

#### GRAND HARBOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM, INC. SHARARINGS

FALL 2023

#### **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

#### THE FOOD PANTRY

Got MILK? Because of a shortfall in funding from its traditional benefactors and an increase in demand, The Food Pantry of Vero Beach suspended supplying milk to families with children and seniors in July.

The Food Pantry is just one of the organizations that Grand Harbor Community Outreach supports that are "in the trenches" --that provide daily sustenance and life-saving support to the **ALICE** population of Indian River County: **A**sset Limited, Income **C**onstrained, Employed.

Fortunately, Grand Harbor Community Outreach Board (GHCOP) adopted, in April, a resolution to allow "off season" grants to meet crises in Indian River County which are outside of our normal Grant Request Timeline.

With your generous 2023 support, GHCOP quickly performed its due diligence and awarded a grant of \$10,000 to enable the milk program for both families with children and seniors to be reinstated through the end of this year.





Look who "Got Milk" after all! Thanks to an emergency grant from Grand Harbor Community Outreach, The Food Pantry was able to adequately serve children and seniors this summer.



GHCOP Volunteers Liz Barnett (left) and Marianne Gallo (middle) and Food Pantry Volunteer viewing inventory at The Food Pantry.

#### THE LEARNING ALLIANCE

Other Good News: The Learning Alliance (TLA) is dedicated to improving the social & economic welfare of our community through literacy. They have forged unprecedented public/private partnerships with the school district and over 120 community partners. TLA was even the subject of a PBS News Hour Special.

Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program (GHCOP) grants have helped The Learning Alliance provide reading coaches/interventionists to support K-3rd grade students. These coaches have been instrumental in helping Indian River County students

boost their reading performance and achieve a top 10 ranking in Florida this year, moving up 24 spots to 7th (out of 67 districts) in the state's ranking of third grade readers, achieving a major milestone.

The Reality: Grim news...Yes there is plenty. We will need your continued support, both with money and your time and efforts, to help our agencies make inroads into the crises of food insecurity, mental health - particularly suicide prevention, education, and housing. Please join us in this vital quest to help the less fortunate during these extremely difficult times.

# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We hope this letter finds you happy and healthy, having enjoyed a marvelous summer, as we welcome you back to another active and impactful year!

We have exciting events ahead beginning with the always enjoyable **Evening of Giving** "Friends of Santa Party", December 7, followed by the very fabulous Gala on February 1, 2024, the Golf Classic Feb. 24, and a musical evening at the Emerson Center, March 21. We hope you all will join us in the fun part of fundraising.

Your generosity over the years has been nothing short of remarkable. You have made a very meaningful difference in the lives of so many individuals in our county, providing vital hope and resources to those in need.

Your support, whether through financial contributions or your valuable time and expertise is the beacon of light that keeps us going. Thank you, thank you for sharing this journey and being such a powerful force for positive change.

Cheers—thanks to you:

\$496,470 was awarded to IRC non-profits in 2023.

\$6,000,000+ has been awarded to IRC non-profits since GHCOP was founded!

With love and gratitude to you all on behalf of the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Board,

#### PLEASE CONSIDER THESE ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPORT GHCOP!

#### Making a special donation:

IN HONOR OF To acknowledge a special family member, friend, or special event

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You can charge your gift to a Credit card, or mail your check to:

Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program, Inc. P.O. Box 644017 Vero Beach FL 32964

Simply include the name of the person you wish to honor when you send in your donation. In each Shell designated category, those donating \$100 or more have an asterisk after their name.

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#### **LEGACY SOCIETY**

Since its founding in 2001, GHCOP has had an incredible impact on the guality of life, health, and education in Vero Beach and Indian River County. Would you like to leave a legacy and ensure continued support into the future?

When you name GHCOP in your estate plan, will, trust or as a beneficiary of your retirement account or insurance plan, please contact Michael Spence, VP Annual Fund at mwspence1146@gmail.com or Ken Mindt, Treasurer at kamindt@gmail.com to notify us of your generosity. Please be assured that all funds will be utilized in the same thoughtful and strategic way as we do with our annual income.

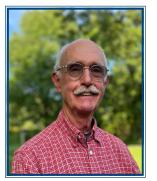


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Liz Crowther

GHCOP, President

# **ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN 2023-2024**



# 221 participants.

Combined with our other fund-raising events, we were able to HELP 31 local agencies whose goals are to support those in our greater Indian River community - by providing them **HELP** with housing, food insecurities, mental health issues, early and ongoing educational support, and job training.

For your HELP, we thank you. We have made a difference, but the community needs are ongoing. and the agencies need our support yearly.

This year GHCOP hopes to increase its ability to provide more HELP to the well-vetted agencies that we have identified as making a difference.

Please Note! Last year only 20% of Grand Harbor community members HELPED Outreach meet its annual fund goal. That was critical to our success and now we are asking the other 80% of our community to make a significant difference.

You should have received a separate email request for the Annual Fund with ways to contribute (also available on our website: www.ghcop.org).

For those of you who have given in the past, thank you. Will you please continue with a generous gift this year?

For those of you who might be able and willing to HELP the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program, we request and solicit your HELP this year, both in terms of monetary contributions and your time as a volunteer!

Michael Spence. VP & Chair Annual Fund

## **DONOR PROFILE -** ROSEMARY AND ARNOLD BELL

It was love at first sight when Rosemary and Arnold Bell came to Grand Harbor 6 years ago from Long Island to begin their retirement years. Ro had been a consultant covering the business end of PT service providers, and Arnold owned and operated a commercial construction company and retains real estate holdings.

The original intent for Arnold was to spend his days fishing, but that has morphed into Clay Shooting. He organized and now schedules the growing cadre of members who have jumped on board and regularly meet for sport and camaraderie at the local club.

Rosemary never stops-her spirit and spunk extends to teaching and playing cards, pickleball, and bocce, and she enthusiastically volunteers for events that are sponsored by GH charities such as GHCOP. "It's inspiring and so motivational to be involved, people actually WANT to give, and you can tell they give with their heart."

While they enjoy returning to Long Island to visit their two children and four grandchildren, their heart is here, in GH. "We are so lucky to be here, so happy, and that inner happiness is the motivation to share with others."

#### 2023-2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

Evening of Giving VNA Health Fair 'Friends of Santa Party" October 23, 2023 December 7, 2023 1PM - 4PM

6PM - 8PM

J McLaughlin's Sip & Shop December 9, 2023 NOON - 5PM

#### HELP! Last year you responded to our Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program Annual Fund plea for HELP with record contributions from





Gala Dinner/Auction February 1, 2024 6PM - 9PM

Golf Classic February 24, 2024 "Emerson Center - Beatles vs. Stones"Concert for Outreach March 21, 2024 7PM

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# - 2022-2023 SHELL LEVEL CONTRIBUTORS -

hell Level contributions include cash donations to the Evening of Giving, Annual Fund Appeal, and Colf Classic and bid amounts received for contributed items to the Gala Dinner & Live Auction. Not included are event fees and non-monetary gifts donated to the Evening of Giving.

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# Board Member Profile -

### JANINE NEBONS

Janine Nebons has lived year-round in Oak Harbor and been a member of Grand Harbor since 2019, stating "one of the best decisions she has ever made". Having raised her three children in Westhampton, NY she is thrilled when the grandchildren arrive from Iowa, Ohio, or New York to visit their "GG".

Janine retired after a 25-year career in senior management positions in the shopping center industry. She was an active fundraiser for her local hospital, breast cancer awareness groups and the Salvation Army's Angel program which provides Christmas gifts to thousands of deserving children.

Janine first volunteered for the Evening of Giving in 2021 and now serves as co-chair of the event with Bonnie Walker. You will also find her on the golf course actively engaged with the Ladies 9-Hole League.

### **BONNIE WALKER**

Bonnie and her husband, JD, moved to Grand Harbor in December 2021 from Princeton, New Jersey. She taught elementary education in Fairfax County, Virginia; Greenwich, Connecticut; and Princeton, New Jersey, and retired in 2019.

While living in Princeton, Bonnie also served as President of the Junior League of Greater Princeton and was actively involved in her children's schools and their local church. She took up golf and remains a member of Springdale Golf Club and plays here at Grand Harbor.

Bonnie eagerly dove into community service when she moved to Grand Harbor, beginning with volunteering in the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program's Philanthropy Site Visit Program and will now spread her wings and share her energy co-chairing this year's Evening of Giving with Janine Nebons.

Janine and Bonnie say they are looking forward to "making new friends who share GHCOP's common goal of helping to make our little piece of the world a better and merrier place for all who reside inside and outside our gates".

### ANSWER THE CALL

Have you ever felt at times that there is something lacking in your life? You can't quite put your finger on it, but... it's like a piece that's missing in the middle of a finished jigsaw puzzle. Your golf/tennis/bocce/pickleball groups are great, you're really enjoying all the club activities and your many good friends but...there's a vague void amidst the busyness.

I have an answer to fill the gap: volunteer with Grand Harbor Community Outreach (GHCOP)!! There are many options to choose from based on your schedule, interest area and talent.

To learn more about our agencies, you could join the Philanthropy Committee teams which in January and February personally visit each group that has submitted a grant request and meet with the executive staff and board of directors - then help to evaluate and make your recommendations to the GHCOP Board. Equally important are our Fundraising Committees - the Evening of Giving, the Gala and the Golf Classic - each working hard to raise as much as possible towards filling the 25-30 annual grant requests, generally totaling \$500,000-\$600,000.

Service on the Board of Directors is an option, too, for those with special talent-finance, data analysis, marketing, event planning, writing, editing. We welcome you and your skills!

All of these committees are filled with wonderful, interesting people that could enrich your life and enlarge your circle of friends. Plus, you'll just feel GOOD about helping others, about sharing your good fortune, and helping to address the tremendous needs that exist in Indian River County. (Your involvement can make a difference in the lives of so many!) Lives can change because of you!

So...Answer the Call--GHCOP awaits you!

Kathy Tonkel, Immediate Past President, GHCOP

## **EVENING OF GIVING "FRIENDS OF SANTA" EVENT**

In 2018, the Evening of Giving co-chairs proclaimed: "Christmas and the Holidays are a time of giving and sharing with those around us. Part of the Holiday tradition is that sharing is not limited to simply our family and those we love and care for. It is also for the child or person we have never met, will never see, is not as fortunate as we are and could use a helping hand."

With that spirit in mind, we are excited to celebrate our 19th consecutive Evening of Giving "Friends of Santa" Holiday Cocktail Party at the Grand Harbor Clubhouse on Thursday, December 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be plenty of friends, food, and entertainment as we usher in the holiday season. The ticket price of \$38 includes a hearty assortment of hors d'oeuvres, holiday treats, and festive musical entertainment, along with a member charge bar.

By bringing a donation check to the party, or donating from near or far online at ghcop.com, "Friends of Santa" will bring holiday cheer to benefit those less fortunate that live in our outlying neighborhoods. Our Christmas wish is that everyone in our Grand Harbor community will generously participate.

As many may be aware, we live in a community that is among the poorest in Florida. We hope that this year, as we ourselves have so much to celebrate, the people of Grand Harbor will be more generous than ever before.

We invite everyone in the community to become a "Friend of Santa"! Watch for more details with the updated event changes and procedures in your mailbox and email in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Janine Nebons, Co-Chair • Bonnie Walker, Co-Chair

### NOTE TO "SHARINGS" READERS

The decision to circulate this publication electronically rather than in print is an effort to conserve our resources as well as to reach those who move between the Grand Harbor Community and their vacation or second homes. Please be advised that there are printed copies available from the Concierge Desk at the Club. Maryann Braden and Barbara Reis, Co-Editors, "Sharings"

at Grand Harbor Club Monday, October 23, 2023 1:00 - 4:00 pm

VNA Health &

Wellness Fair

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Join us at our community's annual VNA Health & Wellness Fair to get your annual flu shot and health screenings.

Learn more about specialized programs and services offered by VNA Home Health, Hospice, Private Care and Community Health Services.

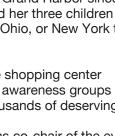
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Companies through which Hall Enterprises has served Grand Harbor and its common grounds for over a decade. We are proud to have contributed to the beauty and preservation within Grand

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Grand Harbor with its unifying HOA, community HOA's and valued residents is committed to the ongoing environmental care of the community. Our mission is to support the Grand Harbor Community now and into the future.

Hall Enterprises is proud to be a corporate donor to Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program which supports over 30 nonprofit organizations within Indian River County.

#### Brett Hall - President and Owner

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#### Emerson Center Concert - Thursday, March 21, 2024

For the 5th Year in row, Grand Harbor Community Outreach has been selected by the Emerson Center to be a community partner and beneficiary of the *Live from Vero Beach* Concert Series. Up to 25% of the gate will be donated to GHCOP for us to help fund our 30 local charities.

#### SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 21st 7 PM THE BEATLES VS. THE STONES

The two greatest rock 'n' roll bands of all time face off in this once-in-a-lifetime show. Taking the side of the Fab Four is Abbey Road, the country's top Beatles tribute band... in a "showdown" of top Beatles hits against the premier Stones tribute band Satisfaction – The International Rolling Stones Show, the bad boys of the British Invasion. This nationally touring show recently concluded a three-month residency at Harrah's Reno.

#### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS!



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