

**For Immediate Release**

## Naples Botanical Garden Receives \$12,000 Grant From The Community Foundation of Collier County

**NAPLES, FL – August 18, 2020** – Naples Botanical Garden is pleased to announce it has received a \$12,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Collier County. These funds will support adapting our successful Meet Me in the Garden therapeutic horticulture program into a virtual experience.

Meet Me in the Garden is for adults with memory impairments and their care-partners. The monthly sessions normally feature an enriching sensory tour of the Garden followed by social, plant-related activities in the Buehler Enabling Garden. Last year, the program engaged 308 individuals, serving people from the Alzheimer's Support Network and Golden Gate Senior Center. Due to social distancing measures related to the current pandemic, the Garden aims to reinvent this program with at-home activity kits and videos so participants can engage virtually.

Grants such as these allow the opportunity for engagement to remain uninterrupted, says Donna McGinnis, Naples Botanical Garden President & CEO.

"It helps set the foundation for the next developments in digital programming for the Garden and our partners," McGinnis adds.

The Community Foundation of Collier County awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. Selected organizations receive grant dollars from the Changing Needs Fund. This Fund is made up of donors who believe in the Community Foundation's ability to identify and grant to the community's most current needs.

**For questions, contact Renée Waller, Director of Communications & Marketing, at [rwaller@naplesgarden.org](mailto:rwaller@naplesgarden.org).**



## Naples Botanical GARDEN

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### About Naples Botanical Garden

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre, world-class garden paradise that features plants from around the world. The Garden provides arts, culture, youth and adult education, conservation, wellness, and volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Southwest Florida onsite and online at [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org). The Garden's living collections are always growing and evolving, leaving our audiences with a deeper engagement with our curated gardens and Preserve. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with timed tickets required, final tickets at 12

p.m. every day, with Fogg Café opening at 9 a.m. Timed entry tickets must be purchased in advance at [naplesgarden.org](https://www.naplesgarden.org). Regular admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children (4–14); Members and children 3 and under get in free.

## About the Community Foundation of Collier County

The Community Foundation of Collier County, now entering its 35th year, is a tax-exempt, public, charitable organization established in 1985 to increase and focus on local private philanthropy. Today, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 750 funds, collaborates with hundreds of nonprofits, holds \$214 million in assets and has distributed over \$184 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and community programs. The Community Foundation of Collier County is one of Florida's fastest-growing community foundations. For good. Forever. Learn more at [cfcollier.org](https://www.cfcollier.org) or call 239.649.5000.

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