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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

SUCCESS STORIES STRATEGIC RESERVE



Al Gallo, Co-Chair GHCOP Philanthropy, with OFT staff and their delivery van.

OUR FATHER'S TABLE (OFT)

OFT addresses food insecurity by offering meals - free of charge - in a church located in Gifford five days a week (Monday through Friday) to their target community. They also deliver food on those days to the homebound, and with Friday's meal, include an extra meal for Saturday.

This organization operates on a shoestring budget and in July of this year made a special request to GHCOP for assistance in obtaining annual vehicle insurance for the van, which delivers the 546 meals every week. The specific need was for \$1863.90 for one year's auto insurance coverage from State Farm Insurance.

GHCOP responded with a two-thousand-dollar grant (\$2,000) for the annual van insurance to enable them to continue the much-needed daily meal deliveries...and a little extra to fill up the gas tank!



L to R: Frank (weekend chef), Al Gallo, Toni Moore (Culinary Director), 2 Dignity students, and Tony Zorbaugh (E.D. The Source).

THE SOURCE

The Source is a well-established, multi-faceted provider of services to the homeless that includes food, shelter, showers, low-income housing, mental health counseling, and a food truck, part of its "Dignity" program.

They too, in July of this year, made a special request to GHCOP: the need to cover the cost of a commercial oven for their main kitchen. The existing oven is over 10 years old and not repairable. In that time frame it has been used to prepare over 500,000 meals!



GHCOP enabled The Source to replace their commercial oven.

The specific request was \$5,334.03 for a new commercial oven they could purchase on Amazon for about half of what the local stores would charge. GHCOP responded with a grant of \$5,400 for its replacement This appeal fits: their core mission and that of GHCOP--feeding the homeless!



Al Gallo, Co-Chair GHCOP Philanthropy, presents check to Renee Bireley, Resident Executive Director of Samaritan Center for the new playaround.

THE SAMARITAN CENTER

The Samaritan Center provides transitional housing and guidance to homeless families in Indian River County and prepares them to live independently.

During their stay - averaging 6-9 months - the Samaritan Center provides a nurturing environment, safe housing, case management, support/educational services, and connection to community resources.

The residential site includes a children's recreation area for client families so they can play outside in a secure and stimulating environment. On-site reviews of this area by members of GHCOP confirmed the deteriorated conditions that made this playground unusable for over a year!

GHCOP received and approved a request this past summer for a grant of \$9,000 to repair, replace, and safely codify the playground for the "homeless" children there. This grant met the criteria for the provision of a safe environment for the resident families.

GHCOP Board of Directors

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Welcome to the 2024-25 Season of Grand Harbor Community Outreach!

As we embark on another exciting year, we're filled with new hopes, new goals, and the energy of new members from the Grand Harbor Golf and Beach Club joining our mission. Last year, thanks to the incredible generosity of our Grand Harbor community, we proudly granted nearly half a million dollars to over 30 deserving nonprofits.

This season, we're excited to continue making an even greater impact! Our focus this year is on expanding our reach, supporting those in need, and strengthening our community.

Whether you've been with us for years or are new to Grand Harbor Community Outreach, we are deeply grateful for your commitment to making a difference. Together, as members of the Grand Harbor Golf and Beach Club, we can achieve even more.

Let's embrace this new chapter with optimism, determination, and a shared passion for positive change! Here's to a fantastic season ahead!

Junie Metons

Janine Nebons President, GHCOP

FINANCIAL UPDATE

In 2023/2024 the amazing generosity of our community resulted in the following allocations:

Annual Fund Grants \$553,250

to 32 agencies serving the needs of our IRC neighbors



Evening of Giving \$41,200

to 11 local agencies making Christmas a bit brighter for their clients

overall **\$610,850**

to a total of 36 agencies

Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program, Inc's (GHCOP) fundraising year runs from September 1st through August 31st.

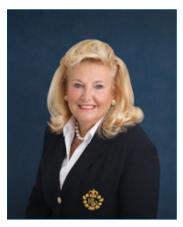
GHCOP continued its commitment that 100% of your donations be distributed to non-profit agencies because of loyal local sponsor donations and interest income that covered all GHCOP's operating expenses, such as fundraising, printing, postage, and professional services.

As the GHCOP Board looks to the future, be assured that we are committed to fiscally managing your generous donations to provide sustainable support to the dedicated agencies helping Indian River County families and children.

Ken Mindt Treasurer

2024-2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

Evening of Giving December 5, 2024 6:00PM-8:00PM Sip & Shop December 7, 2024 12:00PM-5:00PM Annual Gala February 6, 2025 6:00PM-9:00PM Golf Classic February 22, 2025 Emerson Center March 6, 2025 7:00PM



DONOR PROFILE – JOHN AND SALLY PEARSE

Who is that person behind the lens of the camera...who captures smiles, encourages camaraderie, exclaims "Say cheese!" and encapsulates the energy and hubbub of the social events of Grand Harbor?

Thanks to John Pearse, who is creating memories one click at a time, we see ourselves reflected on the pages of Sharings, in Grand Life, and on the Grand Harbor web-site. He has become the storyteller of social events, philanthropic fundraisers, casual get-togethers and many of the social threads that make Grand Harbor GRAND.

John and his wife, Sally, first appeared inside the gates in the spring of 1997 and, throughout the years, spent much of their time on the tennis and golf courses. They have partnered together in many philanthropic activities and have developed and cultivated innumerable friends. Another of John's specialties is offering technical support with the Techie Training classes, and Sally has contributed to the leadership on the GHCOP Board as well as many committee functions including Evening of Giving and the Annual Gala.

In addition to all current photos, he offers past ones in the GH website Member Portal archive, (150,000!), and he is sharing over 43,000(!) to the Grand Harbor History Project being created to highlight the rich history of the Club.

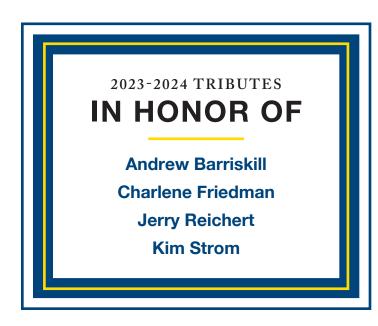
We celebrate John's personality, commitment, and devotion to capturing the moments, activities, and people of Grand Harbor...and *their efforts as a team* which offers inspiration to us all.



Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.

Aaron Siskind

Arrange a Personal and Meaningful Gift



Would you like to pay special tribute to a loved one to show them honor and support, acknowledge their gifts or talents, or to commemorate and remember their special place in your life?

You might choose to send a donation to GHCOP either **In Memory Of** *OR* **In Honor Of** that person and their name will be in the SPECIAL TRIBUTE SECTION in the Fall Issue of Sharings.

Visit *GHCOP.org* and use a credit or debit card or send a 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 the donation and watch for the name to be listed next fall.

2023-2024 Shell Level Contributors

Shell Level contributions include cash donations to the Evening of Giving, Annual Fund Appeal, and Golf 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.

Asterisks designate Donors who have contributed to "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of".

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MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



CHRIS RUD, GHCOP SECRETARY

Chris and her husband, Stan, have spent the winter months in Vero Beach since 2006, and began renting in Grand Harbor in 2019. Enamored with their experience with this community, they purchased their Sunset Cove home in 2021. Stan is passionate about gardening both here and up north in Victoria, MN where they spend the summer...a huge panoply of veggies and herbs!

Chris retired from her career in organization development in 2013 and since then has been very active on nonprofit boards including as Board Chair for a large nonprofit and is currently Technology & Design Chair for Impact 100.

In addition to volunteering, she enjoys golfing, traveling, and listening to audiobooks. And she is very creative and productive with her culinary skills in an effort to utilize all the bounty from Stan's garden. You will see them both walking their toy Aussies, Piper and Willow.

Her experiences on grant review teams at both GHCOP and Impact 100 made her aware of the poverty in our community and she is eager to help address these needs while serving on GHCOP's board as Secretary.

KEN MINDT, GHCOP TREASURER

Ken and his wife, Julie, moved full-time to Grand Harbor in April 2022. Ken's 35-year career in Finance, Accounting, Audit and Compliance took them, and their daughters, Carmen and Grace, to many different states and even Brussels, Belgium.

After Ken retired, he wanted to give back to the community for being blessed for so many years. Ken is particularly gratified in knowing that GHCOP impacts more than 30 agencies helping families and children each year within Indian River County.

His involvement with Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program started as a financial analyst with the Philanthropy Committee and he joined the Grand Harbor Outreach Board as Treasurer in September 2023. He is also the Treasurer for the Gifford Youth Achievement Center, active in his condominium finance committee, and volunteers with the Indian River Land Trust.

Aside from his commitment to philanthropy you'll find him playing pickleball, canasta, and bocce ball, relaxing on a boat in the Indian River Lagoon and enjoying frequent visits from Carmen (and her three kitties) from Savannah, GA and Grace from High Point, NC.

BOB PORRECA, GHCOP VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS

Bob Porreca is joining the GHCOP Board as Vice President, Communications. He brings a wealth of experience from his 37-year career in Operations, Branding, Product Development, and Sales & Marketing at Dun & Bradstreet.

Bob and his wife Carleen have resided at Grand Harbor full-time for the past ten years and spend their leisure time golfing on various leagues and with friends, enjoying the beauty and peace of the beach, and walking their new pup, Joy.

He has served as President of the Sunset Cove/Trace HOA and as a Board Member of the Cleveland Clinic Eagles Society Leadership team.

Additionally, Bob served as one of ten leaders of the Grand Harbor Members Association (GHMA) - the group that led to the Club's transition from the Carl Icahn Company to Grand Harbor members - developing its communication strategy, leading the webinars and sending over 40,000 informational emails to club members that culminated in the successful transfer in December of 2021.

Bob's commitment to organizational and team-oriented goals will be a welcome addition to the GHCOP Board of Directors and we appreciate his participation and presence.



THERE IS A ROLE FOR YOU!



Michael Spence VP & Chair, Annual Fund

GHCOP PHILANTHROPY TEAMS:

As perhaps you don't know, GHCOP is an extremely significant and active part of our community which supports local programs helping our less fortunate neighbors.

Once the agencies are identified, GHCOP philanthropy teams closely examine the detailed applications and GHCOP analysts review the financials.

The teams then make site visits to the agencies to observe the programs in action, meet the staff and board members, and connect

the applications with on-the-ground reality. In the spring, these teams present to the board their funding recommendations for approval.

This process requires many volunteers working together to ensure our dollars are wisely and productively spent. On our website (www.ghcop.org) you will find inspiring profiles of our grant recipients.

Not only does this process require dedicated volunteers donating their time and expertise, but it also requires monev.

GHCOP FUNDRAISING COMPONENTS:

Three fundraising events - the Annual Gala, Evening of Giving, and Golf Classic - are hosted by our volunteers to raise the needed funds.

Superimposed on these specific events is the Annual Fund which runs throughout our fiscal year - September thru August and provides a significant portion of our revenue.

Last year, 15% of you raised 75% of our grant funds. The Annual Fund goal this year is to increase that level of participation to 20% - from the 200 contributors who gave last year - to 260 donors.

GHCOP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Of the 103 volunteers who donated their time last year, we hope to involve 25 more this year.

The rewards of giving back through volunteering your time and your resources are immeasurable. Join us by becoming involved, choose from:

 Site visit team member Financial analyst Annual Gala, Evening of Giving, Golf Classic volunteer · Board Member and, last but not least - Annual Fund Contributor

There is a role for each of us!

GRAND HARBOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRESENTS THE Annual Holiday Evening of Giving (EOG)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5** 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Join us for a festive evening of cocktails, light fare, and of course, a few surprises from Santa Claus himself!

As the holiday season approaches, Grand Harbor Community Outreach is once again preparing for one of its most cherished traditions-the Annual Holiday Evening of Giving. The event is not just a celebration of the season, but embodies the spirit of giving: a powerful opportunity to support those most in need and ensuring that these vulnerable groups receive particular recognition and support at this special time of year.

Last year's EOG - a tremendous success raised over \$75,000!

With your help, we aim to surpass that amount this year. We invite all members of the Grand Harbor community to join us, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Janine Nebons and Bonnie Walker Co-Chairs





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Sometime copies may not catch up with you between your Grand Harbor community and second homes, so please be advised that there are printed copies available to the right of the Concierge Desk at the Club. *Maryann Braden and Barbara Reis, Co-Editors, "Sharings"*



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