



The  
**Glenridge**

*Charitable Foundation*

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NEWS

## Leadership Team Honors CEO, Jim Cater

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CEO, Jim Cater, was recently honored by his senior leadership team with a generous gift made in his name to The Glenridge Charitable Foundation (GCF) designated for the local, non-profit Mothers Helping Mothers organization. Knowing how important the Foundation is to Jim, the leadership team felt this was the perfect charity to designate as the recipient of their financial gift. The gift was made to thank

him for his direction and guidance in 2019. The Team's spokesperson shared the sentiment that the Team expressed their grateful appreciation to him for the investment of his time, energy and resources to their success. With the new year upon us, the Team wished Jim every success in 2020 as we join him in witnessing the fulfillment of his dreams with the continued growth of The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch.

### Speaking of our Future ...

With the start of the New Year and a new decade, many people turn their attention to making New Year's resolutions. Believe it or not, this practice began over 4,000 years ago by the ancient Babylonians. It is said that they were the first people to make New Year's resolutions and the first to hold recorded celebrations

in honor of the new year – even though for them the year began not in January, but in mid-March when they planted their crops. During a 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the *continued on page 2*

# Speaking of our Future ...

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gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners to our New Year's resolutions.

Today, researchers believe that approximately 45% of Americans make New Year's resolutions. Although I agree with the ancient Babylonians that paying your debts and returning borrowed items is a good thing, many people have a different focus. It's a time to think about one's past mistakes and resolve to do and be better in the future. Many focus on self-improvement. It's a chance for a fresh start.

A new decade is especially exciting for a variety of reasons. It may be a time to measure one's improvement over a previous timeframe, or it may be just the new

beginning you've been looking for. If you are not using The Foundation for your charitable giving, maybe this is the perfect time to change your course and help us build the momentum we have experienced in the past three years.

*All* Glenridge Members are an essential partner in the work the Foundation does or wants to do. Our successes and achievements would not be possible without the dedicated Members who support our mission. Why not make this year the year you join other Glenridge Members and make the commitment to invest in your future through The Glenridge Charitable Foundation. ***You have the power to impact our future.*** Each time you contribute, you drive our mission forward.

## The Need is Great ...

If you have ever wondered where contributions made through The Glenridge Charitable Foundation end up, just take a look at our ***"thank you"*** board featured in this article. The Foundation's charitable contributions have enriched the lives of thousands of individuals around the world.

Whether your contribution goes to supporting clean water, renewable energy, breakthroughs and treatment of catastrophic diseases, to religious affiliations, or to family and social services programs, to educational and research institutions, or to promoting freedom from persecution worldwide, your dollar counts. One-hundred percent of every dollar you contribute to The GCF is passed on to your designated charity. Let me repeat that – ***100% of every dollar you contribute to The GCF is passed on to your designated charity.*** This is unheard of in the fundraising scheme of things. Not one cent is kept by The Foundation for administrative or operating expenses.

The next time you are in the administrative offices area, feel free to stop by and take a look at our Foundation thank you board. We have received notes, cards, publications, newsletters, and flyers from a myriad of charities your contributions support. If you are ever in the need for something educational or stimulating to read, please stop by the Foundation office to peruse the material on display. You will be surprised by the number of charities who have taken the time to send us literature to help educate us as to



the work they do and their continuing need for financial support. In fact, I do not have enough room to display all of the publications The Foundation has received. Some of these materials are real eye openers while others tug at your heart strings. The one thing they all have in common is – they are asking for your continued financial support.

# Glenridge Charities Also Have Needs ...

Outside charities are not the only charities who need your continued financial support. The Foundation supports six internal charities – the Academy Scholarship Fund, the Benevolence Fund, the Compassion Fund, the Endowment Fund (GPAC), the Six Keys Fund, and the Team Member Emergency Assistance Fund. There are other business-related expenditures that reply on unrestricted donations for funding. Such was the case with the purchase of the new Glenridge Weather Station, which enhances the quality and security of our campus life.

Another facet of our business which relies on GPR Member support is our media development. Growth of The Foundation website and proposed collateral materials are hampered by financial restraints. Unrestricted funds are needed to continue the development of our website and to produce collateral materials proposed for the “Welcome to the Glenridge Charitable Foundation” new Member informational kits.

Unrestricted funds also support monthly donations to

memorialize Members who have passed away and to support Glenridge’s outreach programs in the Sarasota and surrounding communities.

As I write this newsletter, a new initiative is underdevelopment to connect new Members with an existing Foundation supporter (building representative or Board Trustee) to explain and explore the benefits of being a Foundation participant. With Board support, this program is expected to be launched in early spring.

When making your gift, please consider designating unrestricted funds for the continued growth and development of the programs and services sustained by the Foundation.

**Glenridge Members – you are the lifeblood of our organization.** Without you, nothing is possible. Each time you donate, you move the Foundation forward. Your contribution has the power to help dramatically change the face of hunger ... the homeless ... the disabled ... the sick ... the children ... the forgotten. *Please give.*



## CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

Help support The Glenridge Charitable Foundation (GCF) in your estate plans.  
*Make a planned gift to keep The Glenridge flourishing.*

- **BEQUEST:** Include The GCF in your will or estate plan through a variety of bequests options, such as a charitable bequest, unrestricted bequest, or restricted bequest.
- **RETIREMENT PLAN:** If you participate in a 401(k) or 403(b) plan, IRA, or similar retirement plan, you can designate The GCF a beneficiary of a portion or the remainder of your plan account.
- **LIFE INSURANCE:** You can make The GCF a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or paid policy you no longer need.

Contact your attorney or financial advisor to discuss these and other ways to leave a legacy gift to The Glenridge Charitable Foundation.

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# GLENRIDGE CHARITIES NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

## THE GLENRIDGE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



was established by The Glenridge Academy for the purpose of providing scholarships to the Glenridge staff members or their children and grandchildren who are living with them. The Academy, which is dedicated to lifelong learning, awards scholarships annually.

## THE GLENRIDGE BENEVOLENCE FUND



was established to assist Glenridge Members whose financial status has changed and who are no longer able to pay their regular charges. The fund was established to sustain the Glenridge Members in need and to build a legacy for those who may need assistance in the future.

## THE GLENRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS ENDOWMENT FUND



was established to support the theater program at The Glenridge. Donations received are used for needed theater equipment or can be used to build the program's endowment to support the performing arts programs that cannot pay for themselves.

## The Glenridge Charitable Foundation

(GCF) raises money to benefit the greater Sarasota community through restricted gifts for a number of charities servicing local, state, and national organizations. The GCF was established in 2016, and its supporters make significant contributions through generous gifts designated as restricted and unrestricted gifts. Additionally, the Foundation receives donations that may be given for the purpose of funding one or more of the listed funds within The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch.



## THE GLENRIDGE TEAM MEMBER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND



was established to help staff members who find themselves in an unexpected financial crises. Staff members may be helped through grants or loans depending on their unique circumstances.

## THE GLENRIDGE COMPASSION FUND



was established to provide assistance to Glenridge Members who suffer the loss or separation of a loved one due to physical or neurological deterioration or through death. The Compassion Fund provides funding for the Chaplaincy program available to all Members who need emotional and spiritual support services at a time of a life changing event.

## THE GLENRIDGE SIX KEYS FUND



was established to support the transformation of the Members' Wellness Center to The Center for Healthy Living embracing the six keys to living well – physical, emotional, spiritual, social, financial, and mental. Member services will be enhanced with specialized staff members and through the creation of a Glenridge in-house private duty home healthcare organization.