

Fund established for patriotic statues

The Cape Coral Community Foundation has a fund established for the purpose of supporting "art in public places" in the Cape Coral community.

A grant has been made to local artists Rudy Diaz and Dan Pardo to create a statue of a soldier saluting the American Flag, alongside an Iraqi child who is also saluting. The end result for these statues are to be placed among the other memorials at the entrance of Echo Park next to the Midpoint Bridge.

The initial grant of up to \$2,500 is to provide the artist the materials necessary to create the molds for the final product of cast statues. The estimated \$40,000 project is slated to be completed before next Memorial Day in May, 2009, pending proper funding from a variety contributions. A fund for these contributions has been created at the community foundation.

To make a donation, contact the Cape Coral Community Foundation at 4729 Vincennes Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33904. The phone numbers is 542-5594.