Teri A Hansen manages the daily work of Gulf Coast Community Foundation as, together with its donors, it transforms our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. She has served as President|CEO of Gulf Coast since 2002.

Under Teri’s leadership, Gulf Coast recently surpassed $150 million in grants invested in the community. Teri oversees Gulf Coast’s creation and funding of catalytic community initiatives, such as a policy study of Florida’s 9-1-1 system that helped improve public-safety throughout the state. Current Gulf Coast initiatives include Feeding Hungry Families, a project to assess, map, and improve the hunger-relief system in our region; CareerEdge, an award-winning workforce-development collaborative; and GulfCoastGood.org, an online portal for citizen philanthropy that connects community members with opportunities to donate or volunteer.

Teri also volunteers her leadership nationally, statewide, and regionally. She is a member of the Council on Foundations’ Community Foundations Leadership Team, a past president of Community Foundations of Florida, a member of the Florida Philanthropic Network, and a board member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation. She also serves on the USF Sarasota-Manatee Community Leadership Council and has held numerous leadership positions focused on economic development in Sarasota County.

Teri is a member of the International Women’s Forum Suncoast Chapter, and in 2007 she received the IWF’s “Women Who Make a Difference Award.” In 2010, she received the President’s Award of Distinction from State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, and was named a “Best Boss” in the Sarasota-Manatee region by Biz941 magazine. Teri was named one of the “50 Most Powerful People on the Gulf Coast” by Gulf Coast Business Review in 2011. She also received the Tampa Bay Partnership Chair’s Cup for Excellence in Regionalism and the Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County “She Knows Where She’s Going” award.

Prior to joining Gulf Coast, Teri was vice president for gift planning and donor relations at The Cleveland Foundation, the oldest and one of the largest community foundations in the United States. She also worked as vice president of external relations for Central Indiana Community Foundation and was the founding president of Legacy Fund of Hamilton County (Indiana).

A San Diego native, Teri earned her bachelor’s degree in journalism from San Diego State University. Upon graduating, she served as a public affairs officer in the U.S. Air Force. Teri is an alumnus of Harvard Business School, having completed its Advanced Management Program.
Gulf Coast Community Foundation and its president/CEO, Teri A Hansen, have been honored recently with the following awards and recognitions:

**Gulf Coast Community Foundation**

- Outstanding Humanitarian Award, America's Blood Centers (2014)
- Stephen H. Goldman, M.D. Keystone Award – Lay Organization, Center for Building Hope (2013)
- Best NonProfit Organizations to Work For, The NonProfit Times (2010)
- Best Companies to Work For, Florida Trend magazine (2010)

**Teri A Hansen**

- Community Youth Development Leadership Honoree (2014)
- Women in Business Leadership Circle, SRQ Magazine (2014)
- Civic Achievement Award, AJC – West Coast Florida Region (2013)
- “50 Most Powerful People on the Gulf Coast,” Gulf Coast Business Review (2011)
- “She Knows Where She’s Going” Award, Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County (2011)
- Chair’s Cup for Excellence in Regionalism, Tampa Bay Partnership (201X)
- President’s Award of Distinction, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (2010)
Teri A Hansen
Council on Foundations Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination

Teri A Hansen was honored by the American Jewish Committee with its Civic Achievement Award in 2013. Here is a video that was produced to be shown at the awards dinner to recognize her contributions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjyq4k3zC1s&list=FLfZ9rNKc6NFZSeRxmYV3HZw&index=2

Teri A. Hansen

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Suzette Jones has fielded more than 140 business ideas from aspiring local entrepreneurs who she matches with coaches, mentors and other resources through BIG—Bright Ideas on the Gulf Coast. Bob and Lin Williams, Sarasota philanthropists who built a successful manufacturing company, have funded 15 technology-rich STEMsmart classrooms in Sarasota middle schools. Karin Barbito helped convene 120 volunteers from faith communities in Venice last week to begin strengthening the support network for homeless families.

Each of these folks is an “Agent for Action” in the Gulf Coast Community Foundation family. While their focus might seem relatively specialized, all contribute to a bigger-picture objective: to live in the best community we can. To see just how well these efforts strategically align, I invite you to read Gulf Coast’s 2014 Agenda for Action.

This publication is our annual statement of commitments for the coming year. An “anti-annual report” of sorts, it honors accomplishments of the past by charting how we aim to build on that progress—and inviting you to work with us toward greater goals.

In 2014, our Agents for Action are approaching our region’s most exciting opportunities and pressing challenges from three directions:

Innovation economy. A thriving community owes its dynamic energy to success in disparate areas. Our agents have banded together to catalyze growth and progress by: creating more high-quality, career-path jobs and a more fertile environment for start-ups; better preparing area students to fill those high-skilled jobs; and enhancing the cultural and lifestyle amenities that attract young professionals and new retirees alike.

Opportunity for all. A community cannot be said to have laid a proper foundation if it can count among its members even a few for whom the most basic needs are not being met. Two diverse and enterprising groups are pooling their resources—and recruiting more—to support vulnerable children and families who lack access to adequate, nutritious food and safe places to sleep at night.

Foundation strong. The measure of a community is the faith we put in just that: measuring the community. The accuracy of data must be prerequisite to any action based on it. Gulf Coast is committed to convening experts, engaging community members in research and analysis, strengthening nonprofits to reach their potential and uniting skills we already have in our region with needs we want to banish from it.

Flipping through our Agenda, I just counted photos of 120 of the most compassionate, committed members of our community who are working together to improve it. And that’s but a fraction of the Agents for Action across our region—donors and volunteers, public servants and nonprofit leaders—who collaborate with Gulf Coast.

Can you see yourself or your team engaged in this enterprise? What’s your agenda? Ours is online at www.GulfCoastCF.org. I invite you to read it and then act on what moves you. We want to hear how you can help us, together, make our community the best it can be.

SRQ Daily Columnist Teri A Hansen is president and CEO of Gulf Coast Community Foundation

2014 Agenda for Action

More From SRQ Daily...

This story came from SRQ Daily, you can read the entire issue in the archive.
Welcome back, snowbirds
Seasonal visitors’ social economic impacts are huge

T he arrival of seasonal residents and snowbirds to Sarasota County has always been an event to be enjoyed, but this year the arrival of so many people in such a short time has created many community concerns. The reason becomes evident if we highlight the latest, downright dramatic, data on the topic. Snowbirds are not new to Sarasota, but for the first time we heard the term “snowbird” on the local news in the broad-brushed picture of the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners—specifically the need for a stay at night policy. Readied to help with this concern, these members should under- stand the social and economic impacts their decision will have on improving the quality of life for all our county residents. This is a critical time to improve the safety net for our community. The funding we have provided to fuel services and programs aimed at these people is needed more than ever. We were happy to see that these grants, as called for by the Homeless Children and Families initiative, are making a difference in our community, highlighting the importance of the funding we have provided to fuel services and programs aimed at these people. It was gratifying to read the excellent results that have been achieved.

Sheltering families requires a foundation of leadership

T om’s Survey Day count looks at a critical time in the history of families in and children families. It was gratifying to read the excellent results that have been achieved. The purpose was to determine the number of homeless families and children in the community, as well as at risk of becoming homeless. The results indicate that the number of homeless families and children has decreased significantly from the 1,800 families and children that were counted in the 2014 survey. The number of homeless families has decreased by 50%, from 1,150 to 575, and the number of homeless children has decreased by 30%, from 650 to 455. This is a significant improvement in the number of homeless families and children in the community. The reduction in the number of homeless families and children is likely due to the initiatives and programs that have been implemented to address homelessness in the community. These initiatives and programs include the Homelessness Prevention Program, the Rapid Re-Housing Program, and the Homeless Coalition. The Homelessness Prevention Program provides assistance to families and individuals to prevent them from becoming homeless. The Rapid Re-Housing Program provides assistance to families and individuals who are currently homeless to quickly find and maintain stable housing. The Homeless Coalition provides services and support to families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The reduction in the number of homeless families and children is a testament to the efforts of the community to address homelessness.