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Sarasota Youth Opera and Child Protection Center are Partnering for 2022 Giving Challenge on April 26th

Sarasota Youth Opera and Child Protection Center are proud to be partners for the 2022 Giving Challenge which is hosted by Community Foundation of Sarasota County. For the launch of this Giving Challenge, Sarasota Opera will host a Brown Bag Lunch & Learn in the Opera House Courtyard and lobby on April 26th at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend and help #BeTheOne to give our children a voice.

At this event Sarasota Youth Opera's Director of Education, Martha Collins, will share information about the opera's arts education programs, year-round choral and performance training, and the activities planned for the upcoming summer camp.

Child Protection Center's Marketing Coordinator, Shelby Marsh will provide insight into the organization's vital mission and programs centering on the protection, intervention, and treatment of child abuse.

Sarasota Youth Opera has given thousands of young people ages 8 to 18 a unique and uplifting opportunity to experience opera firsthand through fully-staged Youth Opera productions, Sarasota Opera's mainstage productions, summer camps, after-school choruses, and concert performances throughout the community. Youth Opera has helped young people gain confidence and a stronger sense of self, create life-long connections, and build leadership skills for now and on into their future life endeavors.

Child Protection Center has served children and families in its important work for 40 years. The mission of the prevention, intervention and treatment of child abuse is achieved through different programming. The prevention team offers training workshops for children, parents, and professionals on how to identify and report abuse. CPC also offers intervention services, performing forensic interviews and medical exams for children as evidential support. The Supervised Visitation Program helps foster healthy relationships with caregivers in an attempt to maintain the overall well-being for a child. Free therapy services are provided for children and families who have been victims of child abuse, in an effort to create a stronger, more resilient child.

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SARASOTA YOUTH OPERA

An important program of Sarasota Opera since 1984, Sarasota Youth Opera has given thousands of young people an opportunity to experience opera firsthand through participation in fully staged Youth Opera productions, Sarasota Opera mainstage productions, summer workshops, after-school choruses, and concerts throughout the community. As the only program in the United States committed to presenting annual full-scale opera productions for young voices, accepting all who wish to participate regardless of skill level or ability to pay, Sarasota Youth Opera is a national model for opera education.

CHILD PROTECTION CENTER

The Child Protection Center has been providing prevention, intervention and treatment services since 1980. These services are supported through four core programs: Personal Safety & Community Awareness; Child Protection Team; Children & Families Supervised Visitation; and Child Protection Center Therapy. This year, CPC reached over 53,500 individuals, coordinated 602 safe family visits through its Supervised Visitation Program; provided 298 medical examinations to assess signs of abuse of abuse and neglect by its Child Protection Team; conducted 1,392 personal safety workshops by its Personal Safety & Community Awareness Program; and provided 3,458 hours of therapy through its Sexual Abuse Treatment and Kid Kindness programs.