



Dear Valued Clients and Friends,

The Holiday season is once again upon us, and as we cast our gaze back over the year, each friend and family reminding us of the cheer the season brings! Moments like picking out a Christmas tree, lighting the holiday candles, and unwrapping presents together are forever cherished. However you are choosing to celebrate the season we send you warm wishes. December can be packed with shopping, dinners, and celebrations; but this time of year can also serve as a time of reflection and remembrance. In honor and appreciation of our clients, we continue our tradition and dedication to giving back. With much thought and consideration, we have each chosen the following charities near and dear to our hearts.

Evan Shear, CFP®/Branch Manager

This year I have decided to donate to the Cure Sanfilippo Foundation. Sanfilippo is a rare genetic defect from birth that causes build up in the brain that takes away an infant's skills, knowledge, and life at an early age. The Cure Sanfilippo Foundation advocates for fund research directed towards a cure and treatment options for patients with Sanfilippo Syndrome. This foundation is extremely important to not only me, but to my daughter Hadyn as well. Her close friend Grey's sister, Blair was diagnosed with the disease in 2008. Grey has since started her own fundraiser called Purple Lemonade Stand that raises awareness and money for Sanfilippo organizations. Grey first started raising funds at the age of six by selling lemonade from a stand, and with her passion and determination, her efforts have grown worldwide. It is important for me to pass along my passion for giving to my kids and by involving them in my choices each year so they can take ownership as well. By setting an example and donating to those in need, it allows us to pass the philanthropy torch to the next generation.

Dale Crossley, Financial Planner/Branch Manager

Most of my charitable contributions are usually concentrated on women and children's organizations. This year I have chosen to donate to an organization that focuses on giving those with disabilities an opportunity for employment and accomplishment. The Brevard Achievement Center was founded in 1975 and its mission is to provide persons with disabilities innovative services and opportunities to achieve personal success. Coming from a service industry family I am lucky to have experienced firsthand for many years the joy, pride, belonging, and sense of achievement that those with disabilities are able to experience when given the opportunity to perform normal jobs. For many, this is the first time in their life where they have been included and not treated differently. Brevard Achievement Center strives to create a society in which all persons with disabilities are valued contributors in the workplace and community.

Megan Miller, Client Services Manager

This year I would like to donate to "Breast Friends" in Melbourne, FL. Breast Friends ensures no woman goes through cancer alone and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for female cancer patients. With a family history of breast cancer, I have come to understand how truly important it is for those fighting this awful disease to feel they have a support system. Breast Friends helps to provide this support with their Girls Nite Out and Walk and Talk Support Groups. They also provide support for friends and family members who want to help but are just uncertain how to do so. One of my favorite services that Breast Friends provides is the Bald is



Beautiful Program, which offers free makeup and photography sessions. This organization is a crucial aspect in helping lift the spirits of those affected by cancer.

Kyle Bocci, Financial Advisor

As a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Reserves the Good Deeds Foundation (sponsored annually by the Military Officers Association of America Cape Canaveral (MOAACC) Chapter) is important to me because of its support of philanthropic endeavors in Brevard County. These include, but are not limited to: Operation Warmheart, a charitable initiative dedicated to helping needy service members and their families cope with the rigors of military service, including the stress of separation from loved one; funding grant requests in support of active duty, guard and reserve personnel; the Army ROTC at FIT, local high school JROTC and US Naval Sea Cadet Corps programs; and county-wide charitable organizations that provide assistance to veterans.

Bobbi McCoy, Client Services Representative

My charity since 2012 has been to donate any items to a local store called “Pawsitive Hope Thrift Store” located in Brevard County, Florida. My family and I do also donate to organizations that help children in need, but we also have a special place in our heart for animals who suffer, as they know not why. You can’t explain it to them, why they are starved, abused, abandoned, or simply not loved.

Their mission has been “Helping the Overpopulation of Pets End” thus HOPE, and to put an end to unwanted animals in Brevard County, Florida. Too many animals are euthanized in shelters and Brevard County is striving to become a no-kill county. Thus, Pawsitive Hope Thrift Store’s proceeds go to finding homes for the animals in need. They assist low-income residents of Brevard County, Florida with low cost/no cost spay/neuter, emergency vet care, and also foster animals in order to help abandoned, homeless, and stray animals find permanent and loving homes.

They received their 501c3 status in 2012 and by the year 2015 have helped almost 750 animals in their foster network, and of those, 500 were saved from the shelter. In addition they have helped 950 animals in the community in some form (shots, spay/neuter, medical care). This is why I donate to HOPE.

Molly Smith, Administrative Assistant

A charity that is very important to my family and I is The Make-A-Wish Foundation. When my sister was 16 she was diagnosed with a brain tumor in her optic nerve and surgery for removal was very risky. Our family became involved with The Make-A-Wish Foundation and before my sister had her surgery she was able to make one wish. She wished to go to Germany and the foundation sent our family. They went above and beyond to make what could have been our last memories together ones we would never forget. Luckily my sister survived her surgery and today is living a mostly normal life beyond what doctors ever anticipated. Unfortunately, there are children and teens that aren’t as lucky as my sister, but The Make-A-Wish Foundation does everything in their power to keep them and their families smiling in what can be very difficult times.



Natalie Clark, Marketing Assistant

Of course I may be biased, but I think I have the best family there is! I was blessed to be adopted into a loving and caring family. They welcomed me with open arms and into their lives as one of their own. They taught me the value of family and it has been the best thing that has ever happened to me! So, for this Holiday season I have decided to donate to “Forever Families.” Forever Families focuses on connecting families with children for adoption, as well as, making sure foster children have lifesaving supplies. This organization has brought hope and love to hundreds of children all around the state. Forever Families is based in Florida and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.



Happy Holidays- We hope the New Year brings you great joy and prosperity.

Evan, Dale, Megan, Bobbi, Kyle, Molly and Natalie

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