

The Insider: Five things to know in February

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1. Pediatric Clinic to be built on YMCA campus

Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida announced that it will partner with the Greater Naples YMCA to build a pediatric clinic on the Y's new Healthy Living Campus. The state-of-the-art clinic will open sometime in 2015 and will provide an all-inclusive system of care for Collier County children. Dr. Todd Vedder, a pediatrician with the NCH Healthcare Group, will be joining the health care network to run the new pediatrics clinic, which will offer medical, dental, and behavioral health services to children. At the new 5,400 square-foot pediatric clinic, doctors and medical staff from Healthcare Network will work with wellness and education professionals at the YMCA to provide high-quality health and nutrition programs to infants, toddlers, preschool and kindergarten children enrolled at the Y child care center, as well as to those participating in youth programs and teen development. Information: 239-591-1755

2. Naples Equestrian Challenge commemorates groundbreaking milestone

Naples Equestrian Challenge has announced that it raised more than \$1.3 million during its Barn Raising Capital Campaign, enough to break ground on its new Equine Therapy Center. The center will expand NEC's capacity to provide therapeutic riding and other equine-related programs to children and adults with special needs. They commemorated the milestone with a special ceremony honoring Groundbreaking Donors Don and Connie Smith. NEC has experienced tremendous growth over the last two decades due in part to an increase in referrals from pediatricians, neurologists, and physical therapists who are recommending equine-assisted therapy for their patients. The new center will be built on land just south of and adjacent to NEC's current site. Information: naplesequestrianchallenge.org

3. Naples Winter Wine Festival raises more than \$12.32 million

The Naples Winter Wine Festival raised more than \$12.32 million for children's charities during its three-day festival Jan. 24-26. The number brought the total dollars raised since the

festival's inception in 2001 to more than \$135 million. The vintners who attended the event came from the 15 global wine-producing regions, five countries, and two continents, and included Honored Vintner Marchese Piero Antinori, one of the most prestigious names in Italian winemaking. Festival attendees enjoyed meals prepared by top culinary talent including celebrity chefs Tom Colicchio, Paul Bartolotta and Curtis Duffy. The festival has earned the distinction of being one of the most successful in the nation according to Wine Spectator. Using the funds raised from this year's auction, Naples Children and Education Foundation will award grants to local organizations serving Collier County children in need on March 9. Information: napleswinefestival.com

4. Former Goodwill President and CEO to lead foundation

Tom Feurig, former President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, will shift his responsibilities to be the new executive director of The Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. Feurig will devote his full attention to the continued development of the foundation which ensures the long-term vision of Goodwill's mission of offering life-changing opportunities to people with disadvantages and disabilities. Information: goodwillswfl.org/foundation

5. Community Foundation receives donation for the first of six legacy reefs

Less than one week before the Artificial Reef deployment ceremony on Jan. 8, the Community Foundation of Collier County received \$100,000 for naming the first of six Legacy reefs. Martin Wasmer and his family watched as this incomparable project began on a mission to enhance the environment and economy of Collier County and the cities of Naples and Marco Island. With his donation, Wasmer has the satisfaction of knowing his family's contribution will forever stand as a valuable legacy to our community.

Information: cfcollier.org

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