

Marco Island Welcomes

SHERIDAN ROAD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation has finally made its way to Marco Island! Sheridan Road founder, Daniel Bryant, and his wife, Annie, are now full-time Marco residents. For the past decade, The Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation has made a commitment to improve the outcomes for children and young adults from across the country. With the simple mission of evaluating not-for-profits making a difference in the most under-resourced communities and helping to shine a light on the impact they are making, the Foundation and its partners have donated approximately \$2 million dollars to more than 30 beneficiaries.

Since its humble Chicago-based beginnings in 2012, the Foundation has built a network of Advisory Board members from across the country who help to identify local organizations while leveraging its national reach for programming and development. The Foundation focuses on organizations that provide support to K-12 and young adults across the foundational necessities of physical, financial and emotional wellness. Some representative beneficiaries include The Bargain Basket, Bernie's Book Bank, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, By the Hand Club, Clare Matrix, Communities in

Schools and The Harlem School. Sheridan Road combines this broad-based collaboration and on the ground volunteerism to identify and partner with beneficiaries. Representatives of the Foundation either serve on the local board or as liaisons with each beneficiary to ensure that the partnership is always active and evolving. Part of the uniqueness of the Foundation also rests with its various benefits that – wait for it – are impactful, inspiring and FUN. Through its longstanding relationships with Grammy and Academy award-winning songwriters, the Foundation has hosted more than 20 "Songwriters in the Round" performances. These often-intimate fundraisers combine dinner, drinks and a concert where the songwriters (two-four singers) provide insights into the writing of the song and then perform their Number One songs in a round robin format. Each benefit has a recipient beneficiary who presents their mission and the partnership with Sheridan Road. Music is a powerful connector of people and memories like no other art form.

"One of the first things we realized is that there are so many areas in need across Southwest Florida, and we look forward to partnering and supporting

many local organizations right here in our own community," Daniel noted. "Our neighbors and friends are hungry to find a way to give back, make a difference and build fellowship. We represent a frictionless and easy way to get involved, volunteer and move the needle. We have very low overhead and no full-time employees, so are able to donate substantially all of the money that we raise."

The Foundation is expanding its advisory board from 30 to 50 members and already has several residents on the Advisory Board: Kathy Dennis, Eric Chesser, Maria Oddy and Susie Getz. The Foundation hosted an event in Naples last year, New York earlier this year and has benefits in Los Angeles and Nashville scheduled for this fall.

"We can't wait to host our first Songwriters in the Round Benefit on Marco Island next year, expand all our volunteer opportunities year-round, and support as many organizations as possible," Daniel said.

For more information about Sheridan Road or how to get involved, please visit the website: sheridanroadfoundation.org.



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