



Welcome to Philanthropy in Style



Sarasota and Manatee combined is home to a wealth of philanthropic organizations supported by our generous and giving community.

The organizations you'll learn about in this special section are recognized for their contributions to our community. Each one is dedicated to making our community a better place for us, our families and our future. Collectively, their hard work and fundraising efforts help meet the needs of children, families and the elderly. They endeavor to feed the hungry, improve healthcare for all, provide social services, offer educational opportunities in the arts and much more.

Child Protection Center
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Community Foundation of Sarasota
Easter Seals of Southwest Florida
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United Way Suncoast
Van Wezel Foundation

Pines of Sarasota

Rehabilitation and Senior Care Community

A Legacy of Compassionate Care

A visit to Pines of Sarasota is bound to provide some surprising and positive experiences. You may see festivities, like the 'Centenarian Tea Party,' which recently honored 11 residents who have reached the age of at least 100. Or a senior in a wheelchair may be planting a butterfly garden with a four-year-old who attends the Pines of Sarasota Childcare and Learning Center – their heads together at just the same height.

"We put a lot of thought into what people really need and into innovations to meet those needs," said Pines of Sarasota Foundation President Estelle Crawford. An absolute given is Pines of Sarasota's nearly 70-year commitment to a range of quality and compassionate healthcare services.

Pines of Sarasota provides quality Skilled Nursing, an Assisted Living Facility and a

Memory Care unit that offers specialized care for residents with dementia. Also on site are two Rehabilitation Centers providing customized rehab services to outpatients and inpatients. And, there's an outreach program called Ready & Steady, A Plan for Better Balance that aims to help prevent falls among all members of the community through a free risk assessment.

Pines of Sarasota also boasts the Education and Training Institute, which provides multimedia courses related to caregiving for people with dementia.

Pines of Sarasota, a not-for-profit organization, takes a compassionate and humanistic view that puts people first. That is why it pledges to its residents that they will always be secure, well cared for and welcomed. Upholding this commitment – to provide needed support for people,



infrastructure, programs and endowment – is the focus of Pines of Sarasota Foundation. Community support via the Foundation is an important factor in the long-term success of Pines of Sarasota. To learn more, or to make a donation or consider an estate gift, please call (941) 955-6293, email Estelle Crawford at ecrawford@pinesfoundation.org or go online to pinesofsarasota.org.



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CHILD PROTECTION CENTER, INC.

The Child Protection Center, Inc. is a non-profit agency providing for the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child abuse in Sarasota and Desoto Counties.

Response from a child sexual abuse client in therapy at Child Protection Center.

"How has therapy helped you?"

“My family is in harmony.”

A tour of our center will enlighten you on the work we are so passionate about.

www.cpcsarasota.org
941-365-1277 Ext. 103



GET YOUR Blue ON!

For more information: www.cpcsarasota.org/pttb

**24-HOUR ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-962-2873**

EVENT REGISTRATION/TICKETS:
941-365-1277 Ext.120 or myaw@cpcsarasota.org
cpcsarasota.eventbrite.com

SAVE the DATES

PILLAR OF HOPE TASTING AND AWARENESS EVENT
Child Protection Center
11.3.16
5-9PM

MEN WHISKEY AND WATCHES - SARASOTA
Edson Keith Mansion at Phillippi Estate
12.15.16
6-10PM

BLUE TIES AND BUTTERFLIES
Michael's On East
4.19.17
6-9PM

MEN WHISKEY AND WATCHES - VENICE
Venetian Golf & River Club
5.18.17
6-9PM

Easter Seals of Southwest Florida

Helping Abilities Shine!

PROGRAMS AT EASTER SEALS

Easter Seals of Southwest Florida offers a variety of services – from child development to physical rehabilitation and job training – to help its children and adults address life's challenges and achieve personal goals. Programs include:

- The Lily School for Child Development offers children who are both typically developing, and differently abled, learn in a creative atmosphere by providing high quality education and care during the formative ages of birth to five years. Spanish, specialized reading, visual and performing arts complement the core curriculum.
- Project Rainbow's center-based and home-based care offers temporary relief for families or caregivers by providing a safe environment where kids have time to be kids and parents/ caregivers have time to be independent adults.
- Children's Therapy Center offers Speech-Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Early Intervention Services for children ages 0-18.
- The High School VIP Program helps students with a wide range of developmental disabilities, who are eligible for Exceptional Student Education (ESE), transition to adulthood and prepare for entering the workforce.
- Life Skills Development offers relevant personal, social, therapeutic, and work skill training to adults with disabilities through community and center-based resources.

Easter Seals of Southwest Florida is celebrating 70 years serving persons with disabilities in the Sarasota/Manatee area, with nearly 60 of those in the same location. All through, its purpose has remained steadfast: to help individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives in our community.

History of Happiness House

Easter Seals Southwest Florida began in 1946 as the Sarasota-Manatee Crippled Children's Clinic and was renamed Happiness House later that year. It was housed in an empty WWII army barracks and served local children impacted by polio - an epidemic at the time. In 1958 a group of local families pooled their resources and built the present facility on Braden Avenue, on the Manatee-Sarasota county border. Other changes occurred and then, in 1984 Happiness House became an Easter Seals affiliate – although it receives no funding from the national Easter Seals then or now.

The New Face of Disability

Today, a visit to Easter Seals Southwest Florida's main location shows the diversity of the people it serves: from ages six weeks old to seniors. "This is the first generation (of disabled people) who are outliving their parents," said Jannon Pierce, Vice President, Resource Development. It also maintains education and therapies for a range of disabilities such as Down syndrome, spina bifida, autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays and sensory disorders.

What is really exciting is that the organization has branched out to offer its services in homes, offices and organizations. "We literally are overcoming barriers of geography by being where the kids are including Children First, Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA," said Pierce.

Education & Partnerships

"Meeting the changing needs and the



changing faces of disabilities has resulted in a continuum of care," said Tom Waters, CEO Easter Seals SWFL. "We offer individualized curriculum plans that include the arts, social skills groups, developmental therapy, and family support."

The organization is also masterful at creating partnerships designed to expand the interests and talents of young people so they participate in the community and the job market. These include educational opportunities with more than seven area arts groups, and job shadowing and volunteerism at thirty local companies.

You can help our abilities shine by offering help and hope to children and adults with special needs by volunteering with, or contributing to Easter Seals Southwest Florida. To learn more, or to donate, please call (941) 355-7637 or visit www.easterseals-swfl.org.



70th Anniversary Celebration!

Save the Date:

December 9, 2016 @ 6:30-11 p.m.

Ritz Carlton – Sarasota
Partnership & Ticket Information
(941) 355-7637

www.easterseals-swfl.org



Southeastern Guide Dogs

A New Breed of Superheroes

Superheroes stand apart with their heroic deeds, valiant service, and invincible character. Superheroes save the day. And that's what our guide dogs and service dogs do every day—all day long—for people with visual impairments and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

At Southeastern Guide Dogs, we're celebrating with Superheroes on Parade, our whimsical community art event to raise funds and awareness for our heartwarming mission.

Sponsored by generous businesses and hand painted by caring artists, more than 50 larger-than-life dog sculptures wearing superhero capes are on display throughout our region. Every sculpture tells a story, whether a nod to its generous sponsor or simply inspiration at play. But the story behind the story is the noble destiny of each superhero guide dog and service dog, trained right here in your back yard and working across the nation.

Kudos to our sponsors, artists, and community, standing together to support those deserving dignity and independence wrapped in four paws and unrelenting love at the other end of a harness. Thanks for partnering with Southeastern Guide Dogs.

And now it's your turn to join the parade!

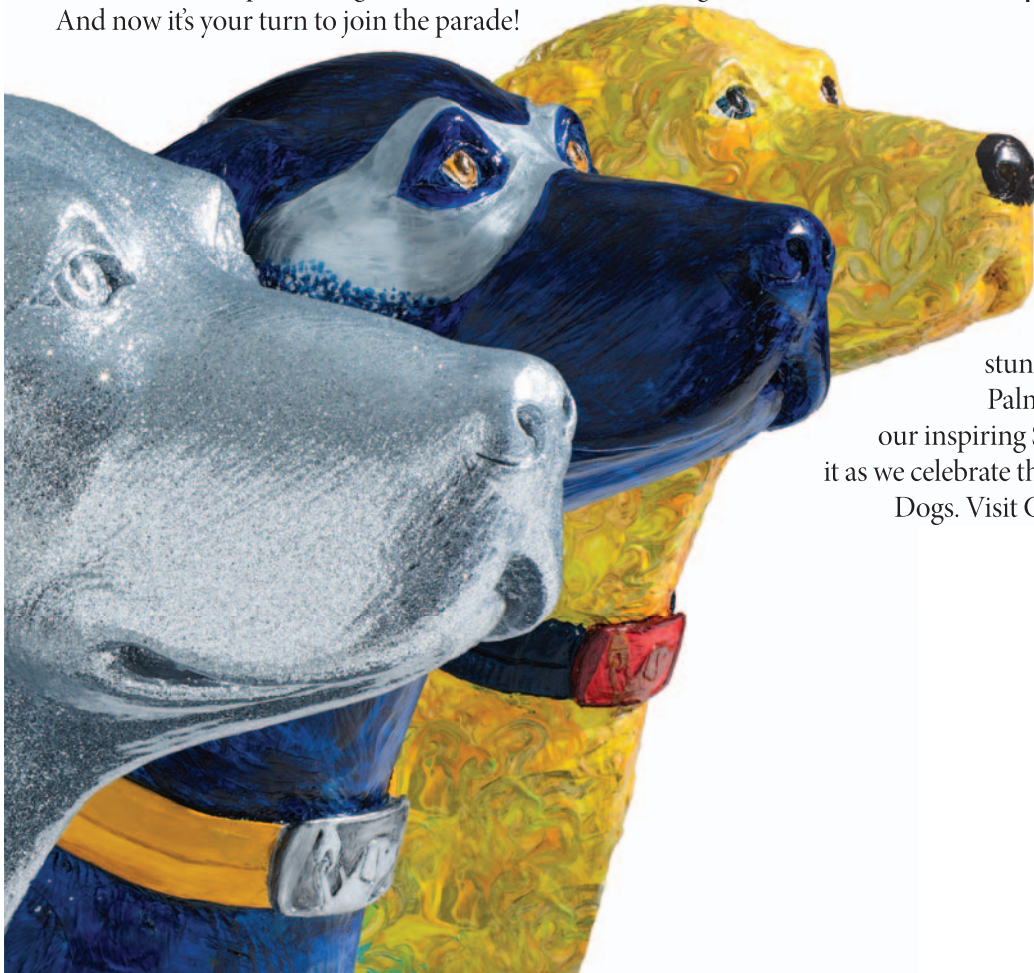


Celebrate our Superheroes Join the Parade!

Palm Avenue, downtown Sarasota
October 8th and 9th

*See all 50+ superheroes
at once in our
Superheroes on Parade.*

Whimsy-meets-mission when all 50+ larger-than-life-size sculptures will create a stunning display in a heartwarming exhibition on Palm Avenue. Come downtown and stroll among our inspiring Superheroes on Parade sculptures. Don't miss it as we celebrate the meaningful mission of Southeastern Guide Dogs. Visit GuideDogs.org/Superheroes to find out more.




Southeastern Guide Dogs
GuideDogs.org



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Part goofball, and **Good dog!**, he's a Labrador retriever of impeccable pedigree—and pure puppy passion. But in just two years he'll become freedom, confidence and independence for someone who could really use it.

Help us make *Mikey* all he can be: A Southeastern Guide Dog.

MEALS ON WHEELS PLUS OF MANATEE

Serving More • Doing More • Being More

So much more than meals! Serving More, Doing More, Being More – that is the story of the “PLUS” of Meals on Wheels PLUS.

The organization, founded in 1972, started by providing delivered meals to a few homebound and disabled individuals. Now, more than 40 years later, it has expanded to deliver more than 750 meals a day, 210,000 a year.

But that is not nearly all. The non-profit further expanded its mission to include feeding all ages, adding the Food Bank of Manatee in 1984, which distributes close to 5 million pounds of food to children, families and the elderly in need.

In addition to those services, more recently the nonprofit has expanded even further to provide caring and supportive services including: Daybreak Adult Day Care in Lakewood Ranch and four Friendship Dining Centers. Additionally, for those individuals older than 50 who want to stay active, Meals on Wheels PLUS offers The Enrichment Center at Renaissance on 9th, Transportation Services, and the Lunch Club. As a result, this non-profit provides an unrivaled continuum of care for the elderly, their families and the hungry in Manatee County.



All of Meals on Wheels PLUS programs rely heavily on the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of donors. You can help by making a donation to, or volunteering for, Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee.

To learn more, call
941-747-4655 or visit
mealsonwheelsplus.org



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CARE. NO MATTER WHAT. That is our promise to our community. One in five women has turned to Planned Parenthood as a trusted provider of high-quality, affordable, and non-judgmental reproductive health care and information.

At health centers throughout the region, we serve both the insured and uninsured, providing lifesaving cancer screenings, birth control, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted disease, and breast health services.

In Sarasota and Manatee counties, we serve more than 5,500 patients annually. We also provide outreach education to thousands of area young people through comprehensive, scientifically accurate programs and sexuality education presentations.

At Planned Parenthood, we believe that care is much more than the services we provide – it's the way we approach our world. For more than 100 years – 50 years locally – we have been the country's leader in providing and protecting reproductive health care, rights and access.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTHWEST AND CENTRAL FLORIDA

Care. No matter what.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Safe Sex Halloween Bash:
Saturday, October 29, 2016

High Tide at High Noon:
Monday, November 14, 2016

Annual Dinner and Auction:
Thursday, March 9, 2017



Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
736 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 365-3913 | www.myplannedparenthood.org

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600 Shining Report Cards

Be The One



Each one of us has the potential to impact a person, a cause, a community. For more than 35 years, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County has matched donors to the right causes, creating lasting impact. You can be the one to make a difference. Call us today, (941) 955-3000.

Goodwill Ambassadors

The POWER behind Goodwill Manasota Donating time, money and expertise to change lives

Goodwill Manasota understands that volunteers are the glue that holds our community together. That's why, at Goodwill, volunteers are called "Ambassadors."

In 2011, Goodwill vice president Veronica Brandon Miller reviewed the nonprofit's strategic plan and asserted, "We're going to need an army!" She began recruiting that army of volunteers, now comprised of 947 people who donate their time, money, and professional expertise to help Goodwill Manasota change lives through the power of work.

Goodwill Ambassadors are committed to learning and sharing the story of how Goodwill Manasota improves the quality of life for many people in the community by creating jobs and offering training to

help people become more employable. "We provide the training and education for our Ambassadors and they, in turn, let the community know how Goodwill helps those with barriers to employment to move toward self-sufficiency," Miller said.

Ambassador activities include monthly "lunch & learns," complete with behind-the-scenes tours; networking socials; engaging Goodwill speakers for service organizations, churches, clubs or businesses; or volunteering for Goodwill initiatives and events.

"With the help of our Ambassadors, Goodwill is not just surviving, we are thriving," said Bob Rosinsky, president and CEO of Goodwill Manasota. "Goodwill exists to create employment and opportunities for those who face challenges.



(L to R) Goodwill Ambassador iHeart Media 92.1 CTQ radio personality Maverick with Goodwill Manasota vice president Veronica Brandon Miller, Goodwill Manasota president and CEO Bob Rosinsky, and Goodwill Ambassadors Linda Gould and Danny Bilyeu.

Without the commitment, passion and generosity of our supporters, we could not succeed in our mission of changing lives through the power of work."



Visit: experiencegoodwill.org/goodwillambassadors
or call (941) 355-2721, ext. 107

CHILDREN FIRST, INC.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Did you know that children learn more in their first 5 years than at any other time? Sadly, children in low-income homes often lack access to the early education needed to succeed in Kindergarten, falling further behind each year. Fortunately, there is Children First, serving 600 at-risk children annually, ages birth to 5 years old, at 13 sites in Sarasota County. They receive high quality early education, nutritious meals and health screenings in a loving environment. Their families gain personalized

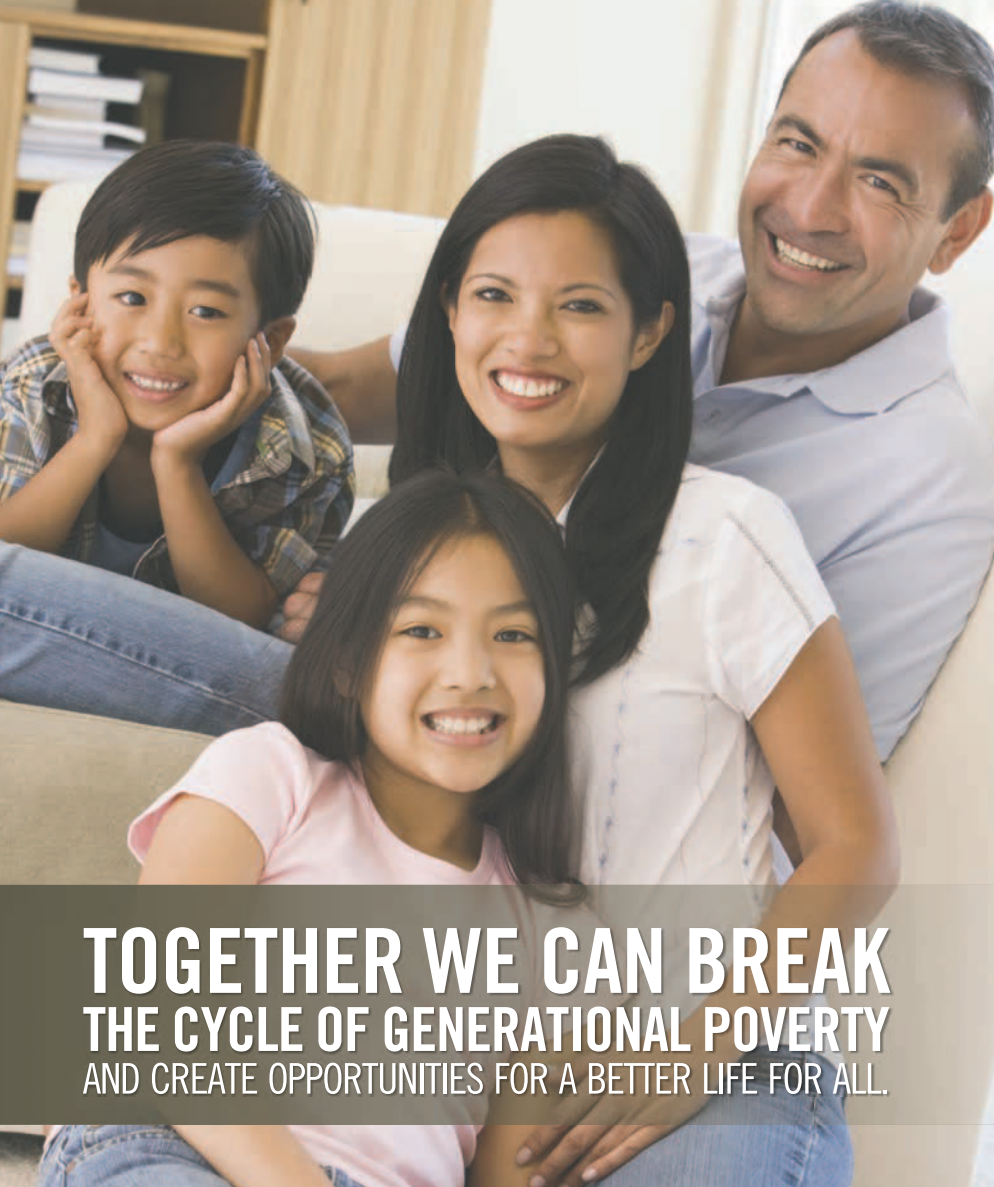
guidance and support as they work to build better lives.

Already one of the nation's top 10 Head Start providers, as a recognized "Program of Excellence," Children First launched its Raise Your Hand campaign in 2016 to serve the intensified needs of local families. In addition to increasing mental health services, individualized attention, and family support, the campaign aims to reduce the number of children on the program's waiting list. Join us and Raise Your Hand for Children First!

1723 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34234
www.childrenfirst.net • 941-953-3877 ext. 124

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TOGETHER WE CAN BREAK THE CYCLE OF GENERATIONAL POVERTY AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL.

Achieving one's full potential is a challenge that starts early for many in our community. Undereducated, impoverished children are nearly three times more likely to drop out of school, struggle financially and repeat the cycle of poverty. Working families face challenges also, struggling daily with financial and employability issues.

United Way Suncoast works to change their stories through programs like our new Booker Middle School Resource Center supporting middle school students and their families; CareerEdge, a workforce development program providing training so individuals can secure higher wage employment; and the new Financial Sustainability Initiative, launched in partnership with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, which helps families once-struggling with homelessness gain financial literacy while increasing savings, improving credit, and working toward long-term financial goals.

United Way Suncoast helps increase opportunities for all and activates the community through philanthropy and volunteerism.



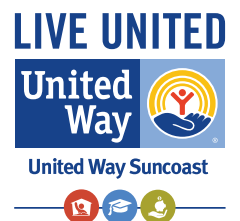
Connecting People. Creating Change. Impacting Lives.

Join the conversation!



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International disaster relief charity ShelterBox



ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides immediate emergency shelter and other lifesaving aid to survivors of a disaster or humanitarian crisis. The U.S. affiliate, ShelterBox USA, is located in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. ShelterBox aid is tailored to each disaster but typically includes tented

shelter, thermal blankets, groundsheets, water purification equipment, solar lights, cooking utensils, a tool kit, mosquito nets and children's activity packs. ShelterBox responds to a new disaster every two weeks, on average. Notable disaster responses include: 2016 Ecuador earthquakes, 2012-present Syrian Refugee Crisis, 2015 Nepal earthquakes, 2013 Philippines Typhoon Haiyan, 2012 Haiti Superstorm Sandy, 2011 Japan earthquake & tsunami, and 2010 Haiti earthquake.

ShelterBox has deployed in the United States following Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy and the tornados in Oklahoma and Alabama.

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members volunteer their time to deploy



with the aid and ensure it is delivered to the survivors that need it most. The work of ShelterBox is made possible through the ongoing contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations.

ShelterBox is a Project Partner of Rotary International.

ShelterBox USA

7359 Merchant Court, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240
941-907-6036
ShelterBoxUSA.org

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WE KEEP THEIR OVERHEAD DOWN, SO THEY CAN LIFT MORE PEOPLE UP.

When you make a donation to The Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center, you're allowing the nonprofits on our campus to use their financial resources to help more people in our community. We are recognized as the leader of a collaborative community providing high quality, accessible facilities for the local human services nonprofit sector. Help us help them by making a donation.

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941.365.4545 | www.gs-humanservices.org

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Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast

JFCS Helps People

We all may need a helping hand at some time in our lives. When we do, Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) is ready. With its overall mission in mind – empowering individuals and families toward self-sufficiency – JFCS maintains a significant range of compassionate programs and services designed to assist and enrich people in our community at every stage of the life cycle.

JFCS programs address the emotional and well-being needs of adults, caregivers, children and adolescents, families, seniors and veterans, regardless of age, income level, race or religion.

Helping Youth Succeed

For example, JFCS' school based programs provide safe alternatives to out-of-school suspension. With guidance and counseling, provided by Master's level social workers and mental health counselors, JFCS' school based programs helps students who are experiencing problems that may interfere with their academic and social success. Students learn valuable skills and behaviors to enable them to succeed not only in school, but within their community.

Helping Families Stay Healthy

JFCS offers counseling and programs designed to assist the growth of functional families. It doesn't matter if the problems are economic, behavioral, or health related, JFCS can help. Programs include free relationship and parenting classes (including its successful "Healthy Father" program), homelessness prevention case management services and more.



Helping Cancer Patients Cope

JFCS's latest project is its Cancer Support and Wellness Program. The program offers more than 75 monthly classes and groups including support and wellness programs, a Mind Body Program, an expressive arts room and more.

Helping Seniors Remain Independent

JFCS offers a wide array of senior based programs. From caregiver support groups and counseling, to Alzheimer's Support and Education, JFCS' senior outreach services enable seniors to preserve their dignity and respect, while supporting their desire to live independently in our community.

You Can Help

For more than thirty years JFCS of the Suncoast has offered programs and services that have positively impacted and touched the lives of our entire community.

At the heart of JFCS are the volunteers, partners, donors and friends who believe in our organization. Who believe in change, and that life can get better for people in need, whoever they are. For more information, or to donate, please call 941-366-2224, or go to jfcs-cares.org.



JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S
SERVICE OF THE SUNCOAST, INC.

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Mark Your Calendars



December 10, 2016
sarasotachristmasboatparade.com



January 5-8, 2017
thunderbythebay.org



June 24-July 4, 2017
sarasotapowerboatgrandprix.org

Suncoast Charities for Children registration # with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is CH4531. Suncoast Charities for Children is a 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization and employs no contract solicitors and receives 100% of all contributions. A copy of this official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free 1-800-435-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement. Approval or recommendation by the state.

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suncoastcharitiesforchildren.org

Suncoast Charities for Children is a 501(c)(3) that provides annual grants to the Suncoast Foundation impacting the lives of over 8,000 children, teens, and adults with special needs and their families. Did you know?

- The Suncoast Foundation has constructed buildings valued at over \$20 Million dollars in the Sarasota, Venice, and North Port area. These buildings are occupied by four local non-profit agencies.
- Non-profit agencies which occupy these buildings include The Haven (Sarasota), The Florida Center For Early Childhood (Sarasota & North Port), Children First (Venice), and Sarasota County Special Olympics (Venice). These non-profit agencies experience a significant savings with an annual lease payment of only \$1 per year on each building. Loveland Village in Venice also receives support.
- Over the past three years (2013 - 2015), Suncoast Charities for Children has provided \$324,000 in grant money to the Suncoast Foundation, so that necessary repairs and improvements could be made to these aging campus locations. This allows program and service money to remain untouched and directed to clients who need it the most.



*Please Visit Our Newly
 Designed Charity Website*



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- RESPECT**
- INTEGRITY**
- SERVICE**
- EXCELLENCE**
- RESPONSIBILITY**

OUR MISSION

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WE'RE DOING *all we CAN* to
PROTECT the FUTURE OF our OCEANS
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Healthy oceans are critical to the health of our planet. But with issues like coral reef mortality, red tide, overfishing and more, our oceans are in need of extra care. Mote wants to change that. Our 200 employees (including 36 Ph.D. scientists) conduct groundbreaking research within 25 diverse research programs everyday. By focusing on today's challenges with an eye toward the future, we can keep our oceans — and all those who depend on them — healthy for generations to come.



SHOW YOUR *support* BY DONATING TO *Mote MARINE LABORATORY & AQUARIUM.*
Together, WE CAN MAKE MORE THAN RIPPLES IN THE MISSION TO PROTECT OUR OCEANS.

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Friendship Centers

Helping Older Adults Discover A [NEW] Way to Age

Helping seniors make the most of life - throughout life - is what the Friendship Centers is all about. Our centers help people navigate A [NEW] Way to Age. They are



places to exercise, dance, listen to music, eat a healthy meal, meet new friends, volunteer and explore new ideas through stimulating courses and programs. And, they are places to access medical and dental care, support for caregivers and day care for their loved ones, as well as essential services such as in-home support, financial counseling and legal assistance. The Sarasota and Venice Friendship Centers reach 7,500 seniors each year. More than 1,000 volunteers give their time and resources to make it all happen.

Nationally and internationally recognized as a leader and innovator in the field of aging, the Friendship Centers has promoted health, dignity and quality of life throughout the journey of aging for more than four decades. In addition to Sarasota county, we serve older adults in Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee and Collier counties.



To support A [NEW] Way to Age, please make a tax-deductible donation online today at friendshipcenters.org or call 941.556.3205. Thank you!



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941.955.2122
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VAN WEZEL
FOUNDATION™



ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS.

THE VAN WEZEL FOUNDATION operates as a partner, but independently, of the city-owned Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Since 1987, the foundation has directed millions of dollars to support the Hall's capital improvements and ongoing educational efforts, including the award-winning Schooltime Performance program.

Last year alone, the Schooltime program enabled over 27,000 children from four counties to attend nine shows linked to their classroom curriculum. For many, it was their first time experiencing live theater and the impact is significant. Exposure to the arts has been tied to improvements in math, reading, critical thinking and verbal skills. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork—all fundamentals for lifelong success.

With your support, we can continue to bring the arts to the children of our community. Please join our mission to enrich these young lives.

MISSION: To enrich the lives of members of the Gulf Coast community, with an emphasis on children, through the performing arts while supporting the needs of the Van Wezel—the region's premier performing arts hall.

VAN WEZEL
FOUNDATION™

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(941) 366-5578 | vwfoundation.org

United Way of Manatee County

Manatee Mind Trust – Brilliant Minds. Bright Future.

United Way of Manatee County has deep community roots. Established in 1943 by Kiwanis Club of Bradenton, United Way created practical solutions for the community's post-war needs. For decades after, United Way has led community in times of disruption. The model of fundraiser on behalf of others was transformative in its time, and continues to be a game changer in how businesses connect with community. Today, United Ways not only invest in programs that work, but also help nonprofits focus on accountability, transparency and outcomes.

Over the past decade, United Way has begun another transformation, harnessing the community to address some of our toughest challenges.

Manatee Mind Trust

As its founders did in 1943, United Way of Manatee County has developed an



innovative, long-term strategy to help our community thrive by

helping our children thrive. This “Manatee Mind Trust” initiative is a collective, child-focused vision for our county's greatness. It is a multi-faceted approach to drive community success, reaching individuals, but impacting the whole.

Why United Way?

Independent non-profits often lack the resources to organize, focus efforts and align community partners to address root causes. United Way addresses policy (local, state and national), systems changes and community resources to ensure lasting impact. After engaging more than 400 community members in conversations, United Way of Manatee County discovered



that our community's most urgent needs fall under three key categories: Education, Financial Stability and Health.

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

Because one out of every two students in Manatee are not reading at grade level by third grade—a key predictor of graduation and future success—this United Way worked with more than 40 community stakeholders to bring the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading movement to Manatee County. Together, they are helping students make the critical turn from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” The now regional Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is a community movement with multiple partners proactively redeploying resources to ensure success.



#Thrivability

Manatee Mind Trust adds layers to United Way's work to support other critical access points to community and individual #thrivability. Brilliant minds need Health. Brilliant minds need Education. Brilliant minds need Financial Stability. United Way amplifies the community voice and turns individuals into transformational investors by being part of the collective.

“We Fight”

United Way of Manatee County fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community they serve, but they can't do it without you.

Learn about the many ways you can get involved at uwmanatee.org.



PRESERVING AND ADVANCING THE CIRCUS ARTS



PERFORMANCE

The CAC boasts an impressive roster of international and local artists each season presenting the best in circus entertainment such as Sarasota's own Nik Wallenda.



TRAINING

Housed in its iconic 20,000 sq ft. arena, The Sailor Circus is a piece of Sarasota history, where students are trained in the circus arts.



OUTREACH

Humor Therapy and Education Outreach programs benefit those ages 5 to 105 and impact the Southwest Florida community.



LEGACY

Co-founder Dolly Jacobs is the first circus artist in history to be awarded the nation's highest honor in folk arts, the 2015 NEA National Heritage Fellowship.



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The Circus Arts Conservatory is a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts educational organization.

Fall events

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MASQUERADE

Art of Food Masquerade
October 22, 2016
www.artoffoodsrq.com



Lilly Pulitzer Luncheon
November 7, 2016
www.srqlillyluncheon.com

The Junior League of Sarasota

Celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2017, the Junior League of Sarasota has impacted the community by founding such institutions as Child Protection Center, Children First, and Teen Court.

During the 2015-16 year, the League's 686 members volunteered more than 5,000 hours and served more than 3,500 members of the community through its Kids in the Kitchen and Done in a Day programs. Through the signature project, combating hunger in Sarasota County, the League collected more than 1,100 pounds of food, packed more than 3,000 meals, and donated more than 100 slow cookers and cookbooks to families in need.

This year, the League will steward \$33,000 in grants to local non-profit organizations and continue its Hunger Outreach program and other hands-on volunteer projects.



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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The Junior League of Sarasota is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

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The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee



Violins of Hope: The Power of Music Resonates Throughout Sarasota-Manatee Even in the midst of the unspeakable evil of the Holocaust, there was music. Music was a source of comfort, hope and resistance – a way for Jews to express themselves and prevent the Nazis from stripping them of their humanity. Amnon Weinstein, one of the world's most respected violin makers, has dedicated his life to locating and restoring violins that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, so that they can give voice to the voiceless – their owners and the millions who perished at the hands of the Nazis. He calls these instruments the Violins of Hope, in the belief that were there was music, there was hope.

On February 1-16, 2017, **The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee** will host Weinstein and 16 of these violins for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our community – to hear these violins played and to experience the stories of their owners. The community will have numerous occasions to experience the violins. As part of a specially designed curriculum, middle and high school students throughout Sarasota will hear the violins played and be told their stories as a vehicle to study the Holocaust and its aftermath while delving into the meaning of hope.

The violins will be played throughout the community by Perlman Music Program/Suncoast alumni, members of the Sarasota Orchestra, and the Presidential String Quartet from State College of Florida. The opening night event will be **The Len Mazur Memorial Concert** on February 1, 2017 at the Ritz Carlton. In what promises to be a series of inspiring, cultural, and educational events, Violins of Hope will highlight the suffering, courage, and resilience during an era of unspeakable evil. The message that life will never again be taken in vain will resound throughout Sarasota-Manatee.

James A. Grymes, musicologist at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and author of *Violins of Hope: Instruments*

of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour, will join Weinstein for two events in Sarasota, on February 6 and 7. At these two conversation-style programs, Weinstein and Grymes will explore the complex role that several of these violins played during the Holocaust; as well, audiences will have an opportunity to hear the violins played.

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee is privileged to be among the venues worldwide to host this program. In addition to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, these violins have been played in several European capitals, including Berlin, when the Berlin Philharmonic commemorated the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. In 2012 and 2016 consecutively, Violins of Hope was the centerpiece for programs in Charlotte, NC, and Cleveland, OH.

For a complete list of Violins of Hope community events, visit www.jfedsrq.org/violins-of-hope. Tickets will go on sale in mid-November.

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The Jewish Federation
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Suncoast Food & Wine Fest

Good Food! Good Drink! Good Cause!

Suncoast Food & Wine Fest, the annual charity fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, is celebrating its 15th year of offering a fun afternoon filled with food, wine and entertainment.

Don't miss your chance to experience what has been called the "must be there" festival of the fall season. Guests will again enjoy a delectable array of samplings and tastings from a large selection of the area's finest restaurants; as well as a variety of fine wines and other beverages.

New this year: Craft Beer Tasting!

There will also be local and international craft beer, cooking demos by well-known area chefs and live entertainment.

By simply purchasing a ticket, you will be providing financial assistance

to many excellent charitable organizations within Sarasota and Manatee counties. These organizations are helping a diverse population in age, ability, economics and more. To date, the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch has given more than \$1.3 million from festival proceeds to charity.

The on-site silent auction features great prizes, including art, spa packages, restaurant vouchers and more. All net proceeds will be combined with all other event proceeds for distribution to selected charities.

Bring your friends, experience some new tastes and enjoy the festivities. Signature wine glass supplied!



Suncoast Food & Wine Fest
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, 1 to 4 p.m.,
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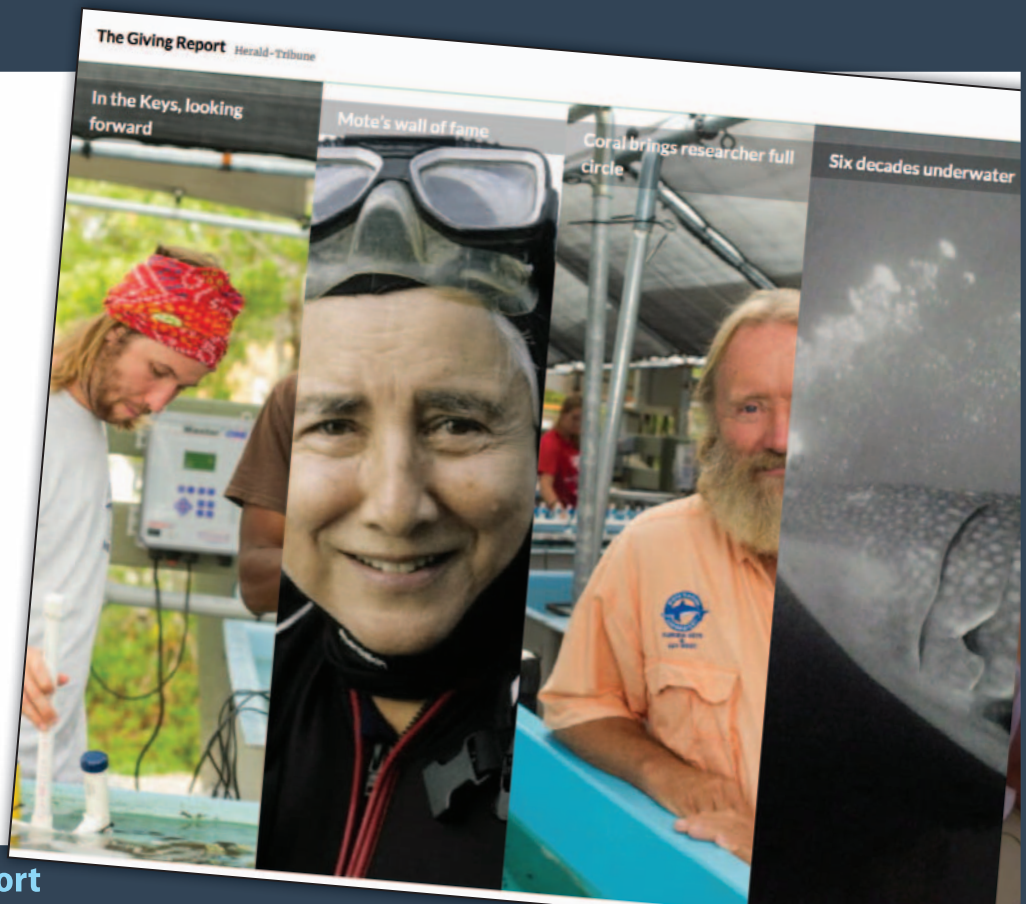
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Our primary purpose is to ensure that Sarasota Memorial Health Care System is the premier healthcare facility in the region. The Foundation also supports other not-for-profit healthcare organizations in the county.

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Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning (SILL)

Lectures and Conversations for Inquiring Minds

For 45 years, the Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning (SILL) has offered high-quality global issues lectures and musical conversations in the greater Sarasota area. This year will be its 46th season beginning January 9 through March 31, 2017.

SILL offers two popular programs in Sarasota and Venice, and a newly expanded program in Lakewood Ranch. To accommodate great demand, Sarasota programs were moved to larger venues, and attendance achieved a new milestone reaching 45,000. Lakewood Ranch will also have a larger venue this year.

Global Issues Series: An Insider's View of Today's World. From the Middle East to the Far East, energy to cyber threats, politics to economics, compelling areas of current interest are examined by renowned experts. Sarasota lectures are held at **The**



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First United Methodist Church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. In Venice, lectures are held at the Venice Community Center on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Lakewood Ranch lectures are in a new and larger venue at the **Cornerstone Church** on Covenant Way on Thursday evenings.

Music Mondays Series: Musical Conversations with Great Performers aims to entertain, enlighten and educate. This season is especially exciting because SILL has gathered 12 world famous music-makers, entertainers and stars, hosted by renowned commentator June LeBell and her colleagues. In Sarasota, Music Mondays

are held at **Church of the Palms** at 10:30 a.m., and at **Venice Presbyterian Church** on Venice Island at 3:00 p.m.

Simulcasts: For the benefit of residents who have difficulty traveling to specific venues, SILL offers simulcasts on Thursdays at select residential communities. These simulcasts can be viewed at convenient times scheduled by the community.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy, stay informed, and meet with like-minded individuals at the Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning. SILL events are for your mind what physical exercise is for your body. Single tickets purchased at the door cost just \$10, and 12-lecture season tickets can be purchased through the website for an amazing price of \$85. For detailed information about speakers, lecture topics and outlines, dates and locations, please visit www.sillsarasota.org or call 941-365-6404.

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