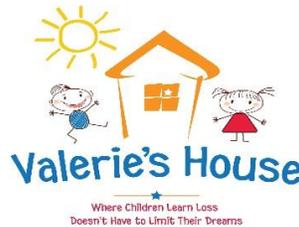


## LHB Charitable Foundation Board (LHBCF) Announces 2018 Designated Charities

In an ongoing effort to maximize support for local children and families in need, the Board of the Lighthouse Bay Charitable Foundation (LHBCF) is pleased to announce that two local charities, both dedicated to the aid and assistance of children in the local Bonita Springs/Estero region, have been designated as the co-recipients of the 2018 Lighthouse Bay community-wide fundraising event.



**Valerie's House** is a 501(c) (3) organization, serving local children ages 4-19 who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. Valerie's House is the only grief support center of its kind serving children in Southwest Florida and is dedicated to the goal that no child will grieve alone. According to the Florida Department of Health, more than 3,000 children experienced the death of a loved one in the past two years in Lee and Collier Counties. Without intervention, children of loss end up in isolation, angry and depressed. The mission of Valerie's House is to help children and families work through the loss of a loved one together and go on to live fulfilling lives.



**Shoes That Fit – Bonita Springs Chapter**, founded in 2004, is a grassroots volunteer chapter that has provided shoes and clothing for children in need in the local area. The organization's goal is to aid in building children's self-esteem and self-confidence by helping them focus on their studies, rather than their circumstances. In 2017, with the help of the proceeds of Hearts n' Soles Day at LHB, they outfitted 350 children in their back to school drive for four local elementary schools.

The 2018 Lighthouse Bay community-wide fundraising event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Enthusiastic volunteers are most welcome for tasks both large and small. If you're willing to roll up your sleeves on behalf of local children in need, please contact the LHBCF Board via email at [lhbcharity@gmail.com](mailto:lhbcharity@gmail.com).

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