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The Our Sarasota Fund and the McCauley-Brown Fund of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County recently awarded Embracing Our Differences a \$4,000 grant in recognition of the organization's outstanding work promoting gender and LGBT equality.

The funds will be used by Embracing Our Differences to develop and present a three-day Diversity Institute workshop for area educators in June 2016. Teachers and counselors in grades K–12 will explore the importance of creating an inclusive education environment for all students — specifically LGBT students and those who do not conform to gender norms.

Community partners, including district representatives, law enforcement officers and counselors, will provide information regarding local resources. EOD's inaugural Diversity Institute, presented in June 2015, attracted more than 50 educators responsible for more than 10,000 students from Sarasota and Manatee counties.

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