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Dear Friends,

As we close another year together, I want to thank you for being a part of our Central Florida Foundation community. Without your investment of mind, heart, and dollars, we wouldn't have had such a successful year in the way of community progress and making Central Florida an even better place to call home.

Here are a few highlights from our year together in 2022:

The **Black Boardroom Leadership Institute** (BBLI) saw its first graduation just last month. Out of 139 applicants for the leadership track, 20 individuals became BBLI's first graduating class, with rave reviews of the program from community members, including participants, partners, community leaders, and many who hope to get involved with this incredible program in its 2023 track.

Central Florida Foundation is proud to be a part of BBLI from the beginning, with seed funding in 2021 and continued support with an additional grant this year. It has also been a rewarding experience to serve on BBLI's advisory board, along with two additional outstanding CFF staff members: our Executive Assistant, Beverly Grant, and our Vice President of Community Strategies and Initiatives, Sandi Vidal.

Thrive Central Florida, an initiative of CFF, awarded its first grant over the summer from its Healthcare Impact Fund, marking an important milestone in the development of our localized version of the international Sustainable Development Goals. Guided by Sandi Vidal, the Foundation published its Guide to Thrive, a comprehensive digital handbook outlining the initiative's structure, goals, partners, and overall vision, allowing us to visually capture the story of Thrive and where its heading.

Another initiative of CFF, **100 Women Strong** (100WS) continued its 3-year commitment to Women's Economic Empowerment with a grant to help solve systemic issues related to women's financial literacy and domestic violence. With 100WS members diving into educating themselves on these complex issues and even publishing a report detailing their research, this, again, goes to show that 100WS isn't your average giving circle – it's a strategic, research-based initiative where members bring their mind, heart, and dollars to the table to find innovative, long-term solutions.

It's been an exciting year, and we're very thankful that you've been a part of it. I invite you to learn more about the accomplishments mentioned above, and more highlights from the year, by clicking [here](#). From all of us at Central Florida Foundation, we wish you a memorable holiday season and a very happy new year.

All my best,



Mark Brewer
President/CEO