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OUTREACH  
PROGRAM, INC.

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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

GRAND HARBOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRESENTS



# GRAND HARBOR GONE MAD

ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 5:30PM**  
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Join us at the Grand Harbor Club House Clock Tower and enjoy premium open bar and wine service, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner with elevated food stations. Cocktail music by Lou Wilkin and after dinner dancing with Pink Spice Band.

**\$200 PER TICKET**  
NON TAX DEDUCTIBLE

REGISTER ON FORETEES OR  
SEND A CHECK TO P.O. BOX 644017  
VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32964



Have Questions? Contact Jim Harris at [harrisjim004@gmail.com](mailto:harrisjim004@gmail.com)

## LIVE AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

BEAUTIFUL BURGUNDY	HAVANA NIGHTS	BROADWAY SPOTLIGHT	CLASSIC MANHATTAN
<b>6 Guests and 6 Nights</b>	<b>4 Guests and 3 Nights</b>	<b>4 Guests and 3 Nights</b>	<b>2 Guests and 1 Evening</b>
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *Volunteers: the Heartbeat of the Grand Harbor Community*

When the Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program was founded, its mission was simple yet profound: to improve the lives of those in need within our community. Over the years, this mission has grown into a thriving network of hope and support, but one thing has remained constant- the unwavering dedication of our volunteers. You are the heartbeat of our organization and without your passion, commitment and selflessness, none of what we do would be possible.

From its inception, Grand Harbor Community Outreach was built on the idea that meaningful change starts with individuals who care. Volunteers were the first to step forward, giving their time, talents, and resources to create a program that addresses food insecurity, housing needs, education gaps and more. Each initiative, no matter big or small, has been powered by people who see the value in giving back.

As we move forward, the need for community outreach continues to grow. Challenges such as economic hardship, homelessness, and access to education require innovative solutions and even greater volunteer engagement. That's why your role is more important than ever.

To all of our volunteers: you are the foundation, the engine, and the heart of Grand Harbor. Your dedication reminds us that community isn't just a place - it's people coming together to support one another. Thank you for your service, your generosity and your belief in our mission. With you by our side, we can continue to make an extraordinary impact for years to come.

With gratitude,



Janine Nebons  
President, GHCOP

P.S. Please note the Q & A article regarding the role of "Philanthropy" to see how you might fit in!

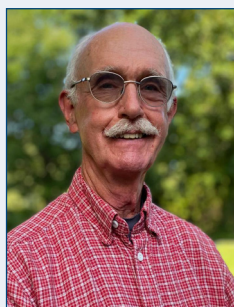


## ANNUAL FUND REPORT

- | *Why are so many Outreach people soliciting me?*
- | *How do I know whom to give to...which is the best?*
- | *Are they separate causes?*

We admit, it's confusing for many. Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program has one goal—to help support local non-profits in Indian River County. But we utilize many ways to collect our yearly donations.

After vetting more than 30 agencies and organizations that provide needed services, we were able to grant **\$580,000** in 2024.



### HERE IS YOUR ROAD MAP!

GHCOP has traditionally hosted three major fund-raising events and an annual fund campaign. Each of those is orchestrated by volunteers and all profits from the 3 events— Evening of Giving, The Gala, the Annual Golf Tournament— form the basis for the grants we provide and 100% of your donations go to our grantees.

Your options: No matter where or how you decide to connect with GHCOP, now you know where your Annual Gift, your Angel Auction bid, your purchase of auction items, your golf tournament participation, and your gift to the Evening of Giving will go.

Many give to several of our programs and others give to only one. Each event promotes itself which explains the multiple asks. What we care about is engaging you with our organization so we can provide the funds to those in need.

Because, after all, we want GH members to realize how important they are in helping Indian River County manage its many humanitarian needs. Please join us!



Michael Spence  
VP & Chair, Annual Fund

## 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

Annual Gala  
February 6, 2025  
6:00PM-9:00PM

Golf Classic  
February 22, 2025  
TBD

Emerson Center  
March 6, 2025  
7:00PM

Emerson Center Pre Concert Dinner  
March 6, 2025  
5:00PM



L to R: Ben Stewart, Troy Pare, and Dave and Susan Cearley, Co-Chairs, GHCOP Golf Classic

## 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC – FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Mark your calendars for February 22, 2025, for the 21st Annual GHCOP Golf Classic which raises funds to support local charities in Indian River County. This 4-person scramble will utilize both courses, and the winners' names will be etched on the clubhouse plaque.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Registration, Lunch & Dinner
- Putting & Chipping Contests
- Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffles
- **On-Course Events** Including a one-hour Open Bar to watch the finals.

### Registration Details

- Golf Outing & Dinner **\$165** per person
- Dinner Only **\$70** per person

### Availability

Limited, so sign up soon!  
Open to both club and non-club members.

### Club Members:

Register yourself and guests on Foretees or call the concierge.

### Non-Club Members:

Call the Grand Harbor concierge at **(772) 778-9000**. Make checks payable to: "Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program," and write "21st Golf Classic Registration" in the memo.

Mail checks and names of guests (indicating golf or dinner only for each) to:

**Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program  
PO Box 644017**

**Vero Beach, FL 32964**

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

**Susan and Dave Cearley, Co-Chairs.**  
Email: [david.cearley@gmail.com](mailto:david.cearley@gmail.com)

## OUTREACH PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR NEIGHBORS

**Q: I am interested in my community and want to help others. What can I do?**

**A:** Become a Grand Harbor Community Outreach Program (GHCOP) volunteer.

**Q: I see that GHCOP distributed over \$580,000 in grants during 2024?**

**A:** That is correct, and we made those grants through our Regular Program and our Strategic Summer Fund. All agencies must use the funds in the calendar year awarded and for the benefit of Indian River County residents. The focus is on programs conducted which address food insecurity, mental health, homelessness, education and seniors. GHCOP favors many programs which benefit residents in Gifford.



Liz Crowther, past President GHCOP, Al Gallo and Tina Wilcox, Co-Chairs, Philanthropy

**Q: How do you decide what agencies in Indian River County receive those funds?**

**A:** GHCOP invites agencies in the IRC to submit online applications through a cooperative program set up by United Way. After receiving the completed application along with supporting documents (including financial statements), the GHCOP Philanthropy Committee reviews the applications, our financial analysts review all financial information and a team of volunteers visits the agency and conducts interviews of their board, executive director, some staff and observes the operation of the programs conducted by the agencies. Often the team meets participants in the program. The team then prepares its written recommendations, including the amount of money they would like to see the agency receive. That recommendation is reviewed by the chairs of the Philanthropy Committee (PC). Then, the PC Chairs prepare a recommendation to the Board of Directors of the GHCOP of the amount of the awards given the projected availability of funds raised by GHCOP. The Board reviews the recommendations, ask their questions and votes on the agencies to receive the funds and amount of the award.

**Q: OK, now that I understand the process, how are the agencies selected to participate?**

**A:** Many of the agencies have been working with GHCOP for years and GHCOP has developed confidence in those organizations. Other agencies reach out to GHCOP and want to participate. Agencies also are identified by the GHCOP Philanthropy Co-Chairs based upon their interaction in the County. The Co-Chairs often conduct interviews of new agencies or agencies deemed "troubled" prior to issuing an invitation.

**Q: How do the volunteers get trained?**

**A:** GHCOP conducts a training session, and a "Newbie" is supported by their team leader, most of whom have been working as a volunteer for years. The volunteers are dedicated to the program and report great satisfaction and joy from their work to improve others' lives.

### JOIN US NOW!

Reach out to Al Gallo or Tina Wilcox.  
**GHCOP Philanthropy Committee Co-chairs**  
Email: [ghcop.philcom@gmail.com](mailto:ghcop.philcom@gmail.com)

## EVENING OF GIVING

Ho! Ho! Ho! And away we go! Grand Harbor Community Outreach kicked off the Holiday Season with nearly 200 members at the Evening of Giving's Holiday Cocktail Party on December 5, 2024.

The Cocktail Party celebrates the generosity of the people of Grand Harbor! Each guest was invited to take home adorable Santa-inspired favor bags filled with kisses from the nearly 1,000 recipients of the Evening of Giving program.

Party guests were greeted by falling snow! Yes... snow! Along with visitors from the North Pole, e.g. club and wait staff, all decked out for a holiday party! The Seaside Duo serenaded with holiday music. The Club welcomed members with complimentary glasses of champagne and eggnog.

As of this writing, this year's event has generated nearly \$45,000.00 dollars to benefit 13 local charities. Each year, a committee member works alongside the individual charities to determine the holiday needs of the organization's beneficiaries, then purchases gifts, gift cards or delivers a check to underwrite their needs.

The goal of the Evening of Giving is to put a smile on the face of every child, senior, veteran and homeless person in our immediate community this holiday season.

**The success of the campaign is attributable to the generous people of Grand Harbor; we are deeply gratified and humbled by the outpouring of support.**



L. to R.: Committee: Kate Thomas, Rose Virgin, Amy Caso, Nance Hoder, Sally Pearce, Janine Nebons (Co-Chair), Gloria Quesada, Maryann Braden, Bonnie Walker (Co-Chair) Not pictured: Tina Wilcox, Phyllis Surma, Dru King, Pat Simm

## EMERSON CENTER MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 | 7PM

**GET ON YOUR GROOVE...**  
Join the **Outreach Motown Experience!**

**Forever Motown**—A full stage production direct from New York, with nine all-star performers featuring:

- Former Lead Singer of **The Four Tops**
- Former lead Singer of **The Temptations**
- Former Lead singer of **The Marvelettes**

Sing, dance and celebrate as an all-star live band plays your favorite hits from the Motown Legends: "My Girl", "I Heard It Through the Grapevine", "Reach Out", "Shop Around", "Dancin' In the Street", "Stop, In The Name of Love", "Ain't Nothing Like The Real Thing", "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", "How Sweet It Is," and the list goes on!!!

**Begin the evening with an Early Bird Dinner at the Grand Harbor Club House. SIGN UP for Pre-Concert Dinner on Foretees.**

Visit the website for the available seating locations and ticket prices: [www.MusicWorksConcerts.com](http://www.MusicWorksConcerts.com) or call the TIX Customer Service line (800) 595-4849.

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We believe in supporting our community, particularly those in significant need and are proud to contribute to Grand Harbor Community Outreach and the charities they support.