

Dedication of the George Hovis and Don Wickham Community & Nonprofit Resource Center

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Good Morning,

Today is a very special day for Lake County as we dedicate the George Hovis and Don Wickham Community & Nonprofit Resource Center. The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation is honored to join the celebration.

Seven years ago, the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of South Lake County came to the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation to discuss their vision of building a place where people would come together, something Lake County didn't have before. The building would not only serve as the Foundation's home, but it would be a place for community members to gather, to learn, to meet. It is the Community Foundation of South Lake County's dream that this new building will facilitate its ability to positively impact your community in new and meaningful ways. The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation shared their vision and invested in the building's future... and a wonderful building it is - well worth the wait.

Shortly after the grant was made, the Foundation reduced its geographic area of giving to focus on Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. It's been said, "The only constant is change" and the Foundation is no exception. I am happy to say Lake County has another reason to celebrate today.... the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation Board of Directors, just last week, unanimously approved expanding the Foundation's grant making geographic area to **Lake County**. The Foundation's Board and Staff look forward to working with you to not only build strong buildings like this one, but to build strong, effective Lake County nonprofit organizations to better help the people they serve.

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation congratulates you on the opening of the George Hovis and Don Wickham Community & Nonprofit Resource Center and we look forward to working with you in the future.