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Cox gives more than \$2 million to local charities in 2023

PENSACOLA – Cox Communications has a long-standing tradition of backing the communities it serves, a commitment that was never more evident than in 2023. Last year alone, Cox donated more than \$2 million in cash and in-kind donations to charities and non-profits along the Gulf Coast, boosting their fundraising endeavors. The company provides support to organizations primarily dedicated to youth, education, diversity, technology and conservation initiatives.

In addition to sponsorship of non-profit fundraising events along the Gulf Coast, Cox also made three impactful grant donations to local organizations. The first being a gift from the James M. Cox Foundation for \$500,000 to the Baptist Health Care Foundation to implement a state-of-the-art patient monitoring system at their new hospital in Pensacola. Additionally, thanks to support from Cox Communications, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast were beneficiaries of a \$20,000 grant, earmarked for technology updates at the Fort Walton Beach Club. Finally, a substantial \$25,000 grant from Cox Communications was also bestowed upon the Okaloosa STEMM Academy to procure specialized equipment for the school.

"At Cox, giving back isn't just a tradition—it's ingrained in our culture," said David Deliman, Cox Gulf Coast market vice president. "We take pride in supporting non-profits in the community; it's a privilege to collaborate with outstanding organizations dedicated to such meaningful work."

Furthermore, Cox Charities, a grant program 100 percent funded by local Cox Gulf Coast employees, awarded approximately \$19,000 to local non-profits and schools. In 2023, Gulf Coast employees awarded Innovation in Education Grants to Bluewater Elementary School, Kingsfield Elementary School, Lipscomb Elementary School, Max Bruner Middle School, Myrtle Grove Elementary School and Plew Elementary School. In addition,

Capstone Adaptive Learning and Therapy Centers, One Hopeful Place and the YMCA of Northwest Florida each received a Cox Charities Community Investment Grant.

"We're honored to support our neighbors by not only providing crucial funding to local non-profits, but also through the dedicated contributions of our employees," added Deliman. "Serving our community is more than a commitment; it's who we are. I couldn't be prouder of our team's relentless dedication to making a meaningful difference."

Along with the monetary support, employees served on over 60 local nonprofit boards and committees and volunteered nearly 2,000 hours to support community organizations.

Finally, Cox once again hosted its Inspirational Student Hero Awards ceremonies in Escambia and Okaloosa counties. A record number of 91 students were chosen by their school to recognize their inspirational journeys. Whether it was overcoming a disability, tragic life event or other obstacle in life, these children were celebrated for their impact on others, and Cox was honored to recognize their achievements once again.

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Photo captions:

Valparaiso: Cox Communications presents the Okaloosa STEMM Academy with a grant for technology upgrades at the school. Left to right, Marcus Chambers, Okaloosa County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Scheree Martin, Okaloosa STEMM Academy Principal, Mark Greatrex, Cox Communication President, David Deliman, Market Vice President Cox Gulf Coast.

BGCEC: Employees from the Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast and Cox, along with a group of Club Kids, cut the ribbon on a new Innovation Lab at the Fort Walton Beach Club.

Baptist: Cox Communications presents Baptist Health Care Foundation with a grant of \$500,000 from the James M. Cox Foundation. The grant will support a patient-monitoring system at the hospital.



