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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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Your resource for news, events, and descriptions of the many possibilities to donate. Now with direct billing to your credit card from the website.

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HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON: GALA DINNER & AUCTION, FEBRUARY 3RD



Gala Committee: Liz Crowther, Ruth Farrell, Celia Montgomery, Lisa Alcock (Co-Chair), Maureen Kahrmann (Co-Chair), Barbara Reis, Georgene Grennan, Maryann Braden, Susanne Sweeny | Not Pictured: Sue Post, Tina Wilcox, Pat Hamilton

This year's Silent Auction offers opportunities to stay healthy, with golf lessons, a gym membership and more. The ever-popular Live Auction offers gourmet dining events, getaways to Utah and New York City, original artwork, and a priceless parking spot. The evening concludes with the "Angel Auction," demonstrating Grand Harbor's generosity in helping our neighbors in need.

Tickets - reserved through the concierge or Foretees - are \$150, a portion of which is tax deductible. Seating in the Main Dining Room is limited.

GHCOP GOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT — Monday, April 25, 2022!

Yes, it is back this year!! Welcome all golfers for the Grand Harbor Community Outreach 18-hole Golf Classic Tournament. The two-person scramble format of the Golf Classic, one of our community's most popular competitive golf events, will be played on our beautifully reconditioned Harbor Course. New this year—a 9-hole fun themed tournament (no index required) held on the Executive Course at Oak Harbor.

The 18-hole golfers will begin with a tasty buffet lunch at our new SpoonBills Café and a cocktail/dinner party for the players and their spouses will be held after the round of golf. Watch for information regarding details and sign-up in future issues of Grand Harbor Life and on the Grand Harbor Community Outreach website, www.ghcop.org.



Jerry and Catherine Reichert, Co-chairs - Annual Outreach Golf Classic Tournament. Golf Pros: Troy Pare, Ben Stewart

Your generosity through participation in the Golf Classic will help Grand Harbor's preeminent charity continue our great tradition of raising awareness and funds to alleviate the unmet needs of groups and individuals in the areas of health, education, and human services in Indian River County.

We look forward to you joining us at one of Grand Harbor's most popular and enjoyable events!

2021-2022 EVENT SCHEDULE

Elton John Concert
January 20, 2022
7:00PM - Emerson Center

Gala Dinner/Auction
February 3, 2022
6PM-9PM

J.McLaughlin's Sip & Shop
March 12, 2022
10AM-6PM

Golf Classic
April 25, 2022



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I would like to introduce to you our 2021-22 Grand Harbor Outreach Board of Directors.

Left to right: Liz Crowther, Ron Wnek, Theresa Kelso, Jerry Reichert, Barbara Reis, Michael Spence, Maryann Braden, Catherine Reichert, Al Gallo, Lisa Alcock, Maureen Kahrmann, Kathy Tonkel, Diane Reheis, Missing: Ed Churney, Tina Wilcox, Dale Jacobs.

This is a crème de la crème group of volunteers who work extremely hard at their individual tasks. All that GH COP accomplishes each year is due to these people -AND TO YOU- our wonderful, magnanimous donors! With this talent, combined with your generosity, we look forward to another record-breaking year!

Gratefully,

Kathy Tonkel, President

Annual Fund Update

As they say on election night, “Early returns are promising!” We are off to a strong start, but we are nowhere near calling a winner since the Annual Fund year doesn’t end until August of 2022.

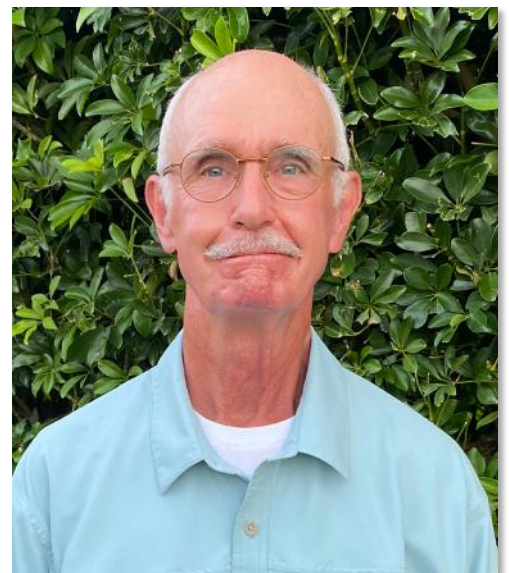
We’ve received gifts from 130 members already—thank you! For those who have not yet committed, please join the excitement, and give generously so we can double that number.

Last year our Outreach Program contributed over \$400,000 to 29 organizations who provide critical support in many areas including education, housing, counselling, nourishment, childcare, and preschool education for underserved residents of Indian River County. Given the toll that Covid has wrought on these organizations’ budgets and their access to those whom they serve, Grand Harbor support is even more essential than ever.

100% of your contribution will go to our grant recipients since our modest all-volunteer staff and board expenses are underwritten entirely by our corporate sponsors. Please consider supporting our mission of improving the quality of life for less fortunate residents of our county by going to our website—www.ghcop.org—to learn about grantees and to make your tax-deductible donation.

Thank you in advance for your gift!

Michael Spence, VP Chair, Annual Fund



Agency Success Stories

GRAND HARBOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM GRANTS YIELD POSITIVE RESULTS

Where is your money going...how is it being used? We are featuring three agencies we asked to respond to this question, and you will see the impact of your gift.

From young adults, who need supportive services, to young children and their parents who need the very basics of books--essential tools for learning how to read--you will be gratified by their stories.



Hibiscus Career Pathways to Independence Program Highlights Successful Participant

When Caitlin* was placed at the Hibiscus Village, she was angry and defiant. As counselors and staff worked closely with Caitlin, she began to flourish. Career Pathways' emphasis on education helped her obtain a GED diploma and enroll in college. This resilient teen said, "Career Pathways has helped me complete job applications, obtain and keep a job, prepare a resume, and have confidence at job interviews. It has given me pride and the motivation to work." For more information, please visit HibiscusChildrensCenter.org.
*(*name changed for privacy)*



Hibiscus Children's Center
Saving Children for 25 Years

Healthy Start Of Indian River County: Language Nutrition Initiative

With Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program's generous support of its Language Nutrition Initiative, the agency continued to reach families in the community and distribute books that helped build home libraries – even during the challenging COVID season.

These libraries support parents' reading to their babies and children, resulting in improvements in social and emotional skills, cognitive development, and kindergarten readiness. Last fiscal year, they distributed 963 books to Healthy Start families in Indian River County. irhealthystartcoalition.org



Sabrina Sampson, CHS Executive Director, teaches frequent cooking classes for TLP Clients.

Children's Home Society: Transitional Living Program Transforms Lives

Robert, 18, is a senior in high school, currently working at the Transitional Living Program (TLP) in Vero Beach. Prior to TLP, he was living with many people in a small apartment, and then "couch surfing." Robert loves technology, so over the summer his TLP Counselor connected him to an internship in a tech position. Robert's program fees are graciously covered by our friends at the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program along with individuals who invest in the future of those needing a hand UP. Today, Robert's future beholds graduation, college, career, and being productive in our community. To hear from residents and graduates directly, you can view here: chsfl.org/TLP.



Successful Evening of Giving

The 21st Evening of Giving was a truly joyful celebration - a record year that raised nearly \$40,000, including children's clothes and toys.

Over 200 partygoers chose stars – representing the charities - from two large Christmas trees and bid on seasonal Silent Auction items. The following sentiment was echoed in numerous comments received:

"In all the years I've provided music for the EOG event-NEVER have I experienced a HAPPIER group of people...Also, many great comments regarding Christmas decor and how wonderful and "yummy" the food was..."

The participants' donations passed that cheer to others in need. What better way to celebrate the holiday spirit!

Theresa Kelso, EOG Chair, and Pam Rogers, EOG Co-Chair



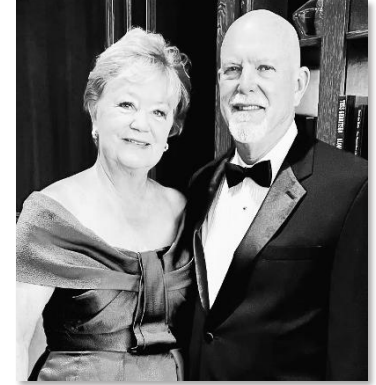


Donor Profiles

DR. JOHN AND DEBBIE LINDSEY

Over the years we have been blessed with gifts, talents and responsibilities that have enabled us to share with others. We have been fortunate to live, work and serve in different locations around the world and see the tremendous opportunity for effective outreach right here in Vero.

We were happy to learn of GH COP when we arrived in Vero, an organization of volunteers and corporate sponsors who ensure that all our contributions reach those in need, including veterans, homeless and at-risk youth. Their careful research and vetting of the recipients of our donations gives us assurance and peace of mind. We encourage our community to support the important work of the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program.



BILL SYNNOTT

Bill Synnott is someone you've not heard of...but is a very close friend of Ron Wnek. He grew up on the streets of NYC, landed in an orphanage yet eventually graduated from college and law school.

Bill joined the Law Firm of Ken Sullivan, became an entrepreneur, and ultimately devoted his life to philanthropy. A true American success story!

In 2020, Ken Sullivan passed away leaving a sizable Trust and named Bill as the administrator. A tenet of the Trust is that a significant amount be given to a charitable organization serving children and the homeless of a community. When Ron described GH COP and its efforts in Vero Beach, Bill chose to gift Outreach with a major contribution. It was noteworthy in the generous amount AND because it funds a community unknown to him.

Thank you, Bill--your contribution is far-reaching in helping us serve the children and homeless of Vero Beach.

Corporate Donor Profile



The Emerson Center, MusicWorks, and Paris Productions collaborate each year to present world class performances in Vero Beach. They have selected GH COP to receive a portion of the ticket receipts for a show this winter for the 3rd year in a row!

Paris Productions is the creative force behind many of Vero Beach's most memorable special events including Dancing with Vero's Stars and LIVE! from Vero Beach! MusicWorks is Florida's largest music promoter, producing shows for popular music shows.

The productions are held at Emerson Center, Vero's most intimate theatre with incredible acoustics. The Emerson has hosted dozens of world class Tribute Bands focusing on music we all remember.

GH COP is pleased to be featured for the upcoming *Rocket Man Show* on January 20. Buy your tickets for this event (use Promocode GRAND to initiate the contribution) and continue to support them when you consider future outings. You will find it an enjoyable, inviting, and close-to-home entertainment venue.

