

# NOTEWORTHY NEWS

## 2017 Grant Awards Ceremony to award a record \$500,000

**BallenIsles Charities Foundation (BICF)** presented financial grants and awards totaling a record \$500,000 to 42 local not-for-profit and civic organizations during its 2017 Grants Awards Ceremony, at BallenIsles Country Club on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The record-setting amount has brought the cumulative grants awarded by the Foundation to more than \$1.7 million over the six years since its formation.

“Each of the deserving organizations we carefully vetted and selected to receive a financial grant, undertakes extraordinary local community programs. The record funds raised are a credit to the generosity of BallenIsles members and residents, the tireless contributions of all our volunteers and the terrific local businesses and Corporate Sponsors that support the Foundation,” said Foundation President Mark Freeman.

The BallenIsles Charities Foundation, with a mission of “Making a Difference” in the community, renders financial and in-kind support to area organizations providing civic, educational programs, health and human services and support for the environment. For more information visit [BallenIslesCharitiesFoundation.org](http://BallenIslesCharitiesFoundation.org)



**BallenIsles Charities Foundation Board of Directors:** George Wicker, Treasurer; Richard Meyers, Development Chair; Steven Funk, Director; Bernard Strauss, Director; Mark Freeman, President; Mary Ann Champlin, Vice President and Events Chair; Bob Anton, Secretary and Grants Chair; and Jack Cook Director. (Not pictured: Dan Goldwasser, Residential Development Chair; Ken Horner, Governance Chair; President Emeritus, Fred Corrado).



BICF Development Chair Richard Meyers presents a BICF Financial Grant to **Palm Beach Gardens Police Department** Chief Stephen Stepp with Assistant Chiefs Clint Shannon and James Stormes



Jennifer Gottlieb and her 7-year-old son Cole in an adaptive stroller with BICF President Mark Freeman for Clinics Can Help.



BCFI VP Mary Ann Champlin with military service dog Ezra and Paws 4 Liberty Executive Director Heidi Spirazza.



BICF Director and Grants Committee Chair Bob Anton with In Jacob's Shoes Operations Director Maddy Chusid