



Masala Giving Circle

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MASALA GIVING CIRCLE awards over \$74,000 in grants to support the African American community in Sarasota and Manatee Counties

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Masala Giving Circle has announced the recipients of their 2023 grants.

Minorities in Shark Science (\$10,000) grant to support a week-long marine science summer camp designed to increase accessibility to the ocean and marine science for 20 teens of color ages 13-17, and to promote diversity and inclusion in shark science.

ASALH Freedom School (\$7,320) grant to support The Manasota branch of the Association for the Study of African American History Black History school for K-12 African American students on Saturdays at the Betty Johnson library in Newtown.

Take Stock in Children – Sarasota (\$10,000) grant will support a college readiness & admissions mentoring and college for low-income, at-risk children in Sarasota County.

All Faiths Food Bank (\$10,000) grant to help provide a mobile food pantry to bring food directly to the areas of highest need in the African American community.

Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services, Inc. (\$5,080) will provide free medication and medical services to diabetic clients in North Sarasota.

Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition, Inc. (\$8,963.73) grant will provide funds to repaint the walls, window trim, door and finishing touches at The Leonard Reid House, the site of the first African American Museum in Sarasota.

Meals on Wheels, Sarasota (\$10,000) provides and delivers meals to homebound, mentally or physically disabled or elderly persons who can't prepare meals themselves. The grant will help provide 5 meals/week for up to a month to 125 African American clients in North Sarasota.

Habitat for Humanity – Manatee (\$3,000) grant will partially underwrite the rehabilitation of a home for an African American special needs teacher and her two children.

Habitat for Humanity – Sarasota (\$10,000) grant will partially underwrite the rehabilitation of a home for a single family home for an African American family.

Masala Giving Circle Masala Giving Circle is a group of philanthropically minded African American women with a common passion for giving back, helping others, and creating positive change in the communities of color of Sarasota and Manatee counties. Masala Giving Circle's vision is to enhance culturally-vibrant thriving African American/Black communities. Its mission is to promote economic and personal empowerment through financial support for programs and initiatives that benefit African American/Black communities in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Since its inception in 2013, Masala Giving circle has awarded over \$180,000 in grants and gifts. For more information, visit www.masalagivingcircle.org.