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Multiple Donations Awarded to Charlotte County Imagination Library

Charlotte County Imagination Library, an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and a program of Gilstad Literacy Foundation, Inc., has received multiple grants and donations to support the program which mails a free book to enrolled children every month from birth until age 5. All children in this age range living in Charlotte County are eligible and can be enrolled at www.charlottecountyimaginationlibrary.org or www.imaginationlibrary.com

A generous donation of \$5,000.00 was made by local businessman and investor Mr. Bruce Laishley. Mr. Laishley's local businesses include The Captain's Table, Harpoon Harry's, The Social House and the Laishley Crab House restaurants.

Through the United Way of Charlotte County's Community Impact Panel process, the Board of County Commissioners awarded \$17,100.00 and the City of Punta Gorda awarded \$3,167.00 to Charlotte Players as the financial partner of Charlotte County Imagination Library for fiscal year 2022-23.

A grant of \$3,094.00 from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation was made possible from the Miriam P. Raines Charitable Fund. Headquartered in Venice, FL, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation has served the needs of the region as a partner in philanthropy, and leader in community initiatives for over 25 years.

The Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor - Sunset donated \$250.00 in honor of several members and has provided volunteer services to the Imagination Library program.

The generosity of these donors will provide 1,145 children with 13,740 free books over the next year. To learn more about the Imagination Library program, or to enroll a child or make a donation, please visit www.charlottecountyimaginationlibrary.org

