

Mariner Sands Foundation Homes Showcase and Boutique Bazaar

**Friday, March 27, 2026
Mariner Sands
Country Club**

www.marinersandsfoundation.com



About the Foundation

History

Mariner Sands Foundation began in 2002 to provide financial and community support to our employees and their families. This was the vision of Gene Bruyette, a past president of the Club.

Gene was a founder of Keefe, Bruyette and Woods, a leading investment banking firm in New York. On 9/11, the headquarters of KBW, in the south tower of the World Trade Center, was destroyed. The firm lost a third of its employees and there was great uncertainty about whether it would ever reopen. Gene worked tirelessly to aid the families of the deceased through the formation of the KBW Family Fund.

At the same time, he was spearheading the development of the Mariner Sands Foundation. Our Foundation was formed by Gene and several like-minded members. Gene led the Foundation as president for nine years.

During the first five years of operating, we made loans and grants averaging about \$32,000 yearly. In the past five years, we have averaged about \$96,000 - a threefold increase in loans and grants. To date, the Foundation has provided more than \$1.6 million to our employees and their families and more than \$200,000 to local charities under our Community Grant Program.

Today, the Foundation has a dedicated team of more than 50 Mariner Sands residents that spend considerable time each year on making our mission successful. We have momentum with awareness of the Foundation increasing.

Application Process

Mariner Sands employees and their family members may apply for Foundation assistance. The Foundation screening committee members review all applications. Applicants are interviewed and their needs and circumstances are reviewed. With the applicant's

consent, their employment status is reviewed with their supervisor. Two members of the screening committee speak fluent Spanish which aids our efforts.

The Foundation has consistently met the needs of our employees and has never denied a worthy request.

Requests for Assistance

Requests for assistance run the spectrum. Here's how we help:

- Cover medical expenses for employees facing serious illnesses or injuries
- Fund necessary repairs to employees' homes, such as fixing roofs, plumbing issues, or damage from natural disasters
- Provide financial support for legal services and helping employees navigate legal challenges.
- Immediate financial help in cases of unexpected crises, such as family emergencies or sudden loss of income
- Offer English as a Second Language for bilingual employees
- Provide mentorship for employees navigating large purchases, debt consolidation, medical care or using Martin County social service programs.

Scholarship Grants Program

Our Foundation Grant Program provides payment for registered courses and any required books or lab manuals. Their studies include physical therapy, nursing, mathematics, education, economics and accounting.



Your giving means we can provide critical assistance to the people who serve us so well throughout the year.



Program

Boutique Bazaar will remain open until 5 p.m.

4:45 p.m. President's Message

5:00 Raffle Drawings - Need not be present to win

5:30 Showcase Reception ends; Bar will remain open for members and guests who wish to extend their cocktail hour

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