



GRAND HARBOR  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH  
PROGRAM, INC.

# SHARINGS

## NEWSLETTER

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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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## AGENCY SUCCESS STORIES

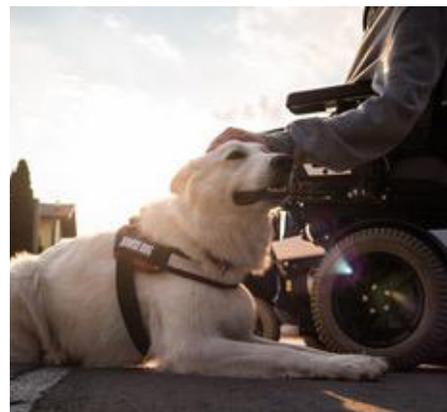
### CATHOLIC CHARITIES' SAMARITAN CENTER

Catholic Charities' Samaritan Center is a non-denominational facility that has offered more than 690 homeless families (1,950 individuals) highly structured solutions since opening in 1992.

One success story is single parent Magda who secured employment, opened a savings account, and paid off outstanding debts including the family vehicle. She has consistently attended all required life skills workshops, counseling sessions and reaches weekly program financial stability goals.

Her 9-year-old child has increased her GPA from a 1.50 to a 3.0. The family is currently working towards their independent housing solution by completing sweat equity hours for their Habitat for Humanity home.

Words from the family, *"Thank you Samaritan Center for providing my family three meals a day, a safe haven and the skills I desperately needed to move my family from a state of hopelessness to a state of security."*



### VETERANS COUNCIL OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Steve\* is a disabled US Marine veteran who owns a certified service dog. The dog's health is declining, and Steve was desperate to provide her with the daily activities she requires to stay healthy.

Steve lives on a fixed income and unable to pay \$1500 for a motorized scooter and over \$800 for a trailer and hitch. Learning of his dilemma the Veterans Council, *Grand Harbor Outreach* and a local citizen collaborated to solve the problem and gave Steve a positive outcome.

The private citizen donated a motorized scooter to the Veterans Council of IRC who then gave it to Steve. Funds from the *Grand Harbor Outreach* grant were used to purchase a trailer and to attach a hitch to his vehicle.

This veteran can now provide necessary exercise for his service dog which will increase her longevity and ability to support Steve and improve the quality of their lives together.

\*(NOTE: This is a true story, for confidentiality purposes we call this veteran Steve.)

## 2022-2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

"Emerson Center"  
Concert for Outreach  
& Pre-Concert Dinner  
February 16, 2023

Golf Classic  
February 25, 2023

J McLaughlin's Sip & Shop  
Saturday, April 1, 2023  
12PM-4PM

GHCOP Awards Breakfast  
April, 2023

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



February is a busy month for GHCOP. Our Philanthropy team, led by Al Gallo and Tina Wilcox, is busy analyzing and visiting 30 agencies applying for Grants seeking over \$400K for funding: veterans, special needs, homeless, domestic abuse, literacy, job training, drug abuse programs and other critical services.

Grants - awarded in April - are only possible because of the contributions received from generous donors like you. Over \$6,000,000 has been raised since our inception in 2002!

A successful Evening of Giving, the Gala/Auction, Emerson Center Benefit, Annual Fund and the fabulous Golf Classic reflect the collective caring and concern of the GHG&BC and residents for others in need... a shared sense of purpose that makes us so much more than just a golf and tennis community.

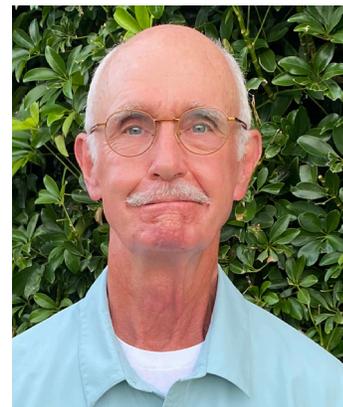
Our efforts are led by volunteers - your friends and neighbors. Our corporate sponsors provide the financial basis that allows 100% of your contributions to go to the charities. Again, thank you for caring and making IRC a better and brighter place.

Liz

Liz Crowther  
GHCOP, President

# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity at Evening of Giving, many of our neighbors experienced a *merrier and brighter Holiday!* Doesn't it feel good to have made a difference for others?



However, the bulk of our work is yet to be fulfilled. Inflation hits the hardest at the lower end of the socio-economic spectrum and a large portion of the people our grants serve are underwater and struggling to survive. They need food; they need support for housing, with parenting, and with their physical and mental health. *Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program can help and make an impact in their lives.*

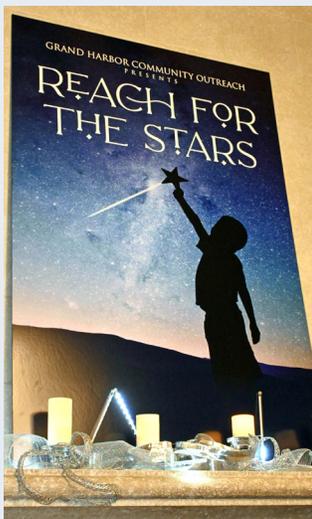
**The agencies that rely on us are requesting 22% more this year so we need to turbo charge our Annual Fund amount to meet this uptick in demand.**

Here's the challenge—would you seriously consider a first-time gift, OR an additional gift, OR an increased traditional gift from your discretionary assets (a buffer that the people we serve don't have!).

We appreciate your generous spirit; may it be returned to you fourfold!

How to give can be found at our web site: [www.ghcop.org](http://www.ghcop.org).

Michael Spence, VP Chair, Annual Fund



## REACH FOR THE STARS

A very successful GHCOP Gala was held on February 2nd. Photos depict the theme of this fundraising event and the Gala Committee and Auctioneers.



# Events

## EMERSON CENTER FUN-RAISER! – THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Two great 60's bands are performing in Vero Beach at the Emerson Center February 16<sup>th</sup> only...

**The Buckingham**s (Kind of a Drag) and **The Box Tops** (The Letter) – 25% of the ticket revenue will be donated to Grand Harbor Community Outreach.

To help set the mood, join us first at Spoonbills for a specially prepared pre-concert dinner at 4:45 PM. The first 45 reserved diners will receive chic, dual guitar, LED lighted, Rock & Roll Eyeglasses as a souvenir of this fun-filled musical evening!

Reserve dinner thru Foretees or Concierge Desk...and get your concert tickets at [www.MusicWorksconcerts.com](http://www.MusicWorksconcerts.com), or call 1-800-595-4849.

Enter Promo Code **GRAND** to get the 25% donation for GH COP.



## 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

128 golfers will tee it up at our premier fundraising event on the Harbor Course as part of a four-person 18-hole scramble tournament. Winners will celebrate with prize money and the honor of their names engraved on the coveted plaque that hangs in the Grand Harbor Clubhouse.

After a fun filled day on the course that includes lunch and a multitude of contests, players will be treated to a one-hour open bar followed by a full course meal prepared by our fine chefs.

Even though the golf outing is sold out, you are welcome to attend the dinner (\$60 per person). Please contact the Concierge's Desk to make your reservation. Both Club members and non-members are invited to attend the banquet.

Through your generosity, we raise funds to help those that are most in need. Please join us and we thank you for making a difference!

## Evening of Giving

More than 200 people enjoyed Evening of Giving on November 3, 2022, with the festive agency-request stars adorning Christmas trees, delicious "lite bites", traditional Christmas Cookies, and Silent Auction items. Photos show the EOG Committee and Children's Choir adorable cherubs led by Dr. Jacob Craig and Janine Jones.

Theresa Kelso, EOG Chair, and  
Gloria Aviotti-Quesada, EOG Co-Chair





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Maryann Braden and Barbara Reis, Co-Editors, "Sharings"

## Volunteer Profile

### JACK AND CAROLYN NORRIS

Carolyn and I met in 1958, spent most of our married life in Northern NJ and have 26 family members spanning 4 generations. Autism is our family's major challenge. Philanthropy and volunteering are our families' traditions.

After we retired from my Ophthalmology practice in 1997, friends recommended we winter in Vero Beach instead of the Keys. We moved here in 2000. Even before Grand Harbor thankfully became a members' owned club, life and the people here have been wonderful.

Part of the appeal of GH COP are the teams that perform site visits. Over time it became clear to us that there were clients on waiting lists who needed a hand up immediately, but to service them the agencies needed more volunteers working for them. Their traditional methods of recruiting volunteers had never filled the void.

We are pleased to say that the newly created "Grand Harbor Volunteers" web site, [www.ghvolunteers.com](http://www.ghvolunteers.com) is helping to correct that problem. Take a look--you will see a multitude of opportunities to explore. Please consider volunteering a few hours or more, we think you will find it as rewarding as we do!



## Corporate Donor Profile



We offer a complete selection of wine, spirits, and beers to suit every taste and budget. For your convenience, in addition to offering instore service, we offer customized orders, home deliveries, outside pick-up and online ordering.

Residents of Grand Harbor and Oak Harbor are important customers and members to our community. We continue to value your patronage to our business and the many local charities you support through Grand Harbor Community Outreach

Program. As a result, we are proud to be a multi-year Corporate Donor and a partner in supporting over 25 non-profit agencies dedicated to helping the needy in Indian River County.

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