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For those who summer away from Grand Harbor, welcome back. For all residents, I wish you a grand fall. Aren't we fortunate to live in this beautiful and engaging community with amenities, bucolic settings and community supports enveloping us.

Sadly, just beyond our gates, the story is not as idyllic. Throughout Indian River County *our county*—children are hungry, families are homeless, troubled residents have nowhere to turn or ways of escaping their harsh realities. This is why The Community Outreach Program at Grand Harbor (GHCOP) exists.

This past fiscal year, GHCOP funded 33 exceptional non-profits in Indian River County, including after-school programs, mental health support, and homeless and abused victim relief.

Our organization of resolute volunteers thoroughly vet the programs, including the following:

- GHCOP Financial Analysts assess the agency financials;
- Teams of GHCOP volunteers review the program objectives, board minutes, websites, etc.;
- Site visits are conducted to meet the staff and observe the programs in action;
- Recommendations are submitted to the full Board for approval.

Seeing the programs in action is awe-inspiring and highly motivates me to continue my commitment. This work is the backbone of GHCOP that provides the structure on which we stand.

Thank you to the approximately 200 donors who contributed \$400,000 to the Annual Fund last fiscal year which is superb. But that is only approximately 15% of our community. Let us raise that number- my personal goal for the Annual Fund is to convince 20% of the Grand Harbor Community to join the team—engage, contribute, and volunteer with us!

## Because we are completely volunteer-driven, every dollar contributed to GHCOP goes directly to our Grantees. Our Corporate Sponsors underwrite our modest overhead.

My thanks to those who contributed last year. I challenge you to continue and increase your support. To those of you who are new to Grand Harbor or just learning about our Outreach Program, please join us with a generous contribution which will allow us to continue our good work.

**In advance of your tax-deductible contribution, I thank you.** Among the many ways to give, please consider using the enclosed envelope, company matching gift programs, shares of stock, IRA distributions directly to GHCOP, or credit card.

Visit our website (www.ghcop.org) to learn about our organization and the grant recipients.

With regards and gratitude,

Michael Spence VP & Chair, Annual Fund