

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., has approved a grant of \$650,000 for **The Wellness Community of Southwest Florida's Building Hope campaign**. **The Kresge Challenge Grant** is an all-or-nothing deal, which means that The Wellness Community must secure remaining funds, totaling \$2.4 million, to meet its \$8 million goal by Jan. 1, 2010. The campaign was launched in the spring for the construction of an eco-friendly facility on five acres in Lakewood Ranch.

In addition to enabling The Wellness Community to serve thousands more people, "The building will combine proven design concepts, nature, the arts, healing gardens, advanced technology and green design to create the optimal healing environ-

ment," according to its Web site. The campaign is also raising endowment funds for The Wellness Community's free programs. The Wellness Community provides free support and education to people with cancer and their loved ones. For more information about the Building Hope campaign, visit www.helpus-buildhope.org.

This year's **Empty Bowls** events, held Oct. 16 and 17 at Renaissance on 9th Street in Bradenton and on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch, raised more than \$13,000 for **the Food Bank of Manatee**. More than 700 people purchased bowls, made and donated by members of **Art-Center Manatee**, local potters and **the Potters Wheel Club** of Sun City Center, filled with soup

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