



**WILLIAM T. PRATHER**  
**Southwest Florida Community Foundation**

Will Prather is the Executive Producer and Owner of the largest chain of dinner theaters in the United States. The Prather Family Theaters include the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers, Florida; The Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and the Broadway Palm West Theatre in Mesa, Arizona.

A native of Pennsylvania, Will attended the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University and was active in Hotel Ezra Cornell, a student-operated hotel, and Alpha Delta Phi and graduated in 1991. After graduation, he spent a year working as a restaurant manager for the Harvey Hotel Company in Dallas, Texas, and then returned to the Dutch Apple Theatre as Food and Beverage Director and eventually took over running the company from his parents. In 1993, Will opened the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers, which remains the corporate headquarters for his operation..

Will lists family, business and volunteering as the important parts of his life. Joining the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Board in 1998, Will also believes in giving back to the community. The dinner theater is often the site for numerous non-profit organizations to hold functions, among them the Scholarship Awards Banquet for the Community Foundation.

Though he is often traveling between theaters, Will still remains community conscious and has been involved in the Lee County Alliance of the Arts as past President, the Board of Directors for the Leukemia Society, the YMCA of Fort Myers, the Lee County AIDS Task Force, the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, the Executive Board of Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, and on the Executive Committee of the Edison-Ford Winter Estates Foundation. Other organizations he has served on are the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the selection committee for the Golden Apple Teacher, the Tourist Development Council, the Children's Hospital Development Board, and he is an active Rotarian. Will has been the recipient of the Clara Barton Humanitarian Award presented by the Red Cross of Lee County, and The City of Fort Myers presented the theater with the prestigious Horizon Award in 2000 for its role in economic development

Will has a strong commitment to community involvement in Southwest Florida and makes his home here along with his wife, Andrea, and son.