



## HAPPY NEW YEAR! Celebrating Our 10-Year Anniversary in 2026

This year marks a major milestone for the Foundation, a full decade of impact, generosity, and community spirit. As we step into 2026, we're thrilled to share exciting updates, new beginnings, and a look back at what we've accomplished together.

- A New Name for the Foundation
- A New Web Address - [www.bentley-foundation.org](http://www.bentley-foundation.org)
- A New Logo
- A New Name for Our Newsletter

### OUR NEW NAME

#### Bentley Village Foundation, Inc. becomes **Bentley Foundation, Inc.**

We're excited to announce that Bentley Village Foundation, Inc. is simplifying its name to Bentley Foundation, Inc. This change helps reduce confusion between the resident-operated Foundation and the Bentley Village (Vi) corporation, while keeping our mission exactly the same.

For 10 years, our work has focused on supporting and enriching the lives of residents and team members at Bentley Village, and throughout Southwest Florida. That commitment remains unwavering. Our new name simply reflects our identity more clearly, and positions us for the next decade of service.

We remain deeply connected to the values of Bentley Village, and profoundly grateful for the residents, donors, volunteers, and partners who make our success possible

### OUR NEW LOOK



An updated version that encompasses all we do: scholarships, programs, community outreach.

**New Web Address: [www.bentley-foundation.org](http://www.bentley-foundation.org)**

Please note: We are not the only "Bentley Foundation" on the world wide web - so be sure to include the hyphen in your search, and bookmark the correct address!

### NEW NEWSLETTER NAME: Community Matters

Because our community truly does matter. The double meaning captures both the importance of our mission and the stories, programs, and people who make Bentley Village such a special place.

#### BENTLEY VILLAGE FOUNDATION MISSION

The mission of Bentley 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.

# Celebrating 10 Years of Enriching Lives



The Foundation's most recent Outreach Grant went to Bonita Senior Center. Shown left to right, Bev Gromek, Wayne Antworth, BF President, Kelly Rose, Bonita Sr. Center President, Karen Gustafson, Executive Director, Stephanie English, Beverly Aviles, Incoming Executive Director and Dave Shellenbarger

Through Programs, Scholarships & Outreach

# Our 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting

## *A Celebration Full of Surprises*

This year's Annual Meeting will be unlike any other. In honor of our 10-year milestone, we're planning:

- A special retrospective of our first decade
- Recognition of key founders, donors, and volunteers
- Announcements of new initiatives and expanded programs
- A preview of our long-term vision for the next 10 years
- And yes, a few surprises we can't reveal just yet

We promise an uplifting, memorable celebration of everything we've accomplished together.



## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF IMPACT

A decade ago, the Foundation began with a simple idea: to enrich the lives of those who call Bentley Village home. Today, we celebrate how far we've come, and the lasting impact we've made together.

## Scholarships That Change Lives

Over the past 10 years, the Foundation has awarded **101 scholarships worth over \$2 million** to Bentley Village employees and their dependents. \$1.2 million has been spent on higher education, and because our "Wings" scholarships are awarded for multiple years, approximately \$700,000 remains in reserve to pay future fees for scholarships already awarded. These scholarships have supported:

- Nursing and healthcare degrees
- Hospitality and culinary training
- Business and Technical degrees
- And many more

*Paola Bonheur, 2025 Scholarship Awardee*

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

# Programs That Enrich Our Community

Thanks to donor generosity, we've launched and sustained programs that bring joy, comfort, and connection to residents, including:

- **Live Music Programs** - supporting concerts and dances.
- **Music Therapy Programs** - offering significant support to seniors with cognitive issues.
- **Participatory Music** - including our resident Belles & Beaus choir; ukulele lessons; and more.
- **Intellectual & Cultural Stimulation** - including our FORUM series of current affairs, and Met Opera streaming performances.

Each section reflects our mission: to uplift, enrich, and strengthen the Bentley Village and Southwest Florida communities.

*Le Phuong Pham, FGCU Bower School of Music*



*John Guerra, popular FGCU Academy presenter*



## Outreach Programs



Our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status requires that a portion of our funds raised benefit the surrounding community. Bentley Foundation is pleased to provide funding for these community organizations:

- Avow
- Baker Senior Center
- Bonita Senior Center
- FGCU Lecture Series
- Literacy Council and ESL Programs

### BENTLEY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

*A volunteer organization of residents enhancing community life.*

#### OFFICERS

Wayne Antworth  
*President*

Bill Welbourn  
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*Assistant Treasurer*  
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# Here's to the Next 10 Years

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we look back with gratitude and forward with excitement. Thank you for being part of our mission, our community, and our story.

**Together, we've built something extraordinary—and the best is yet to come.**

## Volunteer Power - HELP! We need you!



Our Volunteers are the heart-beat of the Foundation. From event support to committee leadership to scholarship selection to hands-on projects, volunteers have contributed

thousands of hours over the last decade. And due to the tremendous generosity of Bentley residents, we have the opportunity to greatly enhance our offerings as we embark on our second decade. But we desperately need the manpower to fulfill our mission. We need a Program Committee chair; we need a Development Committee chair; we need "Dollars for Scholars" chairmanship; we need volunteers for most of our standing committees.



**ASK YOURSELF** - Have you been involved in fundraising or event planning; do you have a social work background; are you skilled in editing or proofreading or publishing or writing articles; do you have educational experience? And if so, would you like to share those skills with the Foundation and join a group of Bentley residents, who use their talents and passion to ensure Bentley Foundation's programs and scholarships are carried out with care and excellence. Thank you for your consideration!



**Tue, Jan 27**  
7:00 PM

**Jodie & Friends present "Broadway Baby"**  
*Palmetto Room (Sign up with Lifestyles)*

**Tue, Feb 10**  
4:30 PM

**Doug Williams plays piano**  
*Seaside Lounge*

**Tue, Feb 17**  
7:00 PM

**Celebrate Mardi Gras with JazzMasters Dixieland Band**  
*Palmetto Room (Sign up with Lifestyles)*

**Tue, Feb 24**  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

**David Cole plays Piano for your enjoyment**  
*Seaside Lounge*

**Thurs, Feb 26**  
2:00 PM

**Bentley Foundation Annual Meeting**  
*Palmetto Room*

**Sat, Feb 28**  
12:30 PM

**Met Opera Streaming La Bohème**  
*Theatre (Sign up with Lifestyles)*

**Wed, March 11**  
2:00 PM

**FORUM: Presented by David Lawrence Center**  
*Palmetto Room (Sign up with Lifestyles)*

# MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES – JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2025

## IN MEMORY

**Bruce Anderson**

James & Natalie Wismar

**Martin Barrett**

Ira Dash  
Ric & Mary Beth Huttenlocher  
Marvin & Barbara Marcus  
Karen Rosenstein

**Paul Benson**

Karen Rosenstein

**David Boardman**

Theodore & Barbara Christiansen  
Dave & Marcia Courtney  
Carolyn Fulton  
Chester & Nancy Hobert  
William & Mary Pat Hooper  
Marvin & Barbara Marcus  
Karen Rosenstein  
Clifford & Lindsay Weidner  
James & Natalie Wismar

**Roger Brown**

Theodore & Barbara Christiansen  
Carolyn Fulton  
Dave & Sue Leonard  
Karen Rosenstein

**Carol Carleton**

Chester & Nancy Hobert  
Larry & Phyllis Liebman

**Blanche Coffey**

Donald & Ann Herring

**Jim Eastman**

Theodore & Barbara Christiansen  
Anne Marie Eastman  
Carolyn Fulton  
Chester & Nancy Hobert  
Kalamazoo Community Foundation  
for James Ware  
Natalie Knecht  
Herbert & Carroll Koelling  
John & Angela Toth  
Gerald Weis  
James & Natalie Wismar

**Ann Elliott**

Marianna Gundolf

**Pat Engel**

Ira Dash

**Marie Gerwin**

Marianna Gundolf

**Joan Geohegan**

Susan Sterner

**Gertrud "Trudy" Graham**

Marianna Gundolf

**Janice Hitch**

Ira Dash  
Jacquita Hauserman  
Dave & Sue Leonard  
Penny Mueller  
Timothy Mueller  
Robert & Carolyn Myers  
Karen Rosenstein  
Edson & Joyce Taylor

**Johannah Holleran**

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Dave & Marcia Courtney  
Karen Rosenstein  
James & Natalie Wismar

**Mert Hornbuckle**

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Evelyn Caldron  
Robert & Janice Conrad  
Dave & Marcia Courtney  
Carolyn Fulton  
Marianna Gundolf  
Dorothy Howard  
Helga Richards  
Karen Rosenstein  
Eileen Siegel  
Susan Sterner

**Jean Kowalski**

Rich & Nancy Nortz  
Susan Sterner  
James & Natalie Wismar

**Yvonne Lesure**

Dallas & Carolyn Mulder

**Marilyn Lightner**

Wayne Antworth  
Carolyn Fulton  
Beverly Gromek  
Dallas & Carolyn Mulder  
Karen Rosenstein

**Mary & Frances Mazzeo**

Mary Ann Fithian

**Frank Mazziotta**

Robert & Janice Conrad  
Judy Gantley  
Faye Mazziotta  
Bill & Suzanne Whitney  
James & Natalie Wismar

**Tom McNulty**

Theodore & Barbara Christiansen  
Ric & Mary Beth Huttenlocher  
Dave & Sue Leonard  
Marvin & Barbara Marcus  
Dallas & Carolyn Mulder  
Karen Rosenstein  
Susan Sterner

**Marilyn Olson**

James & Natalie Wismar

**Bill Pescosolido**

Wayne Antworth  
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Beverly Gromek  
Jacquita Hauserman  
Dallas & Carolyn Mulder  
Karen Rosenstein

**Irene Powers**

Lela Gershon  
Helga Richards

**Don Rowe**

James & Natalie Wismar

**Joanna Ryan**

James & Natalie Wismar

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Ric & Mary Beth Huttenlocher  
Karen Rosenstein

**Bud Taber**

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**Helena Thom**

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Dave & Sue Leonard  
Karen Rosenstein  
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Doug & Linda Stather  
Eric Thom

**Rosalie Timmon**

Richard & RoseMarie Butz  
Dave & Marcia Courtney  
Jacquita Hauserman  
Chester & Nancy Hobert  
Kalamazoo Community Foundation  
for James Ware  
Karen Rosenstein

**William Warshauer**

Larry & Phyllis Liebman  
Robert & Carolyn Myers

## IN TRIBUTE

**Henny Porter**

Daniel & Marilyn Scanlon

**Leilani Brenner**

Maureen Genel  
Helen Roth

**Richard Dahnke**

Peter & Gail Wilson

**Woodworking Shop**

Susan Sterner

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