$20,539 in Memorials and Tributes. Memorials are contributions to remember and honor residents, family members, friends or employees who have passed away. Tributes are donations that show appreciation or gratitude for kindness or services offered by another.

Your generous contributions are sincerely appreciated by all residents and scholarship recipients impacted by the Foundation’s work

You can donate by check, credit card, or use the Foundation icon on Uniguest or www.bentleyvillagefoundation.org. when you donate to the Foundation, you can designate your contribution to the Scholarship Fund or the Program Fund or where needed most. Your donation will be used for the fund you select.



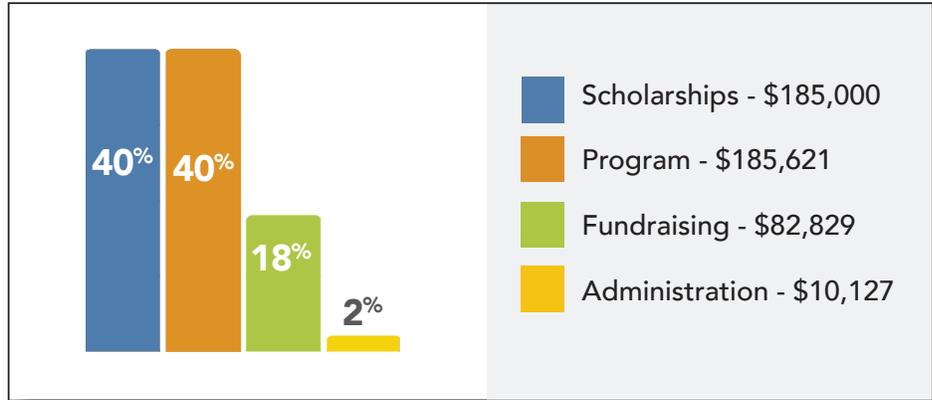
Bentley Village Foundation is rated Four Star, the highest rating available by Charity Navigator and Candid (formerly GuideStar). These organizations assist millions of donors in their charitable decision-making. These ratings reflect a charity’s programs, stability, efficiency, and sustainability.

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Where Your Money Goes

Scholarships

The Foundation has awarded 107 life-changing scholarships totaling over \$835,000 in the past seven years, including eight new scholarships in 2024. An additional \$654,396 is reserved for commitments to 38 scholars currently in our program. Many recipients would not be able to attend college without these scholarships. Many of our scholars are the first in their families to attend higher education. The long-term investments for scholarships consist of funds donated by residents that are designated for future scholarship obligations.



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Programs

The Foundation supports 16 programs for Independent Living, Assisted Living, the Bentley Care Center, and Southwest Florida. These programs fall into the categories of Live Music, Participatory Music, Music Therapy, Intellectual and Cultural Stimulation, and Community Outreach. See the program section on pages 9-13 for details on these programs. In 2024 we spent \$185,621.

Expenses

Administration and fundraising costs include accounting, database management (Donor Perfect), printing, legal, and insurance. Fundraising expenses also include the Annual Membership Drive, Dollars for Scholars and Spring Fundraisers.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - ANNUAL REPORT 2024

(unaudited)

BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS

Cash	\$254,340
Accounts Receivable	\$0
Short-Term Investments	\$374,898
Long-Term Investments - Scholarships	\$1,407,035*
Long-Term Investments - Program	\$526,513
Net Fixed Assets	\$72,523
Total	\$2,635,309

BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	\$13,386
Equity	\$2,621,923
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$2,635.309

P&L REVENUE

Donations	\$464,247
Special Events	\$231,910
Subtotal	\$696,157
Investment Revenue	\$122,751
Unrealized Income	\$158,672**
Total	\$977,580

P&L EXPENSES

Scholarship	\$185,000
Program	\$185,621
Fundraising	\$82,829
Administration	\$10,127***
Total	\$463,577

* Footnote to Financial Statements: An estimate of future scholarship obligations amounts to \$654,396

** Footnote to Financial Statements: Unrealized Income are appreciation of investments

***Footnote to Financial Statements: Administration costs after allocations of other management and general expenses

PEOPLE WHO HELP US MAKE AN IMPACT

FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP: WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?



Jim and Denise Greer, co-chairs Dollars for Scholars

Donor and Volunteer Members Help Us Achieve Our Goals

Have you ever wondered how Bentley Village Foundation (BVF) accomplishes so much? As a 501(c)(3) public charity, BVF relies on a dedicated volunteer Board of Trustees—elected by their peers—to set the strategic direction and oversee its officers and committees.

While BVF does not have a formal membership structure, it thrives through the collective efforts of its members. BVF membership is defined in two ways: Donor Members, who provide essential financial support, and Volunteer Members, who offer their time and skills. Together, these members play crucial roles in advancing BVF's mission.

The generosity of our Donor and Volunteer Members has a ripple effect, extending beyond the scholars to their families and communities. A better education leads to broader career prospects, stronger families, and a commitment to giving back. Many of our Scholars are inspired to “pay it forward,” becoming future Volunteers and Donors, thus continuing the cycle of generosity they experienced. Volunteer Members are recognized on page 19. Donor Members and Organization Donors are honored on pages 22-24.

Volunteer Members: The Heart of BVF

Our Volunteer Members are the heart of BVF, dedicating their time, talents, and energy to help drive the Foundation's initiatives. They are a diverse group of Bentley Villagers who use their skills and passion to ensure BVF's programs and scholarships are carried out with care and excellence. Their commitment embodies the true spirit of service and generosity.

We could not make the impact we do without our Volunteer Members. In addition to saving over \$400,000 in costs, their contributions have a far-reaching impact on our community, enriching the lives of all those they serve.



Bob and Nancy Jaycox, co-chairs Boots & Bling

On the next page, you'll find the names of the dedicated volunteers who helped the Foundation make a difference in 2024. We deeply appreciate all they do.

PEOPLE WHO HELP US MAKE AN IMPACT

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Linda Clemons
Susan Dietrich
Peter Leigh
Sally Melvin
Tom Oullette
Kathy Smith

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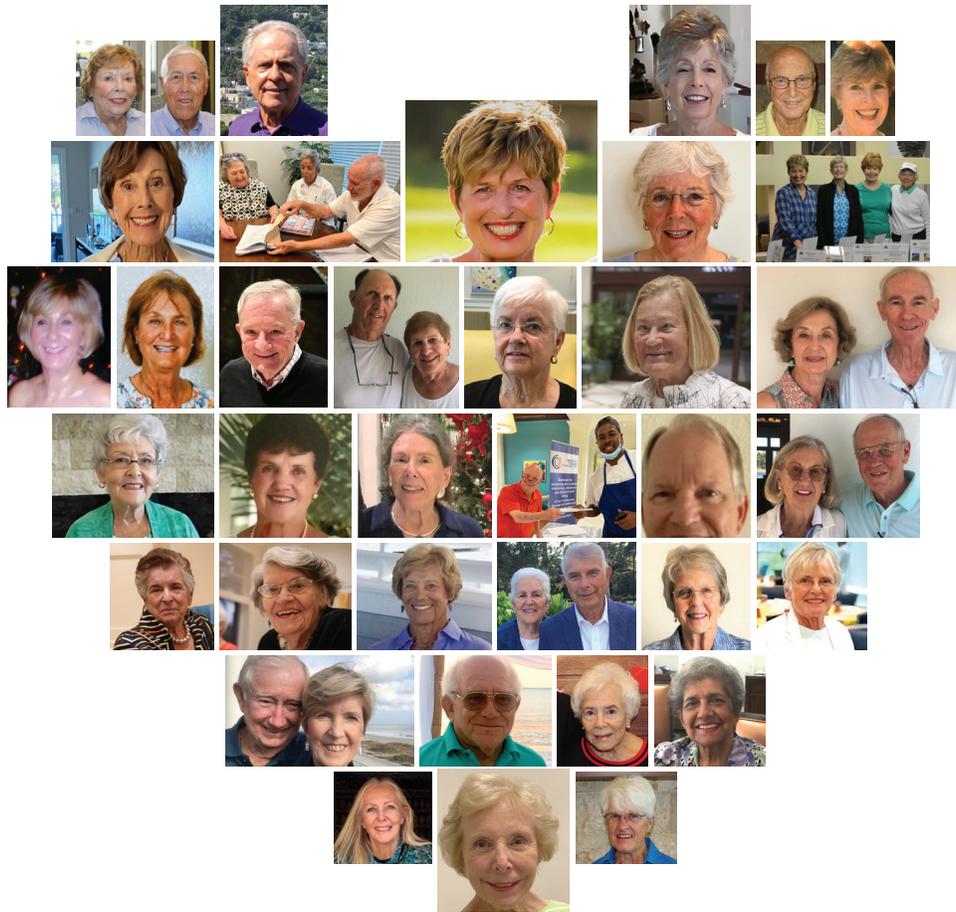
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