



# 2024 Q1 STAKEHOLDER SENTINEL

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## ROJ & CFY/SPC POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Starting in 2024, CFY has partnered with St. Petersburg College to provide 10 scholarships worth \$9,000 payable over 2 years to a Pinellas County graduating Senior who will be attending St. Petersburg College. CFY's 2024 Richard O. Jacobson (ROJ) and newly added CFY/ SPC Postsecondary Scholarship Program as reached new heights with a total of \$250,000 to be awarded this summer. Since the program's inception CFY has given over \$1,150,000 in scholarships. The final distribution of awards includes: eight \$10,000 college/university awards, ten full books and tuition St. Pete College scholarships, thirteen \$5,000 college/university awards, and one \$3,500 technical/trade awards, for a total of 30 lives impacted. Each honoree had the opportunity to meet their scholarship sponsor at "Breakfast at the Ballpark", sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies at their Spring Training home away from home on March 4th.



## CONTINUOUS GIVING AWARD

CFY Grant Program now includes an Arts & Culture Registration Reimbursement category that will facilitate access to programs like those offered at the Dunedin Fine Art Center to a greater number of children enrolled in Title 1 schools across Pinellas County with awarding \$22,500 for the student registrations for Summer Camps and their After School Program as well as their Wheels on Wheels Program. Secondly, as CFY expands relationship with Pinellas Sheriff and the Sheriff's PAL Boxing Program grows in support with a \$33,00 donation to continue their programming.



## KICK OFF TO WATER SAFETY

the Title 1 Water Safety Program which was piloted in 2022 with two schools (Belleair and SkyCrest) by providing transportation and water safety shirts. In 2023 we supported five schools serving 1,300 students in grades kindergarten through second with lifesaving in-water skills for two weeks. So far in 2024 CFY has served three schools: McMullen Booth, Eisenhower and Mount Vernon (the first school in St Petersburg) Elementary. With More schools scheduled for 2024.



## PROGRAM WORKSHOP

Second annual CFY program workshop sponsored by Big Storm Brewery was held on January 30, 2024, where over 30 youth sport and program providers attended to learn more about CFY's expanded geographic support, grant program offerings and ways they may assist with working with the CFY Network of funding partners to further expand funding to open up access to all youth regardless of their ability to pay registration fees.



## GRANTS AWARDED

In the first grants cycle awarded over \$30,000 in aAthlete Scholarship Reimbursement and Equipment Supplement. In this cycle the grants impacted 7 different programs including: Knights Lacrosse Foundation, Team Under Pressure Basketball Club, Upper Pinellas Football, Burg Baseball, Safety Harbor Little League, Oldsmar Little League and Largo Seminole Basketball.





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## INAUGURAL TECHNOLOGY AWARD FEATURING CFY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS PRESENTED BY BIZCO

In 2023, CFY was provided with a lightly used Mac Book Pro to provide to a Richard O. Jacobson Post Secondary Scholarship winner. Based on the experience and interaction with the winner, CFY then contacted technology partners in the community to gauge their interest in providing devices annually to support other scholarship winners in the future.

Beginning in 2024, CFY partnered with Bizco to offer 5 iPad Air devices with Magic Keyboards to recipients of our Post-Secondary Scholarships. In 2025, CFY will be offering 10 iPad Air devices with Magic Keyboards courtesy of Bizco.



## FRED FISHER WATER SAFETY

In memory of CFY founder and long-time advocate of water safety, CFY is honored to rename the water safety program after Fred Fisher. With all of our community partners, we strive to make a difference in today's youth with these life-saving skills.

The Fred Fisher Water Safety Programs served so far 6 Title 1 Elementary Schools including: McMullen Booth, Eisenhower, Skycrest, Bellair, Mount Vernon and San Jose.



## PINELLAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

CFY continues to build upon its' mission of elevating the youth of Pinellas County through its partnership with the Pinellas Education Foundation, with another \$50,000 contribution to the Take Stock In Children Program. Through the Foundation's partnership with the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, each donor dollar is matched, doubling the impact of this award to benefit an additional 11 Pinellas County children for the 3rd year in a row.



## GRANTS AWARDED

In the second quarter of 2024 CFY awarded over \$130,000 in Athlete Scholarship Reimbursement, Equipment Supplement, and newly added Facility Enhancement. CFY is providing Facility Enhancement Grants for the first time. These grants include two little league programs in the county totaling almost \$30,000 to support batting cages for young softball players and scoreboards for an entire complex in Oldsmar and Dunedin, respectively. In this cycle, the grants impacted 22 different programs.



APRIL *CFY Banquet on the Beach* 2024  
SHERATON SAND KEY RESORT

## CFY BANQUET ON THE BEACH

CFY was officially chartered as a nonprofit organization by the State of Florida in February 1972 but was active in the community organizing youth athletic programming for 6 years prior. The 52nd anniversary celebration was an opportunity to pay homage to the growth of the organization, transitioning from the role of organizer to funder and facilitator in recent years while expanding beyond Clearwater's city limits to serve youth across Pinellas County. The event raised over \$200,000 in support of CFY initiatives.

Supporters can expect Banquet on the Beach to return each spring (the 2025 date is April 25) as CFY's principal annual fundraiser supporting the mission of elevating the youth of Pinellas County through access to skill building programs where children of all backgrounds can learn, play, and grow together.





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## FOOTBALL & CHEER PROGRAM

CFY continues to build upon its mission of elevating the youth of Pinellas County through its grant programs with our football and cheer programs. CFY supports different football and cheer programs throughout the entire county: Countryside Jr. Cougars, Clearwater Jr. Tornados, Dunedin Jr. Falcons, Greenwood Panthers, North Pinellas Panthers, Tarpons Springs Jr. Spongers and Pinellas County Warriors,. With newly added program assistance in the City of St. Pete serving: St Pete Lil Devil's, Northeast Jr. Bandits, Lakewood Jr. Spartans & Child's Park Rattlers.



## JULY SPORTS MONTH

For the month of July CFY worked with local restaurant partners to give back to youth sports in Pinellas County. The Support provides children with long-lasting mental, emotional and physical benefits. As this is our first year in this partnership CFY plans for the program to keep growing. Thank you to our participating partners: PDQ, O'Keefe's, BayStar, Beachside Hospitality Group, and Capogna's.

## CFY BIGGEST GIVING

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## PROGRAM WORKSHOP

ICFY virtual program workshop was held on June 2024. Over 30 youth sports and program providers attended virtually to learn more about CFY. Topics included expanded geographic support, grant program offerings and ways they can work with the CFY network of funding partners to open up access to all youth regardless of their ability to pay registration fees.



## CFY PODCAST WITH WFLA

CFY was officially Bucs legend Ronde Barber, Olympic Gold Medalist Brooke Bennett discuss importance of giving back through sports. With special guest Ms. Ruby from the Child's Park Rattlers football and cheer program.





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## 41ST ANNUAL ART CAPONGA MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

This year's proceeds benefits the Art and Margaret Caponga Memorial Scholarship Fund, providing 2 postsecondary scholarships to Pinellas County High School Seniors. Also benefited children who need financial assistance for Clearwater Junior Tornadoes Football Program at Art Capogna Memorial Field. Finally this years event help launch the First Tee Program at Chi Chi Rodriquez Gold Club at Clearwater Country Club. The event raised over \$40,000.



## WELCOME HOME OLYMPIANS PRESENT BY KLR RACING

CFY honored 10 Tampa Bay Olympians from 1984-2024 at Island Way Grille on October 28. The event held a meet and greet and an Olympic Round Table. The Olympians included were: Bobby Finke, Noah Lyons, Tracy Otto, Zach Railey, Ken Eriksen and our very own Brooke Bennett with a Special Guest appearance from Hulk Hogan.



## THE PRO CUP SUPPORTING CFY

THE PRO CUP, a high-energy competitive golf tournament coming to Innisbrook Resort Dec. 10-14. This one-of-a-kind tournament brings together professional athletes from the worlds of basketball, baseball, football and hockey to compete in a Ryder Cup-style match-play tournament to determine which league prevails on the course. The PRO Cup is committed to making a positive impact in the communities it visits by partnering with local organizations that support youth athletic programs. THE PRO CUP has partnered with CFY to support youth athletics programs in Pinellas.



## FESTIVAL OF TREES

For the first time CFY joined in an amazing event in the community. The 40th anniversary Festival of Trees presented by AMERILIFE to support The Arc Tampa Bay Foundation. CFY donated an Olympian Christmas Tree that was auctioned off and all money raised donated to the Arc Foundation.



## HOLIDAY MIXER

We are extremely excited to have BayStar Restaurant Groups as one of our CFY partners. Not only do they help us with hosting events they are also the sponsor of our Youth Athlete Reimbursement. They were tremendous in providing the hospitality for CFY to host our 2nd holiday mixer at Island Way Grill. The event helped CFY bring in new people to learn more about what's new at CFY and the growth of what is happening at CFY. As CFY continues to grow throughout Pinellas county we continue to get the message out of the importance of CFY's 3 Pillars: Education, Athletic Grants and Water Safety.