

# STARFISH SOCIETY

LEAD Brevard's mission: working together to strengthen our community by inspiring people to lead ...

Your contributions assure that local leaders from small nonprofits and entrepreneurs ... local leaders representing marginalized communities ... are able to expand their network and access quality leadership development through the LEAD Brevard Equity Scholarship Fund. In 2022, over \$33,000 was awarded to 19 participants in the Leadership Brevard class 2023.

LEAD Brevard has created the Starfish Society\* to recognize leaders who, through their philanthropy, provide access and opportunities for our community members to prosper. Equity in leadership means our community is a better place for all of us. You have a vision and are willing to invest in that future. As a founding member of the Starfish Society, we know you recognize and support equity in our community and believe in LEAD Brevard's work to remove barriers to participation.

*\*A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement. She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!" The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied,*

*"I made a difference to that one"!*

*adapted from "The Star Thrower" by Loren C. Eiseley*

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*(Basic membership in LEAD Brevard is a separate investment).*

**YES, I want to join the Starfish Society!**

LEAD Brevard recognizes individuals and organizations who make a philanthropic investment of \$1,000 or more as an annual donation as members of the Starfish Society. These generous community leaders are the financial foundation on which LEAD Brevard initiatives like the Equity Scholarship fund are sustained. It is a community of Leadership Brevard alumni, business leaders, and philanthropists who support LEAD Brevard and the greater leadership community of Brevard.