



# BECAUSE OF YOU

## The Dubin Center's Quarterly Impact Update 2025 Giving Recap

As we reflect on 2025, one message rises above all others: **thank you.**

Because of your generosity, The Dubin Center was able to show up consistently, compassionately, and effectively for the individuals and families who rely on our work. Your support fueled critical programs, strengthened our capacity, and helped us respond to both ongoing needs and emerging challenges throughout the year.

This inaugural edition of *Because of You* is dedicated to honoring our **2025 donors and grantors**. Whether you gave once or many times, as an individual, foundation, or partner, your investment made a real impact. Every service delivered, every milestone reached, and every life touched this year is connected to your belief in our mission.

Inside, you'll find highlights from the past year: snapshots of impact and a look at how your support was put into action. In future issues, we'll share quarterly updates; however, this first edition provides a broader view of what we achieved together in 2025.

We are deeply grateful for your trust, your partnership, and your commitment to the Dubin Center. This work truly wouldn't **be possible without you.**

With gratitude,  
*Christine LoConte*  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Dubin Center

P.S. We look forward to telling you more about how your gift is changing lives in our quarterly donor newsletter. Our 'Because of You' update will be sent out mid-month post each fiscal quarter. We look forward to sharing our next *Because of You* update with you in April 2026!

## Circle of Friends

*Our Circle of Friends are our most consistent supporters, providing monthly gifts that sustain our work year-round. Their ongoing commitment ensures stability, care, and impact every single day.*



- Pat Boris
- Arline Conroy
- Jennetta Crum
- Arthur R Duprez, Sr
- Ellie Fox
- Dan Moser
- Barbara Saxton
- Raymond Wemer

## Corporate Partnership Program

*Our corporate partners strengthen our mission through generous support and shared values. Their commitment helps expand our reach and deepen our impact across the community.*

- Amy McGarry Law Office
- Arden Courts
- Cypress Cove
- Dominion Development
- Gulf Coast Memory Care
- Healthpark Senior Living



## Grant Donations

*We are grateful to the foundations and grantors who invest in our mission through thoughtful, strategic funding. Their support fuels programs that create lasting change.*

- Alzheimer's Foundation of America
- Cameo of Lee County
- United Way Charlotte County

- The Daniel R and Anne M Harper Foundation, Inc
- Fred & Jean Allegretti Foundation
- Humana, Inc
- Lee County Bar Association
- Pelican Sound Charitable Foundation
- United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades County
- Walmart
- WildBlue Charitable Neighbors
- Women's Giving Circle of SWFL Fund

## Out & About Program

*Our Out and About program supports socialization and safe, dementia-friendly community outings for caregivers and individuals living with dementia, made possible through the support of our donors.*



## 2025 By the Numbers

Demand for support continues to grow, and more families are reaching out to The Dubin Center than ever before. In 2024, we served 630 unduplicated individuals through our full continuum of programs—offering education, connection, and encouragement to those navigating Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. In 2025, we experienced a significant increase in requests for memory screenings, guidance, navigation, and emotional support from caregivers and community members. To better capture the full scope of this need, we strengthened the way we track these staff-intensive contacts and

consultations. Because of you, we were able to respond—serving over 900 unduplicated individuals in 2025 and providing more than 4,300 interactions of support, education, and hope.

**1,110 social activity connections** — creating a more dementia-friendly community, reducing stigma and social isolation, and helping families continue enjoying meaningful moments together



**1,938 support group visits this year-** *many caregivers attend regularly throughout the year.*

## Savvy Caregiver Class

*‘This program is a game changer in my role as a caregiver. I learned to reapproach, reassess, and other skills to create a calm, content environment for my family members and me too!’*

*‘Just so thankful for a friend referring me to the Dubin Center, and the warm welcome I received from the moment I walked through the door. Looking forward to attending more support groups. I am not on this journey alone.’*

In 2025, we strengthened our Savvy Caregiver Program. Our social work staff is now trained to offer both Savvy Caregiver Express and Savvy Caregiver Advanced. These additions allow us to reach more caregivers and deliver timely education and support that builds confidence and resilience.

**Total Number of Savvy Graduates:**  
**187**

## Tributes That Endure

***Gifts made in memory or in honor of loved ones are a meaningful way to celebrate lives and legacies. These tributes ensure that care, compassion, and impact continue forward.***

### In Memory Of

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| • Diane Anguld <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Stacy Rubsam</li></ul>                         | • William Felt <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Bonita Felt</li><li>◦ Jennifer Felt</li></ul>                                  | • Paul Newman <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Maureen Oravec</li></ul>                               |
| • Kris Barrett <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Susan Cochrane</li></ul>                       | • Christine Gargiula <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Wendy Headrick</li><li>◦ Hans, Lucy, Anna &amp; Erika Zschuppe</li></ul> | • Shirley O'Maley <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Jody Sleeper</li><li>◦ Beverly Ostermann</li></ul> |
| • Chuck Bell <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Tuesday Shannon</li><li>◦ Eloise Sarlo</li></ul> |   | • Mary Pearson <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Nancy Villwock</li></ul>                              |

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  - Jean Buck
  - Brian Hogan
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### **In Honor Of**

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  - New Life Christ Church
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  - Barbara Saxton
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  - Carolyn Johnson
- Laurie Morris
  - Linda Smith
- Carl Scharfenberg
  - Barry and Suzi Goodman
- Pete Smith and Laurie Morris
  - Wendy Alex
- Marjorie Waage
  - Niki Downey

### **In Support Of**



- In support of Wanda Bishop, her husband, Steve and all who find support and companionship in The Dubin Center
  - Toler Wright

## Signature Campaigns

### The Dubin Center's 30th Anniversary and New Home

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| • Michelle Gotham     | • Karen Rademaker      |                        |

## 30th Anniversary Celebration



*The Dubin Center's New Home: Coming Spring 2026!*

## Special Events

### Backyard Game Day Sponsored by: Cypress at Home

- Aqualane Clinical Research
- Amanda Babcock
- Nicole Benninghoff
- Haley Binkowski
- Canterfield of Fort Myers
- Matthew Cagney
- Emily Carter
- Chris's Custom Construction
- Cypress at Home
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- Jamie Seneca
- Linda Smith
- Gay Trippe
- Kevin Walters

• Cole Cernohous

• Christine LoConte

• Ashley Winstel



## **This wouldn't be possible without you.**

*We are grateful for the support of civic partners and individual donors whose contributions strengthen our mission and community. Their generosity provides flexible funding that helps meet immediate needs and sustain vital services.*

### **Civic and Corporate Donations**

- Accent Business Products
- Captiva Chapel by the Sea
- Cogent Bank
- Heritage Palms Women's Golf Association
- Knights of Columbus Saint John XXIII, Council 13624
- Lee Guardianship Services, Inc.
- Presbyterian Women of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church
- The Resort on Carefree Boulevard
- The Rotary Club of Cape Coral-Sunset
- Sanibel Congregational United Church
- Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club

### **In-Kind Donations**

- The Bent Brush
- Blu Sushi
- Chartruese Craft Cocktail Lounge
- Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa
- Key West Express
- Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
- Sapphire Nail Studio
- Top Golf



- Cloud9 Float Spa
- Face It Botox Bar
- Flock Wine Bistro
- Florida Everblades
- Kobie Inspection Services, LLC
- Revolution Cable Park
- Urban Buzz
- The Veranda Restaurant

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## Out & About Supporters

- Ageless Fitness and Vitality Booth Wellness Center
- The Bent Brush
- Boston Red Sox
- Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
- ECHO Global Farms
- Edison and Ford Winter Estates
- Farmer Mike's U-Pick Fort Myers
- Love Boat Ice Cream
- Petals & Presents Florist
- Sea Love
- Sun Harvest
- Twisted Acres Plant Emporium

## Let's Light the Way this New Year! A Light to Remember -2026

This new year, help us *light the way*. Purchase a luminary for **A Light to Remember** and honor a meaningful life while supporting the Dubin Center's mission.

# A Light to Remember

**Sponsored by Ellie Fox**

Join us for this year's **A Light to Remember** event, featured as a float in the **Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade!**

## **Honor Someone Special**

Purchase a luminary for \$25 to honor, remember, or support someone affected by dementia. The names of all honorees will be displayed on luminaries on the float, on a commemorative T-Shirt, and our online gallery.

## **Participate in the Parade**

Luminary purchasers are invited to: Walk the 2-mile parade route with us. Or ride on the float (limited space available).

**\*\*Luminaires must be purchased before Feb 1st to be included on t-shirts & float**

## **Event Details**

Date: Saturday, February 21st

Time: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Location: Downtown Fort Myers River District

Reserve your luminary today and join us in lighting the way for those impacted by dementia.



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*Where no one faces dementia alone.*

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