



**The Founders Fund Inc.**

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*For Immediate Release*

***The Founders Fund, Inc. holds  
2012 High School Counselors Breakfast***

(Naples, FL – February 7, 2012) The Founders Fund, Inc. recently held its *Annual High School Counselors Breakfast* at The Club Pelican Bay. There were 11 Collier County High School guidance counselors in attendance along with several Founders Fund board members.

The purpose of the annual breakfast is to meet area high-school counselors, review the scholarship application process and gather information about the needs of local students. The Founders Fund members and counselors exchange information in order to best prepare students for the scholarship application process. Sue McNaghten, President of The Founders Fund and Joan Thomas, Scholarship Committee Member, encouraged counselors to share information regarding the sizes of upcoming graduating classes, the anticipated financial need of their students, and difficulties facing college-bound seniors in today's economy.

The Founders Fund, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization, was created in 1991 by the Founding Golf Members of The CLUB at Pelican Bay. The mission is to provide financial assistance to young men and women from Collier County in their pursuit of higher education. In 2011, renewable annual scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded to 26 students from Collier County.

Celebrating 20 years of service to the community, The Founders Fund is supported by Golf and Social Members of The Club Pelican Bay, as well as corporate sponsors which include prominent local and national businesses. Income from reserve assets, sponsorships and fundraising activities supports annual scholarship grants of approximately \$200,000 per year. More than two-million dollars in scholarships have been awarded since the Fund's inception.

For more information about scholarships, sponsorships, or participating in the April 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraising event, contact Sue Davenport at 239-593-0124 or 597-2244 or visit [www.thefoundersfundinc.org](http://www.thefoundersfundinc.org).

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Photos attached.