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**Charlotte County Homeless Coalition Receives Grant Award from
Gulf Coast Community Foundation**

(Port Charlotte, Fl.) – The Gulf Coast Community Foundation recently awarded the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition a \$25,000 grant for the Bridges Out of Poverty Program, a 14-week workshop that examines the dynamics that cause poverty – both individual and social – and allow it to continue. At the foundation of the program is the belief that poverty, middle class, and wealth are the products of either abundance or a lack of resources.

“Bridges teaches participants real-world skills to alleviate poverty by providing them with the tools and strategies they need to remove barriers to living an independent life,” said Tina Figliuolo, Charlotte County Homeless Coalition CEO. “It brings people from all backgrounds together to improve job retention rates, build necessary resources, improve outcomes and support those who are moving out of poverty.”

About Charlotte County Homeless Coalition

The mission of the Homeless Coalition is to alleviate and prevent hunger and homelessness. The Homeless Coalition envisions a community free of hunger and homelessness. Learn more at www.chomelesscoalition.org.

About Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Together with its donors, Gulf Coast Community Foundation transforms our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. Gulf Coast is a public charity that was created in 1995 through the sale of the Venice Hospital. Since then, it has become the philanthropic home of more than 650 families who have established charitable funds there, and has invested over \$260 million in grants in the areas of health and human services, civic and economic development, education, arts and culture, and the environment. Learn more at GulfCoastCF.org.

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