



BALLEN ISLES
CHARITIES FOUNDATION

Making a Difference

AN INVITATION TO

*Make
a
Difference*

2024-2025

MATCHING DONOR FUND

A few of our Donors have offered, in addition to their already generous donations, to match the first \$45,000 of Donor contributions made by first-time donors.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

You can do twice as much good right now — if this is your first time making a donation to BICF in a single giving season* your donation will be matched one-to-one from our Matching Donor Fund.

When you make a tax-deductible donation to the BallenIsles Charities Foundation, you are supporting over 50 programs operating outside of our gates that enhance our safety, promote education, feed the hungry, and keep medical and mental health programs open.

If you have thought about making that first donation, but just haven't yet, there is no better time than now. Let's see if we can use all of those matching funds! Complete the donation envelope and send in your donation.

*raffles are excluded



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**“Giving is not just about making a donation.
it is about Making a Difference”
~Kathy Calvin**

Dear Neighbors,

Our guiding philosophy is that doing good is contagious. We are so very fortunate to live in such a beautiful community with so many options to make us feel good and happy. Our community is thriving and we have had a record number of new residents join us over the past few years enjoying all we have to offer living inside our gates. Sadly, that is not the case for many of our neighbors in Palm Beach County. Our Commissioners declared September 2024 as National Hunger Action Month. According to Feeding America’s “Map the Meal Gap” report, more than 173,000 residents of the County struggle with hunger, including 50,980 children who do not have enough to eat daily. In addition, a report from our Palm Beach County school district reported that over 6,000 students are homeless. The need is so great despite the county’s overall wealth.

Due to the overwhelming support from you and our corporate sponsors, your Foundation last year awarded grants of \$1,348,000 to 59 hard-working local nonprofit and civic organizations that provide specific programs that help so many children, families, veterans, and the disadvantaged in our surrounding communities. In addition, we have provided funding for the purchase of two additional refrigerated trucks that help to feed so many in need.

During October, we mailed our Annual Report to you which contains so much detail of your Foundation’s achievements. There will be additional copies in the Clubhouse lobby for those who have not received their copy.

We are only successful due to your contributions, and we strive to continue to grow so that we all can help so many more. In addition, we have a robust Community Service program through which over 200 residents volunteer their time and energy each year. Watch your email inbox to sign up.

This year, in addition to our Donor Levels and raffles, we have added a Matching Donor Fund for first-time donors. We hope that many of you will join us as your donations will have a double effect. Please read this brochure to learn how to participate.

Thank you for Making a Difference!

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TAX ADVANTAGED WAYS TO FUND YOUR DONATIONS

GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK

The tax benefits - which include deducting the amount of the charitable donation AND escaping the unrealized gains on the donated stock - come from the fact that the deduction for a donation of property to charity is equal to the property's current fair market value. And when the donated property is an investment, the donor does not have to recognize the capital gain. These rules create a "double play" of tax benefits: a charitable deduction AND avoiding tax on the unrealized capital gains of the donated property.

CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTLY FROM YOUR IRA

Good news for taxpayers over the age of 72. Congress has voted to make permanent the exclusion from income of up to \$100,000 per person, per year, for Individual Retirement Account (IRA) distributions which are given directly to charities.

One of the key benefits of the direct charitable contribution from your IRA is that the distribution counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and the amount is not taxable.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

Employee Matching Gifts are donations an employer makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. They are dollar-for-dollar, but some companies will give double or even triple the original donation.

LEAVE A PLANNED GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Gifts by will are a most important source of support. Unrestricted gifts give us the greatest flexibility to use funds where they are most needed. You may leave BICF:

- A stated dollar amount;
- A percentage of your residual estate (what remains after gifts to loved ones and expenses have been paid);
- A specific asset, such as securities or other marketable property;

How to name BICF in your will:

Legal Name: BallenIsles Charities Foundation, Inc.

Address: 100 BallenIsles Drive
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Federal tax ID#: 45-2653459

Contact us at info@ballenislescharitiesfoundation.org if you need our help.

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To RSVP ...
Fill out the remittance envelope
with your Donor Level and Raffle
Choices.
Enclose your payment and raffle
stubs.
All Raffle Drawings will be
Wednesday, January 29, 2025.



All Raffle Drawings will be on
Wednesday January 29, 2025
2 p.m.

www.ballenishescharitesfoundation.org

GOLF CART RAFFLE

It's time to upgrade your
ride to a brand-new, top-of-
the-line Onward Golf Cart,
valued at over \$12,000.

250 Tickets will be sold at
\$150 each

- Stop by the Golf Pro Shop to buy your raffle.
- Secure your ticket when you make your donation.
- Or check the box on the envelope and include the number of raffles and we will fill them in for you.



RAFFLES

for reasons

Raffle Books are in this invitation. Extras are available for sale at the front desk in the Clubhouse. Add to your chances of winning Gift Certificates for sumptuous dining, fitness club and spa services, tennis, pickleball and golf lessons, off-campus restaurant dining, and gift baskets.

Our gift to our Donors. You are entitled to Raffle books at your Donor Level. If you are due more books than are in this invitation, we will fill them out for you.

DONOR LEVELS

Emerald

\$10,000 or greater

You will receive FIVE FREE raffle books.

Diamond

\$5,000 - \$9,999

You will receive FOUR FREE raffle books.

Platinum

\$4,000 - \$4,999

You will receive THREE FREE raffle books.

Golden

\$3,000 - \$3,999

You will receive TWO FREE raffle books.

Silver

\$2,000 - \$2,999

You will receive ONE FREE raffle book.

Supporter

\$500 to \$1,999

Matching Donor Fund

**Recognition level is based on the combined household donation,
or as you designate.**

**All donations over \$500 will receive recognition in
our year-end printed material.**

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Name 1

Name 2

Address

Phone _____

email _____

\$ _____ **Emerald**

\$10,000 or greater per household
You will receive FIVE (5) FREE raffle books.
You will receive recognition in your category in the
year-end printed material.

\$ _____ **Diamond**

\$5,000 - \$9,999 per household
You will receive FOUR (4) FREE raffle books.
You will receive recognition in your category in the
year-end printed material.

\$ _____ **Platinum**

\$4,000 - \$4,999 per household
You will receive THREE (3) FREE raffle books.
You will receive recognition in your category in the
year-end printed material.

\$ _____ **Golden**

\$3,000 - \$3,999 per household
You will receive TWO (2) FREE raffle books.
You will receive recognition in your category in the
year-end printed material.

\$ _____ **Silver**

\$2,000 - \$2,999 per household
You will receive ONE (1) FREE raffle book.
You will receive recognition in your category in the
year-end printed material.

\$ _____ **Supporter**

\$500 - \$1,999 per household
You will receive recognition in your category in the
year-end printed material.

Check here you are
first-time donor.

**Additional Raffle Books will be available
at the Reception Desk in the Clubhouse.**

Raffles

for reasons

My/our donation includes _____ raffle books.
*If I have not returned enough, I understand you
will fill them out for me/us.*

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Golf Cart Raffle

\$ _____ # _____ of tickets at \$150 * each
(limited to 250 tickets)
I understand you will fill out and send stubs to me.

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Additional Raffles

for reasons

\$ _____ # _____ of tickets at \$25* each
\$ _____ # _____ of book(s) at \$100 * each
(5 raffles per book)

**Suggested minimum*

\$ _____ **RAFFLE TOTAL**

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\$ _____ **TOTAL DONATION**

First Time Donor - Matching Fund

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Payment can be made by:

Check payable to **BallenIsles Charities
Foundation**

IRA Directed Disbursement

Gift of Appreciated Stock

Corporate Matching Gifts

Other - Please indicate payment method
and include any necessary information.

Thank You



**BALLENISLES CHARITIES FOUNDATION
303 BALLENISLES DRIVE
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418**

**Additional Donation Forms are available
at the Front Desk in the Ballenisles
Country Club.**

**If you have any questions, please email
us at**

info@ballenislescharitiesfoundation.org