



SCOPE

Our community focused on our future

2007 Annual Report



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connects and inspires citizens
to create a better community.



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Letter from Tim and Duncan

Dear SCOPE friends,


This past year many of you have spent a great deal of time and resources with SCOPE around the two topics of Aging and Race. We have absorbed new information together and have ventured into some new areas as a community and as an organization.

What have we learned? How does what we have learned create a different future?

Perhaps the lesson that cuts across both these topics is that there is an abiding desire in people throughout our community to make a difference, to matter in some way. Regardless of age or circumstance, we want to commit our energy to something that “moves the ball” and that is bigger than any one person – we seek action and impact that makes a difference for more than just ourselves. This is the basis of a healthy community, one where citizenship is growing. Another observation that may be a part of these two topics and many other issues in our community is that people seem to feel more powerless now than in the past. This tends to be reflected in our disaffection with exercising our right to vote. It also is more than the data. There are many stories about the disconnection between people and power, how does what we are doing with SCOPE change any of that?

Imagine a person is trying to maneuver a sailboard. As he stands holding the sail, the sail is luffing in the wind. He is not moving forward, backward or sideways; he is stuck. He has to CHANGE something about his situation in order for him to move. Similarly we have to change something. SCOPE believes that there are two things that can and should change: how we talk with each other and who is involved in the conversation.

A more polarized nation and community (we are not immune) results in conversations of blame and extremism. Instead of considering the question, “what can we do together?” We often hear, “what are you going to do to fix it?” Routinely we have come to think that only institutions (government, foundations, nonprofits and business) can make things better. Is it easy to “change the conversation?” No. To change the conversation like this, however changes who “owns” the solution and that changes the likelihood of lasting success.



“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe.”

- Anatole France

The second way to move this “sailboard” is to change who is on it, who is involved in the community conversations. We often have the same people at the table. The conversation will be different if there are different people invited to it. This sounds easier than it really is. Invitation needs to take a new and different form. This is a work in progress. Building citizens builds community.

What has been going on during the past year that makes itself into the Annual Report?

Aging is not about the number of candles on ones cake. Being an older adult is about LIFE and all its dimensions, not just health infirmities and limitations. It includes the house and the neighborhood one lives in, the jobs one has (paid and unpaid) and the ability of the employer to address the specific needs, the way one continues to learn, the economic and business development possibilities, ones mobility and most of all ones ability to matter. Sarasota County and this region are uniquely poised to help the rest of the country consider the future demographic shifts. We are the oldest large county in the nation, with a third of our population being over the age of 65.

Race and Cultural Relations – we live in a place blessed with beauty but we are not immune from the malice of hate crimes and bias. There have been several examples of this behavior in our community and the growth opportunity for all of us is “how” we respond. It is never too late, nor can response to hate come too frequently. SCOPE and those involved in the Coalition for Inclusion and Diversity and others are working on this response as should each of us.

Another significant outcome of the Race and Cultural Relations initiative is the effort to engage the future through the Youth Leadership Initiative. The activities include high school youth increasing their capacity to create a school-wide atmosphere of tolerance by participating in Unity Days and week-long training at Anytown.

Enjoy the other impact areas that are a part of this annual report. The ultimate outcome that will shift our community is to grow citizens. Please join with SCOPE in that work.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Dutton".

Tim Dutton
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Duncan Finlay".

Duncan Finlay
2006-2007
Chair of the Board

“At the heart of all that civilization has meant and developed is ‘community’ – the mutually cooperative and voluntary venture of man to assume a semblance of responsibility for his brother.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Aging: The Possibilities

“People do great things in their 60’s and 70’s not in spite of their age, but because of it.”

Gene Cohen, MD. PhD
Director of the Center on Aging, Health, and Humanities
George Washington University



SCOPE celebrates engaging over 750 community members in the past two years on a broad array of topics ranging from transportation to creativity. Over the past year we have been fortunate to host national soeakers who have helped our community understand the dynamic issues that impact all of us as we age. Participants of “Aging: The Possibilities” have demonstrated great interest, enthusiasm and commitment in making Sarasota County a better place. Some highlights of community direction include:

Lifelong Learning – A group of dedicated volunteers and lifelong learning organizations worked together to create a special publication that celebrated lifelong learning. This was published in April by the Herald-Tribune Media Group. The workgroup is planning a lifelong learning fair for December 2007, in order to help connect residents with the many local non-degreed learning opportunities for adults.



Independent Transportation Network – A workgroup of interested consumers, transportation service providers, and advocates are exploring this alternative transportation model created by ITNAmerica. This model relies on volunteer and paid drivers providing rides in private vehicles for riders age 65 and over as well as those with visual impairment. This fee-based service relies on a broad base of support from businesses, medical practitioners, grants, and donations. Since tax dollars are not part of the funding stream, rides may be used for any purpose including social, recreational and medical and is helping older adults stay plugged into life in several communities across America. Our local workgroup is assessing the feasibility of operating this model in Sarasota County.

“Excellent opportunity to improve knowledge in this area and use the information for developing appropriate programs throughout the community.”

- Committee participant

Winter Forum on Aging – Creativity and meaningful retirement were the focus of this program as Dr. Gene Cohen, international expert on aging, discussed the latest neuroscience research which proves that the aging brain, with its wealth of experience and wisdom, is more capable of problem-solving and learning new skills than previously thought. An audience of over 200 was inspired as Dr Cohen emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for older adults to contribute meaningfully to the community. There is interest in making this Forum an annual event. Our population demographics set the stage for Sarasota County to become the epicenter of dialogue, strategies, forward thinking, innovative programs, and research (academic and market) that support and nurture our older population.



ACT II, Aging & Community Transitions Institute, Inc. – The demographic analysis that spurred SCOPE to take on the issue of aging shows that Sarasota County’s high percentage of people over the age of 65 put our community 20 years ahead of the rest of the country. This unique characteristic positions us to be the leader in the nation on issues of aging. Public policy, transportation, marketing research, urban planning, medical care and social services are just a few examples of the sectors that could benefit from what we learn now about creating an aging-friendly community.

We have the potential to be at the center of national thinking, discussion and action on issues of aging. SCOPE imagines a physical place to be that “center.” Visiting professors and authors would have office space, retirees would take business start-up classes, young people could connect to mentoring relationships and other communities would have easy access to the best research and techniques for addressing issues of aging.

SCOPE is collaborating with key community partners to advance these possibilities. The forthcoming final report on “Aging: The Possibilities” will catalyze community action around the issues explored over the course of the study and serve as a guide for transforming Sarasota County into a community for all generations.



“I commend the work that is being done in this area and multiple opportunities for members of the community to come together to share, learn and coalesce.”

- Community volunteer

Race & Cultural Relations

"I have always believed that when we have an opportunity to understand that other people who are different from ourselves all have the same needs and desires we will find bonds and will be able to understand our own humanity. It is the only way we will survive and have peace in this world."



Jacci Tutt, Retired Nurse, CID volunteer
(shown here with Lauren Gwinn of CID's Youth Initiative)

Race & Cultural Relations is an issue that reaches deep into the community and affects different people in different ways. When SCOPE began to engage the community around this topic, we learned a simple but important lesson: people and organizations in Sarasota County who value diversity need to connect their passion to action. In this spirit, SCOPE is a partner in creating the Coalition for Inclusion & Diversity (CID). The CID is intended to focus community attention on diversity, connect people and organizations that care about diversity and foster individual and collective action. In 2007, community members have found opportunities to act on their passions through the CID, which developed several programs.

Diversity Awareness Workshops – In collaboration with "Embracing Our Differences," the CID offers free Diversity Awareness Workshops to the community. Volunteers developed a program and now facilitate workshops that explore issues of assumptions, discrimination and speaking out against prejudice. The Diversity Awareness Workshops will reach over 200 people in 2007. In addition to workshops open to the public, they have been conducted for organizations including Goodwill Industries, the Herald-Tribune Media Group, Sarasota County Government, the 12th Circuit Court and the Grassroots Leadership Initiative.



"If I can reach at least one person at a workshop, I know there is hope. The information we provide calls for self-reflection and personal honesty. It is only through not being afraid and joining with others that we truly get a sense of who we are."

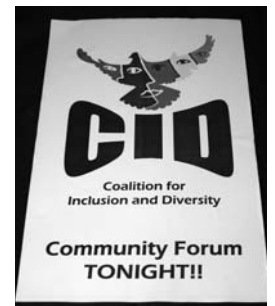
CID Youth Initiative – The CID has identified youth as a priority, engaging them in creating an inclusive community that values diversity. Work groups of adults and youth are working with in the schools and community in two directions: Unity Days and “Anytown.”

Unity Days – Nearly 80 local high school students have participated in “Unity Day,” a day of facilitated diversity activities. Volunteers from the Coalition for Inclusion and Diversity (CID) work with youth in their schools or community groups so that they can be part of a volunteer facilitator team. The young people, along with adult volunteers then lead this day-long workshop on diversity and interpersonal skills. In a “Unity Day” held at North Port High School, 99% of the participants gave the workshop a grade ‘A’ and reported that they learned ways to interact better with people who may be different from them.



Anytown – Seven Sarasota County high school students were the first group of local youth to spend five days at residential youth leadership and diversity awareness program. Known as “Anytown,” this program has been nationally recognized by the US Department of Education and then-president Bill Clinton’s “One America” initiative on race. It is located here in our region and managed by Community Tampa Bay. It educates students about race and discrimination and empowers them to be leaders in promoting diversity-friendly behaviors, values and activities.

Speaking Up for Diversity – Sarasota is not immune to the phenomenon of hate crimes. Over the summer months of 2007 the home of a Bosnian Muslim family was vandalized with violent anti-Muslim graffiti and burned in North Sarasota County. Another hate crime occurred in North Port the following week.



In response, the Coalition for Inclusion & Diversity convened the community on Sunday October 21st to address the question, “How can our community prevent and respond to hate crimes”? The forum included the story of the July arson told by a representative of the family. An expert speaker on hate crimes from the Anti-defamation league was followed by a panel. The panel included representatives from media and law enforcement. The forum ended with topic conversations aimed towards preventing and responding to hate crimes. Outcomes included law enforcement’s commitment to further training for officers and dialogue among interfaith leaders.

“As the school violence rate has increased each year, a need has manifested for diversity awareness. If we can inspire and motivate the youth to be positive and practice tolerance, we can prevent violence in schools and our community.”

Myranda Harting, Junior at Booker High School, CID Volunteer

Community Report Card

"I incorporate these same statistics in my presentations to community groups and at fundraisers to really hit home the need for youth development services in our community. While some of my audience members need to hear the story, many want and need to hear the numbers. SCOPE has made it much easier for me to access those numbers."



- Stephanie Feltz, Executive Director of Girls Inc.

SCOPE has published the Community Report Card each year since 2001, and it has proven an essential tool for connecting our community. In the last year we redesigned the Community Report Card to better reflect our mission to engage the community. The next edition of the CRC will bring the community more detailed information, present it in a more user-friendly way and engage people in discussing the significance of the data and indicators. How does the Community Report Card engage the community? Like all SCOPE work, the Community Report Card focuses on engaging the community at every step



Selecting & reviewing the indicators – Creating the Community Report Card involved more than 200 Sarasota County residents from all walks of life who identified issues that our community cares about and chose indicators based on those issues.

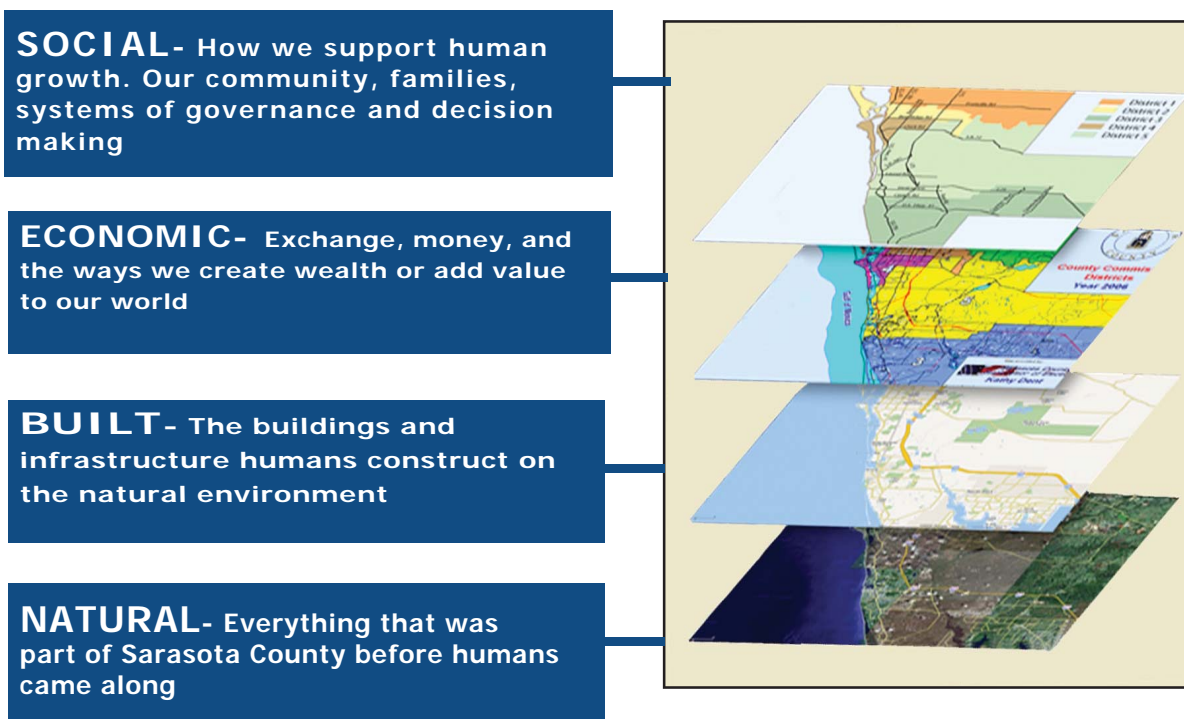
Disseminating the Community Report Card – The Community Report Card uses creative ways to get its statistical information out to the public. It still has an online home at SCOPE's website, but also has a blog, a list of hundreds of e-mail subscribers and excerpts featured in local print media publications.

Opportunities to take action – Each indicator features a "What can I do?" section that lists ways each person can impact the issue explored in that month's indicator. In addition, there will be small group meetings and forums where people can explore this question more in-depth. Hosted collaboratively by SCOPE and local organizations, one such forum is planned for February 2008 on the natural environment.

"For the past five years, I've been really pleased with the SCOPE Community Report Card. The information is always well researched and very valuable I believe not only to me, but to my audience."

- Ryan Rafferdy, Assistant Program Director
ClearChannel Radio News Sarasota-Bradenton

Overview – The 2007-2008 Community Report Card (CRC) consists of twelve new indicators. SCOPE will release three indicators in each of the following categories: the Natural, Built, Economic, and Social Environments. When put together, the indicators and the conversations that we hope will grow from these fact-based snapshots of our community will help people better understand our community and engage citizens in positively impacting the trends shown in the data.



The four parts of the Community Report Card – the natural, built, economic and social environments – are borrowed from the Florida House Institute's framework for sustainability. This locally-created model of sustainability covers all physical and intangible parts of the community while still showing their inter-connectedness as layers in the same picture.

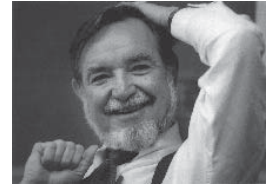
We are very excited about the possibilities for the new Community Report Card. As it has in the past, it will continue to be a resource for relevant and timely data on our community. We will also add an interactive component to the process, through face-to-face meetings, an online component, and many other ways to get plugged in to the Community Report Card! You can get involved in the new Community Report Card right now by going to our website – www.scopexcel.org.

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I learned new ways to look at my community and think about it in a more integrated fashion."

- Community Report Card Indicator Selection Committee Participant

Neighborhoods Initiative

“Every living person has some gift or capacity of value to others. A strong community is a place that recognizes these gifts and ensures they are given. A weak community is a place where lots of people can’t or don’t give their gifts.”



John McKnight (pictured) & John Kretzmann
from “Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Towards
Finding and Mobilizing a Community’s Assets”

The broad purpose of SCOPE’s work in neighborhoods is to help build connections and relationships between neighbors and local organizations and to enhance and encourage neighborhood-based work that supports older adults. The work comes from understanding that neighbors possess many of the talents, skills, passions, and abilities required to address the needs of the community and make their neighborhood a cohesive and supportive community. By working together to contribute these talents in the neighborhood and through partnerships with local institutions, neighbors can provide effective care for each other. SCOPE’s goal is to support that work by helping neighbors identify their talents and interests, convene to organize that information, and share their talents and skills with each other.

The Neighborhood Initiative has worked in four geographically and demographically distinct neighborhoods: Amaryllis Park in the City of Sarasota, The Winds of St. Armand’s of North Sarasota County, Venice Gardens in the Venice area, and A Special Time in North Port. The type of work SCOPE staff has done with the four different neighborhoods has been customized to the unique character of each community. Each neighborhood determined their interest and the goals of our work together. Ultimately, these communities successfully activated the interests, talents, and abilities of a growing number of residents, creating stronger bonds among residents.



Through working with four diverse neighborhoods, SCOPE staff has seen how residents create change that improves their quality of life. Based on our experience over the past year, we are struck by the importance of citizens undertaking neighborly practices. It is critical that businesses, government, and nonprofits work with residents to figure out the role of institutions in supporting the work done at the neighborhood level.

“Don’t sell your neighbors short. Many would like to get involved, if their time is not wasted, and they feel their talents are necessary. You have to give people that confidence.”

– Linda Lukacs of Venice Gardens

This type of institutional shift is long term and it is important that institutions be intentional about it. Acknowledging the value of connections and relationships between neighbors and local organizations, SCOPE will continue to work with individuals in neighborhoods, groups of neighbors, and local institutions to build their capacity and to orchestrate community action.

An example of this is the experience of Pam Bournival. Pam is a resident of The Winds of St. Armand's. In 2006, the residents of The Winds created the Helping Hands group; a group of residents who spend an afternoon from time to time sprucing up the yard of a neighbor who is unable to keep up their yard.

The program began because residents of The Winds realized that some people in their community are not physically able to maintain their yard and can not afford a professional service. Instead of calling code enforcement or letting the management company fine the residents that are in this situation, this group has taken up the job of lending a helping hand.

Recognizing how this program benefited both the residents involved and the cohesiveness of the community, Pam created a survey to gather information from residents of The Winds with the purpose of gaining more information about what her neighbors care about and what skills or talents they are willing to share.



Based on information from this survey, Pam convened a group of neighbors who expressed an interest in organizing information and coordinating other programs. This group met several times in the spring of 2007 and is creating a Community Buddy program where neighbors will be matched up to share rides, meals, phone calls, and visits. The group is also coordinating regular pot lucks and sing-a-longs to bring neighbors together.



This example is a testimony to the power of an individual or a group of individuals to make a difference in their neighborhood. Every resident of The Winds, whether a well-connected person who is often active in the greater Sarasota community or a home-bound widower, is considered to have a gift to give and a role to play in making The Winds a better community.

"I have learned the concerns and cares of many of the residents and gained ideas for how to move forward and create an even more connected and supportive community."

– Pam Bournival of The Winds of St. Armand's

Updates on Past Studies

Affordable Housing

"Community awareness is very high! I think the SCOPE study really helped with that. Local and county governments are definitely giving a variety of incentives that they didn't give before. The Community Housing Trust and other nonprofits, especially Habitat for Humanity, are much more energized and have huge goals."

Housing Organization Board Member

Traffic Flow & Congestion

"I believe the SCOPE report was the catalyst in moving forward the discussion on the Advanced Traffic Management System. This was not high on the radar screen of our local public officials until after the SCOPE report. I also believe that the SCOPE report influenced the decision by the county to enhance the public transportation system. Unfortunately recent legislation at the state level (property tax reform) has forced them to make tough decisions and some of the new service will be reduced."

Local Business Leader



"The SCOPE Traffic Flow & Congestion Report was an important trigger for the awareness of the community and the decision-makers regarding this issue."

Government Staff

Redevelopment & Infill



"This report supported efforts to refocus our community on redevelopment and infill. This is the hardest kind of development to do (and to sell people on). The report helped with community understanding of the need and value of infill and redevelopment. Redevelopment can result in better use of land, strengthen community character, help correct underutilized lands and prevent sprawl."

Government Staff

"The report ignited the discussion which has been going on over the past couple of years relative to redevelopment and infill. It helped direct the focus away from opening up new green space out east, and possibly moving the Urban Service Boundary, to a more positive discussion as to how we go about rehabilitating older areas."

Elected Official

School Dropout

"The SCOPE School Dropout Report focused attention on an issue that clearly impacts our schools and our community. It elevated our community's understanding of the complexity of the issue. We developed a deeper understanding of the varied 'profile' of the dropout."



Sarasota County School Board Employee

Mental Health

The "SCOPE Mental Health Study Group Report" has been utilized as a road map for everything we have accomplished in this community relating to mental health and substance abuse needs and issues, since the report was released. So many times we have seen reports get filed on a shelf only to be dusted off periodically. All the time and energy that this community dedicated to the process that produced the "SCOPE Mental Health Study Group Report" was meaningful.

Government Staff

There seems to be much more awareness and publicizing of local mental health related issues in the overall media today, the SCOPE study was the first real local document to address Sarasota County and its needs from a broad perspective. The collaborations {that came from the SCOPE study and the community} are also a step in the right direction however much more needs to be accomplished as the area and state are very far behind the more progressive parts of the nation as is noted by several NAMI reports the first being 1990 and most recent in 2006 which indicated a 48th ranking in spending for Community Mental Health Services.

Community Advocate for People with Mental Illnesses

Family Violence



"The Family Violence Task Force has provided a community forum. The Task Force meets regularly and has strong interest from law enforcement, the courts, government and providers. It addresses immediate issues and has accomplished some things. It still doesn't really address the bigger picture outside of the criminal justice system. We have not involved the faith community, medical professionals or the schools."

Study participant

2007 Boundary Crosser

"Each of us is either a thermometer or a thermostat ... A thermometer only reflects the temperature of its environment, adjusting to the situation. But a thermostat initiates action to change the temperature of its environment. C. J. Fishman is a thermostat with a lifetime guarantee!"

~ Nido Qubein, author and motivational speaker

At SCOPE's 2007 Annual Event: Celebrating and Connecting Across Boundaries, we honored Charles J. "C.J." Fishman of Venice as this year's "Boundary Crosser." C. J.'s leadership, which extends past his professional life as President of Fishman & Associates, Inc. to human service, faith-based, business, educational and community service organizations.



In addition to being involved in many different ways in the community, C. J. is also involved in many different communities. As part of her introduction that evening, Debra Jacobs, President of the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation explained that "while C. J.'s heart may be in Venice, his body is everywhere else," a reference to Fishman's boundary-crossing leadership both in the greater Venice area and throughout Sarasota County.

His activities include community service clubs, local business development, human service and faith-based organizations such as: the Salvation Army of Venice, Tourism and Economic Development Board of Sarasota County Government, Boys & Girls Club of Venice, Leadership Sarasota County, Jewish Community Center of Venice, Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way's Success By Six, Sertoma Club of Venice, Citizens for Quality Government, Venice Regional Medical Center and All Faiths Food Bank.



" My father always told us ,work hard ,play harder ,have fun ,and wherever your walk of life leads you , make your community a little better than you found it . Thats what someone did before you and that's why you are here ."

What is this award all about?

A “Boundary Crosser” is a person who connects people across boundary lines that traditionally divide community. They are citizen leaders who extend past their familiar territory, whether that’s government, non-profit, business, faith or neighborhood, to become community builders.

Why a tree sculpture?

The award recipient is given a sculpture of a tree, symbolizing “Boundary Crossers” who branch out to find unmarked territories and new possibilities for the future.



Who else has won this award?



The “Boundary Crosser” award was created in honor of and given posthumously to former SCOPE Board member **Syd Adler**. Known for so many different roles, it would be impossible to put Syd into one category. He was an arts activist, helping found the Hermitage Artist Retreat in Englewood and serving on the Sarasota County Arts Council. Syd, a long-time resident of the area, was also active in historic preservation, neighborhoods, conservation, business groups and affordable housing.

Bob Richardson received the “Boundary Crosser” award in 2006. Bob’s footprints are found in all corners of this community – from the Friends of the Myakka River State Park to the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club, SCOPE, Florida Children’s Lobby and the Sierra Club (to name just a few). Like Syd, Bob embodies what it means to be a “Boundary Crosser,” his efforts to build community know no boundaries.



How are the honorees selected?

SCOPE staff and Board, along with community members, look for an individual in the Sarasota County community who exemplifies boundary-crossing leadership.



“Being a Boundary Crosser means you don’t have to be tagged as a real estate person or an environmentalist. You can be a person who believes that all sides have productive contributions to make in their points of view...”

Grassroots Leadership Initiative



“What does GLI mean to me? Education ... It’s helped me to grow in skills that I have naturally and helped me to learn to listen more. And it’s opened a lot of doors that weren’t open before. GLI means learning how to deal with people in the community and government. It helped to understand protocol instead of just going to the top.”

~ 2006 GLI Alumna Valerie Buchand

pictured here with Herald-Tribune Publisher Diane McFarlin

The Grassroots Leadership Initiative has begun to accomplish just what we set out to accomplish by graduating ten fellows in January. Instructors and mentors volunteer and provide a quality program. Two amazing people were honored that represent the quality and integrity in leadership we all should aspire to. The GLI Alumni are making a difference in your community, and this is just the beginning. We will be following our alumni to see where they emerge in our community. Like ripples in a pond by one small pebble, change and impact are inevitable.



The first program year was complete with the graduation of ten Fellows from Sarasota and Manatee Counties in January 2007. 90% of graduates are in a leadership role in existing community organizations and new projects. More than ninety percent of GLI program graduates rated the workshops “excellent” or “good” regarding their individual goals, and approximately that same number gained a 25% improvement in assessed skills.



The 2007 class of eager leaders started their fellowship class with their mentors wasting no time by learning how to build community from the inside out. They are a dynamic group of students, small business owners and community volunteers eager to make an impact in the lives of youth, struggling homeowners, the elderly, Latino families new to the community, domestic violence victims and their families and the working uninsured.

Have no doubts that as they progress as leaders, we will progress as a community.

“Being a part of the GLI program has made me more aware of my gifts and talents and how I can use them to help solve the problems that hinder my neighborhood and our community from growing and improving. It has provided me with friendships and other relationships that I will cherish for the rest of my life.”

2006 GLI Alumna Nickie Brown

What are some GLI graduates doing now?

It's so exciting to see the GLI alumni emerging in different roles and groups within the Sarasota/Manatee community. SCOPE has played a major role in teaching and demonstrating an asset-based approach to community leadership. And as our alumni address quality of life issues from their expanding roles and responsibilities for the good of our community, the possibilities are endless.

- » Melissa Williams- Robinson is now the president of the Tallevast Community Center Board of Directors.
- » Euline Myrick, Sr. is persevering to make the Lime Lake Project with Sarasota County and the North Sarasota Community Organization a reality.
- » Chris McConnell helped to organize the Florida Police and Fire Games hosted by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.
- » Alice Jones has expanded her tutoring and summer teen programs with Brothers and Sisters Doing the Right Thing in Sarasota.
- » Nicole Martin turned her community project into an employment opportunity through her mentor relationship and networking. She is now the Program Associate for the Nonprofit Resource Center of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.
- » Terri Davis is now the president of the Manate School of Arts & Sciences PTO and her home owners association in Parrish and looking at local political office in the future.
- » Valerie Buchand has started her own business empowering and employing the people she has advocated for many years.



Thank you to all who have helped make GLI a success.

"I have gained new perspectives with respect to what is happening in our communities, new appreciation for the talent and dedication of our citizens who are making great strides in growing their skills and improving their community, and closer relationships with participating community leaders."

2006 GLI Mentor James Shedivy

Thank You

INSTITUTIONAL

City of North Port
City of Sarasota
City of Venice
Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
Sarasota County Government

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County
United Way of Sarasota County
United Way of South Sarasota County
William G. Selby & Marie Selby Foundation

CIVIC CHAMPION

Comcast of West Florida, Inc.
Dennis & Graci McGillicuddy
Michael Saunders & Company
Richardson, Kleiber, Walter

\$5,000 and up

Roskamp Foundation
Sarasota Ford
Herald-Tribune Media Group

COMMUNITY STEWARD

Rita Adler
Charles D. & Nancy Bailey Jr.
Evelyn Barritt
Coastal Printing, Inc.
EarthBalance
Frederick Derr & Co.
Michael Grant
Joseph Hudgins
Diane McFarlin

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Michael's On East
Sarasota Family YMCA, Inc.
Senior Friendship Centers, Inc.
Stephen A. Smith & Associates
MetLife Foundation
Bruce & Janet Udell

BRIDGE BUILDER

Fredd Atkins
Tim Dutton & Carol Butera-Dutton
John & Deborah Dart
Embracing Our Differences
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Gordon "Mike" Michalson Jr.
Sarah Pappas
Professional Benefits, Inc.
Ringling College of Art and Design
Sarasota Rotary Foundation

\$500 to \$999

John & Susan Scott
Tracy Seider
Ronald & Marilyn Shapo
The Bijou Café
The Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Thomas & Yvonne Tryon
Rod Warner

CONNECTOR

Steven & Dale Adler
Alfred and Ann Goldstein Foundation, Inc.
Kathy Baylis
A Beautiful Florist
David & Donna Bullock
Bill Buttaggi & Debra Jacobs
Walt & Weta Cannon
Robert Carter
Children's Haven and Adult Community Services, Inc.
CHIP Staff
Anne Clancy
Tom & Judy Collins
Congregation For Humanistic Judaism
John & Kitty Cranor III

\$100 to \$499

Howard Crowell Jr.
Philip & Julie Delaney Jr.
Ellen of Venice, Inc.
Lyman Farrar
Janis Fawn
Nancy Feehan
Duncan & Michelle Finlay
Fishman & Associates, Inc.
Wendy Fishman
Nick Gladding
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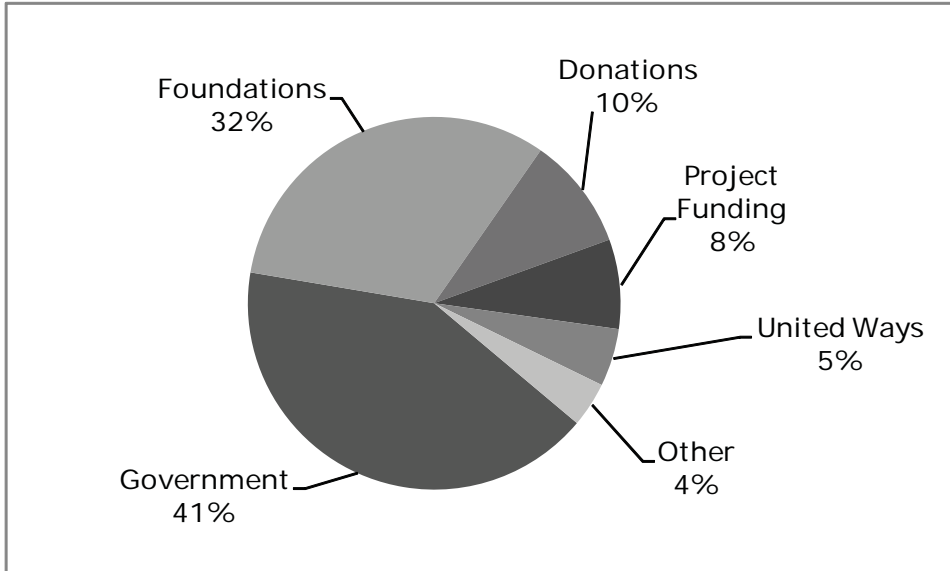
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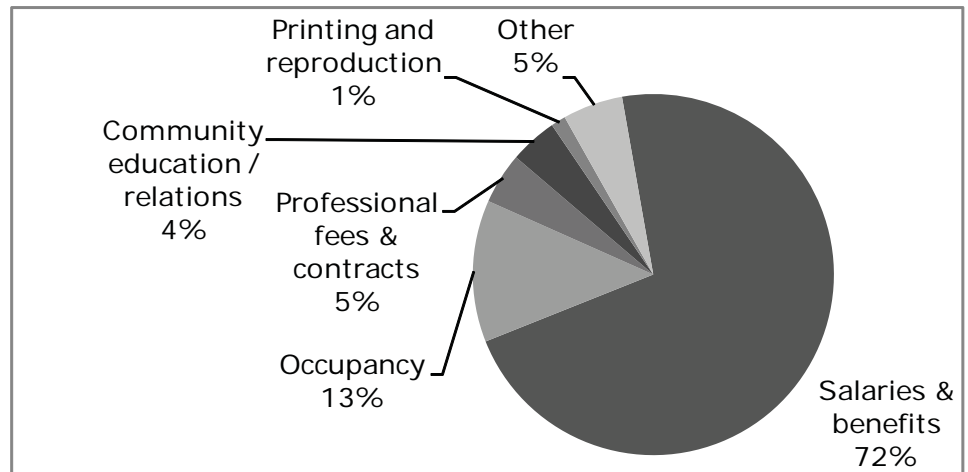
SCOPE's income for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 was affected by a decrease in foundation support.

To offset, SCOPE is pursuing alternative sources of funding, specifically in strengthening its individual and corporate giving.

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Income Total: \$545,903

EXPENSES

SCOPE's expenses for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 showed an increase, especially in benefit costs.



Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Expense Total: \$571,334

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