



**SMR'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY**

- Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc. (SMR) has a long tradition of working with local and state government entities to plan and develop roads, parks, schools and other important elements of infrastructure to serve the people in and around Lakewood Ranch. In almost every instance, SMR has completed its infrastructure improvements before they were mandated and before the county had completed its own work.
- To date, SMR has completed, or has in planning, more than \$90.5 million in transportation improvements. Road improvement projects include State Road 70, University Parkway, Lorraine Road, Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, and many others: this is in addition to millions of dollars worth of land donations for right-of-ways, schools, parks and nonprofit community organizations.
- SMR and its entities help support, both financially and in-kind, many local arts and culture groups; annual investments are approximately \$100,000. Recipients include the Asolo Repertory Theatre; WUSF radio; Sarasota Opera; South Florida Museum, ArtCenter Manatee, the Sarasota Jazz Club and Sarasota Film Festival.
- SMR has preserved wetlands and wildlife habitats, including the 2000-acre Heritage Ranch Preservation Area, the 450-acre Long Swamp Preserve and a 38-acre gopher tortoise preserve.
- SMR donated the initial \$125,000 to create the Lakewood Ranch Community Fund in 2000. Every year, it is a major sponsor, contributing cash as well as working through its Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club to provide exclusive discounted rates for the annual gala and golf tournament.
- The developer donates or sells, at below market value, property for schools, parks and significant nonprofit organizations. These include:
  1. Lakewood Ranch High, Nolan Middle, and Gullet, McNeal and Willis elementary schools, and The Out-of-Door Academy
  2. County parks adjacent to LWR High School, Nolan Middle/McNeal Elementary and Willis Elementary
  3. Land for the Mid-County Red Cross
  4. Land for the YMCA
  5. Land for the Mid-County Manatee Chamber of Commerce/United Way building
  6. Land for Manatee Community College—five acres currently with five more acres planned (announced in November 2007)
  7. Eight acres donated for the U.S. Postal Service to build a Lakewood Ranch post office

8. Land for Manatee Technical Institute
9. Land for East Manatee Fire Rescue District
10. Lakewood Ranch Town Hall
11. Traffic lights, such as the one at Natures Way and Lakewood Ranch Boulevard (\$300,000)

- Many SMR executives and staff donate their time to volunteer and/or serve on boards of nonprofit organizations such as the Manatee and Sarasota county chambers of commerce, The United Way, Women's Resource Center of Manatee, Junior Leadership Manatee, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Florida Green Building Coalition, local schools, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Lakewood Ranch Community Fund, Manatee Glens, and the Lakewood Ranch Medical Center.
- SMR donates at least \$50,000 cash per year to nonprofits such as: The American Red Cross, The V Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Meals on Wheels PLUS, Special Olympics, The Humane Society of Manatee County, United Way, HOPE Family Services, Manatee Glens, Rotary Club of LWR, Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and many other community- and education-related causes.
- A \$10,000 contribution in November of 2007 to Take Stock in Children created the Greater Lakewood Ranch Education Fund. This fund help provide college scholarships to low-income students. In turn, they agree to get good grades, stay drug-free and out of trouble. They also meet regularly with volunteer mentors from the community.
- Large donations by staff and over 400 guests at annual SMR Holiday Open House to different area nonprofits such as HOPE Family Services and The Women's Resource Center of Manatee County.