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Our Mission

Addressing the unmet needs of groups and individuals in the area of health, education and human services in Indian River County.

Our Goals

- * Transform Lives
- * Strengthen Families
- * Improve the Indian River County Community

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AGENCIES REACT, REGROUP, AND RETOOL TO ADJUST TO EFFECTS OF COVID-19



Crossover Mission

Getting through 2020, one of our toughest years yet, managing our student families, staff, and volunteers while upholding safety and maintaining educational and athletic support has been our most important goal since the onset of COVID.

Many of our student-athletes have faced the uncertainty of food and housing, inconsistent quarantine measures, and fear of illness, while also being deeply affected by racial unrest so prevalent since the death of George Floyd in June 2020. In a poll conducted in early January 2021, it is noted that nearly all our Crossover participants, despite age or gender, have serious worries about their future and report having trouble sleeping.

We continue to provide a safe haven of stability and continuity of academic support using athletics as the carrot for our youth. We conducted daily virtual athletic and academic training during the shutdown and have maintained parallel live and virtual supports since. Necessary changes to maintain safety forced us to pivot academics to a temporary space while we begin phase 1 renovation of our Crossover center at 4425 US 1. The new center has 30,000 square feet of space that will allow athletic and academic distancing while training and will propel growth through efficiencies resulting from the ability to split programming to double capacity. We remain committed to this project as we work our way into 2021. Our youth need us now more than ever.

Hope For Families Center

When the Covid-19 pandemic descended upon the U.S. in mid-March 2020, sudden business and school shutdowns, stay-at-home orders, job losses, and widespread economic downturn affected us all.

With help and guidance from Cleveland Clinic, Mayo Clinic, and Treasure Coast Community Health, Hope for Families instituted testing and safety protocols that allowed us to keep serving homeless families. One wing of our shelter was prepared for the isolation of families in the event of contraction or quarantine due to COVID-19. We moved all families into another wing and required masks when out of their rooms. All staff members wear masks and gloves when working with our residents.

The economic downturn caused many of our families to lose their employment. With schools closed, our children missed out on the classroom experience and socialization opportunities. However, our Center provided the resources for school-aged children to finish the school year. The new Reading Resource Center has now been completed and is a peaceful place where children can do their homework and explore the world of books.

The Hope for Families Center serves as a catalyst to lift up homeless families through caring, structure, education, and access to resources that families need for today and into the future. This is the life work of the Center -- our focus, our reason for being. We are so grateful for your support.



2020-2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

McLaughlin's Sip & Shop
Feb 20, 2021
10AM-6PM

Spoonbill Walk
March 7, 2021

Abby Road Concert
March 18, 2021
7:00PM at the Emerson Center

Gala Dinner & Auction
March 25, 2021
6PM Grand Harbor Beach Club

Golf Event
April 26, 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you want to do something that will make you feel better in these tumultuous times? Something that is so easy and just takes a couple of minutes. No, I'm not going to give you a recipe to cook or bake.....I'm talking about something that makes you feel good deep down inside, in your heart.

These are extremely stressful times. Many of the 30-35 non-profit agencies that we have supported this year and in past years are really struggling. Many have had to cancel their fundraisers, and their state funding has been curtailed. Programs have been cut. They have lost a lot of their volunteers due to the pandemic, and they've had to reduce their staff, some drastically. Agencies have pivoted, been creative and innovative in attempting to meet their goals, but it is tough going.

So here's my recipe—sit down today and write a check to Grand Harbor Community Outreach to support the good work of these hard-working agencies that are critical to the health and welfare of many of our Indian River citizens. If you have already contributed to Outreach this year, we sincerely thank you. If you haven't yet given, I hope you will seriously consider a gift now. I guarantee that you will feel better afterward. It's called "Chicken Soup for the Soul".

With great appreciation,
Kathy

Kathy Tonkel



IF YOU WOULD RATHER MAKE A CREDIT CARD OR STOCK DONATION, GO TO OUR WEBSITE HOW TO GIVE PAGE:

Click Here: www.ghcop.org/how-to-give

Spoonbill Walk

Save the Date, Sunday afternoon, March 7th for a fun leisurely walk to raise funds for Outreach charities. Stay tuned for details to follow.

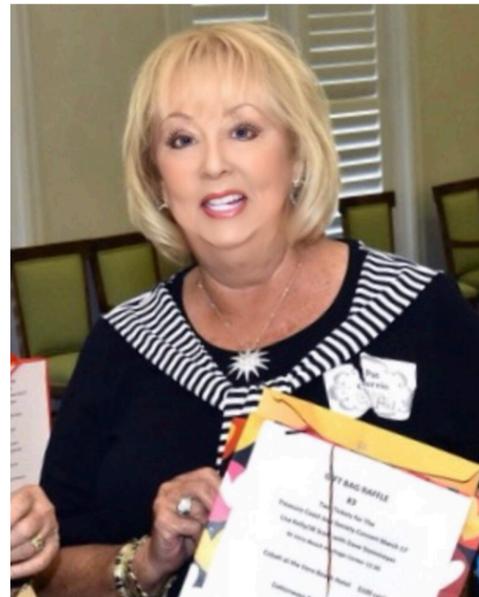
GHCOP EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP

Last spring Grand Harbor Outreach was pleased to award scholarships worth a total of \$13,000 to five Grand Harbor employees/dependents attending Indian River State College. In spite of the COVID pandemic, shutdowns and employment furloughs, our scholars remained academically focused and all were enrolled for the fall semester. They are also enrolled for the upcoming spring semester. Four students have attended virtual classes, and one attended two classes on campus.

Maria Altamirano is pursuing a degree in Business Administration. Pamela Cruz is enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program. Ashley Clauvil, wife of Grand Harbor employee, Franz, is completing a degree in Nursing. Claudia Torres Monroy is also a Business Administration major. The fifth recipient, Ambrosia McAdams, is studying for a degree in the Arts.

GHCOP is the proud creator and sponsor of the Grand Harbor Employee Scholarship Program. The generosity of Grand Harbor residents has made this program possible and very successful.

Pat Curzio,
IRSC Liaison



Pat Curzio

Annual Fund

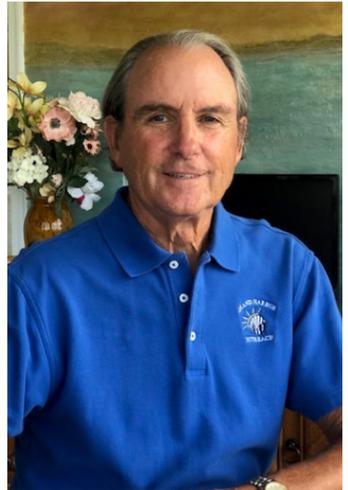
Wow! What a horrific year 2020 has been! Not only for all of us personally, but for the many not-for-profit agencies that are struggling in Indian River County. Through our Community Outreach Program at Grand Harbor, our mission is to support approximately thirty (30) agencies, mainly through our Annual Fund Appeal which is now halfway through. To those who have donated, I sincerely appreciate your generosity and thank you. To those who have not, I encourage you to find it in your hearts and wallets to help those less fortunate.

Currently in our appeal process, we are approximately \$35,000 behind last year; with approximately 1/3 less donors.

There are many ways for you to donate... by check, credit card, stock transfer and company matching gift programs. Please visit the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program website, www.ghcop.org to see how easy it is to make your donation.

Thank you in advance for your caring and giving.

Gratefully,
Jerry Reichert, VP and Chair, Annual Fund



Jerry Reichert

Philanthropy



Lisa Alcock



Al Gallo

This is the busiest time of year for the Philanthropy Committee. The six Financial Analysts have completed their reviews of each agency that has applied for a grant. Four teams, totaling 28 people, will conduct the interviews (virtually by Zoom this year) of the agencies, and are currently arranging their Site Visit appointments. These take place during the months of January and February. In their applications this year the agencies were asked to describe how the pandemic has affected them and how they are dealing with the changes. In addition, because of the pandemic, and foreseeing a more difficult year for fundraising, all 30 agencies were notified that their requests could not be above the award levels of last year. We are hoping that because of the historical generosity of our Grand Harbor friends we will not have to reduce the agency requests further.

Lisa Alcock, Philanthropy Chair
Al Gallo, Co-Chair

Corporate Sponsors

To date, donation total is \$26,500 compared to a grand total of \$35,000 last year. This is actually ahead of last year's total to date as we look forward to contributions from additional companies who make their donations in the Spring. To remind everyone, Corporate donations are used to offset all of the GHCOP administrative costs so that 100% of the community donations go to the various agencies that receive grants. On behalf of the charities we support and the BOD of the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program, I'd like to thank the following organizations that have contributed to date:

ABCO Garage
Alex MacWilliam
AR Choice
Barker A/C

Bill King (Merrill Lynch)
Cemco Construction
Dr. Geoff Collins
Father & Sons Carpet

HBS Glass
J.McLaughlin
MAWK Wine & Liquors
Publix



SIP & SHOP AT J. MCLAUGHLIN'S

Saturday, February 20
10am - 6 pm

Come One, Come All!

The classic look is timeless and always popular with Grand Harbor shoppers! There are fashionable selections for ladies of all ages and handsome togs for the casual Vero Beach gent. Wine and Shopping—what could be better! AND 15% of ALL sales that day go to GH COP!



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Return To Paradise

The Gala

The Annual Outreach Gala, which is usually held the first week of February, has been moved to March. It will now be outside at our beautiful Grand Harbor Beach Club! The new parameters are still forming, and exact details will be coming together quickly in the next few weeks. Food, music, a virtual auction and fun are all on our list! We hope to see you there to support Outreach and help our struggling charities in Indian River County.

Catherine Reichert – Chair
Susanne Sweeny – Co-Chair

Outreach Golf Event – Masters of Charity | Monday April 26th

Following this year's Masters Tournament, the annual 2021 Grand Harbor Community Outreach Golf Event will take place. In order to deal with COVID concerns, we are planning something different—a "Drive, Chip and Putt" skills competition at the main clubhouse putting green. This event is open to everyone and is actually based on the children's competition at the Masters. Jimmy Gascoigne has run similar events before, and will provide many fun twists. The event will run from 3 to 5:30 pm and will feature beverage and appetizer stations around the putting green while supporting our Masters of Charity. Come One, Come All!

Jay Hoder, Chair



Evening of Giving

The 20th Anniversary of the Evening of Giving more than survived through a pandemic and a closed clubhouse. Thanks to the generosity of our caring Grand Harbor donors, we managed to have the most successful EOG ever! Our charities are showing their appreciation with heart-warming pictures, descriptions of how the money helped individuals and thank-you notes, which will be showcased on our website. What a success story for the Evening of Giving's 20th Anniversary! Although it has been an unusual, difficult year, happily we still managed to more than preserve this wonderful Grand Harbor traditional event, and we can say, "See you again next year!"

Theresa Kelso, Chair
Pam Rogers, Co-chair

A Rockin' Tribute Evening With Some Of The Beatles' Greatest Songs

Thursday, March 18th 7 PM the Emerson Center will toast Grand Harbor Community Outreach with an amazing Beatles tribute performance.

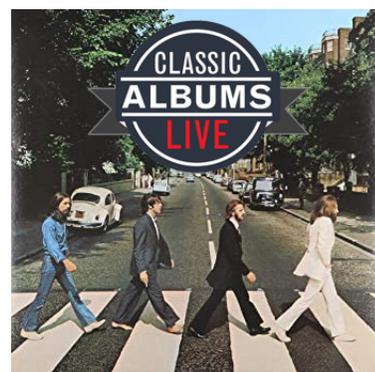
Abby Road Performed Song For Song

Abbey Road was the Beatles' last recorded album, and it was a triumph. The group pulled together for their final collection of songs that rank among their best, including two of the greatest songs ever written by George Harrison- Here Comes the Sun and Something.

FOR TICKETS CALL: 800-595-4849 or go to the website

<https://theemersoncenter.com/music-performances/>

When you buy tickets and use the promo code **GRAND** (all caps) so that GH Outreach receives a share of the gate.



Pre-concert dinner at Spoonbills at 5 PM. Make your reservations with the Club concierge.

