

NAPLES CHILDREN

NCEF

& EDUCATION
FOUNDATION



JOIN THE
MOMENTUM

Make a Positive Impact



WHO WE ARE + WHAT WE DO

We are NCEF. The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, fills a critical void for at-risk and underserved children in Collier County as the largest single source of funding for their essential services, supporting effective, disciplined charitable programs that significantly improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of these children.





Every Dollar Improves Children's Lives

Nearly \$302 million has been raised through the Naples Winter Wine Festival since its inception, positively impacting 350,000 at-risk and underserved children.

100% Invested in the Future

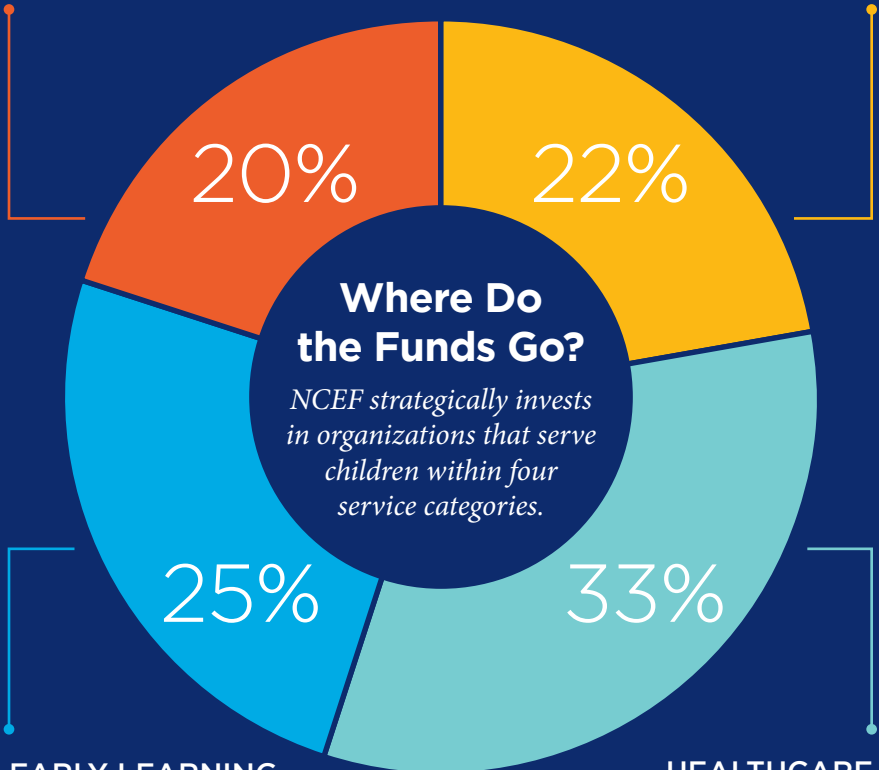
At NCEF, we define ourselves as investors who strive to attain the highest possible levels of human gain for the available grant dollars when investing in charitable programs. In doing so, we consider the cost relative to the benefit and look for programs that incite successful collaboration and expand opportunities for replication to other organizations.

CHILD ADVOCACY

This includes individuals, professionals and organizations that speak for and protect our community's most vulnerable children by providing a voice, shelter, crisis counseling mentorship and the essentials to help them overcome the challenges they face.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

Programs that operate during after-school, holiday and summertime hours improve engagement in learning by helping young people build stronger relationships with adults, foster better work habits and increase feelings of personal efficacy.



EARLY LEARNING

A child's early years lay the foundation for their lifetime. Enriched learning experiences stimulate a child's growth in all key developmental areas. An environment with well-educated and caring staff, high program standards and a curriculum based on a child's developmental needs is critical to that child's long-term success.

HEALTHCARE

NCEF grants provide essential medical and healthcare services that have measurable outcomes and a life-changing impact. Therapeutic intervention modalities include applied behavioral analysis, counseling, equine therapy, speech and language therapy and therapeutic recreation.



A Blueprint for Success

NCEF commissioned in-depth assessments of the needs of children in Collier County. These studies proved to be a comprehensive overview of the status of child well-being in our community.

Several significant gaps in basic services for Collier County children were identified. In response to these findings, the Trustees of NCEF elected to look beyond their annual grants program and proactively engage in strategic partnerships with local non-profits, local colleges, universities and other foundations to create long-term solutions to fill these voids.

NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time. Working creatively with other private or public charitable entities, NCEF has established seven major Strategic Initiatives using the Blueprint Model.

The Blueprint Partners included within NCEF's Strategic Initiatives exemplify the highest levels of efficacy and accountability by collaborating to optimize funding and developing innovative programs to deliver high-quality programs and services.



7 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Early Learning

Everything Starts with Baby Steps

This multi-faceted initiative for children, from birth to 5 years old, enhances teacher quality, access, and affordability of education-focused care—components that research deemed deficient in Collier County.

Since inception, over 59,000 high-risk children ages 6 months to 5 years entered school with more learning tools by attending high-quality early childhood education programs.

Strategic Partners

- ABLE Academy
- Early Learning Coalition
- Early Literacy & Learning Model (ELLM)
- Guadalupe Center
- Pathways Early Education Center
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)



Five-year-old Aria overcame initial separation anxiety at Guadalupe Center and quickly became independent, developing skills for kindergarten as seen here at her pre-k graduation.

Healthcare

Prevention is the Best Medicine

Children in need are provided with essential medical and healthcare services that have measurable outcomes and a life-changing impact.

Since 2006, nearly 270,000 pediatric patient visits have been conducted between the Isabel Collier Read Medical Campus in Immokalee and Healthcare Network's Nichols Community Health Center in Golden Gate.

Strategic Partners

- FSU: College of Medicine
- Healthcare Network
- University of Florida: College of Medicine



Jean, at just seven days old, during a routine well-child checkup at Healthcare Network's Children's Care practice in Immokalee.

Hunger

A Recipe for Success

Nutritious meals are supplied to children and their families who struggle with food insecurity, (the fear of not knowing where their next meal will come from).

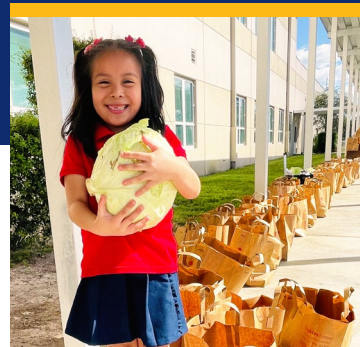
Since 2011, nearly 30 million nutritious meals have been distributed to children and families in need and, in 2023 alone, 8,451,889 meals were served, accounting for nearly one-third the overall total.

Strategic Partners

- Brighter Bites
- Harry Chapin Food Bank of SWFL
- Meals of Hope
- Midwest Food Bank*

- Our Daily Bread Food Pantry*
- Pan-Florida Challenge*

**Indicates new strategic initiative partner*



At 7 years old, Brianna looks forward to receiving the fresh produce delivered to her elementary school by Brighter Bites.

Mental Health

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Through the holistic integration of primary care and behavioral health services, children's mental health issues can be identified and prevented.

Since 2012, over 75,000 youth have received effective and coordinated mental health services and treatment.

Strategic Partners

- David Lawrence Centers
- FSU: College of Medicine – Isabel Collier Read Medical Campus
- Golisano Children's Hospital
- Healthcare Network
- NAMI Collier



Avow Kids Adventure Campers, ages 5 to 10, participate in resilience-building activities that teach valuable life skills, helping them process and navigate life's challenges.

Oral Health

A Smile is Worth a Thousand Words

Dental care for at-risk and underserved children is provided through the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center, Healthcare Network's Nichols Community Health Center and a mobile sealant program.

Over 186,259 pediatric dental visits have been provided by the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center since it opened its doors in December 2008.

Strategic Partners

- Healthcare Network
- University of Florida: College of Dentistry



Cory, age 5, during a routine check-up at Healthcare Network's pediatric dental clinic at Nichol's Community Health Care Center in Golden Gate.

Out-of-School Time

Level the Playing Field

Innovative, groundbreaking programming has been developed to close gaps in education during after-school, holiday and summertime hours.

Over 56,000 children have received the tools and services they need for academic success through enriching after-school and summer programs.

Strategic Partners

- Boys & Girls Club of Collier County
- Guadalupe Center
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)
- The Immokalee Foundation



At Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation's two-day Naples Camp, youth ages 9 to 14 received a special visit from Greater Naples Fire Rescue, adding real-life education to the sports camp experience.

Vision

Seeing is Believing

Children in Collier County's Title I* schools are ensured to receive professional vision screenings and when medically appropriate, also receive full eye exams and two pairs of glasses (one for home and school).

**Title I refers to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children who are disadvantaged.*

176,603 vision screenings + 44,595 glasses dispensed since 2012.

Strategic Partners

- Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
- Florida Lions Eye Clinic
- Lighthouse of Collier



Having eye conditions since she was one, 7-year-old Julieta has been a Florida Lions Eye Clinic patient the last four years and is seen here recovering after a successful strabismus surgery through Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

AS OUR COMMUNITY GROWS, SO DOES THE NEED



69% of children aged 3 to 4 years are not enrolled in early childhood education programs in Collier County.



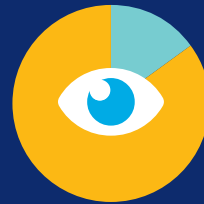
65% of Collier County Public Schools students are eligible for free/reduced lunch.

100%

increase in the number of deaths by suicide for Collier County children aged 10-19 between 2017 and 2022.



80% of children screened through the NCEF Pediatric Oral Health Initiative experienced tooth decay due to insufficient treatment.



85% of Title I students and at-risk children have vision problems that are either undetected or untreated.



65%

of foster care children don't have placement within Collier County.

COLLIER COUNTY NEEDS YOU!

*Your Involvement Will
Make a Difference*



Donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting donate.napleswinefestival.com.

Join the Legacy Society to be remembered for your contribution to the underserved children of Collier County and leave an impact on future generations.

Support our Endowment with a current gift, pledge or planned gift to ensure NCEF's continued operations and grantmaking activities.

Volunteer and join the over 300 people who work behind the scenes to help make NCEF and the festival a success.

Give by supporting the online auction with a unique one-of-a-kind package or experience and then bid high and often in January at www.fonlineauction.com.

Sponsor by underwriting the Naples Winter Wine Festival or contributing in-kind services.

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The Countdown is on!

NCEF celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2025, and you can stay up to date on all the events that highlight our past, present and future by visiting napleswinefestival.com.