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**The Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Awards a Grant to SCOPE**

SARASOTA, FLORIDA ... SCOPE is pleased to announce receipt of a \$60,000 grant from The Community Foundation of Sarasota County. This grant will sustain the mission of SCOPE to support the power of citizens working together to build a thriving community. Specific initiatives include generating data that is meaningful to neighborhoods as well as to the county as a whole, engaging with citizens at the neighborhood level, the formation of the Institute for the Ages and supporting the local environmental goals of three citizen-led workgroups. Since 2002, the Community Foundation has awarded annual grants totaling \$360,000 in support of SCOPE's work with the community.

Nick Gladding, Chairman of SCOPE's Board of Directors, states, "We are very appreciative of the continued support from The Community Foundation of Sarasota County. This signifies their abiding faith in our citizens and their trust in SCOPE to acknowledge, nurture and catalyze citizen energy and passion."

SCOPE was formed in 2001, and *its mission is to connect and inspire citizens to create a better community.* Learn more about SCOPE at www.scopexcel.org.

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