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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF
VENICE, OSPREY, NOKOMIS, LAUREL,
ENGLEWOOD & NORTH PORT



United Way South Sarasota County

February 2017 Executive Director Message– Maryann Terry



Throughout the year, your local United Way participates with community alliances, human service providers, area businesses, our local foundations and leaders to absorb and recognize what’s needed and works (or not) in our community, to help produce better opportunities, for all, regardless of socio-economic status in South Sarasota County.

This approach generates a powerful network of resources which helps to identify ways for our communities to be prosperous together. Our funding efforts focus on creating enthusiasm for learning and scholarships for working families children, to attend accredited preschools and graduate from High School; we promote healthy lifestyles, mental health wellness and offer established best practices on how to be financially steady because integrated together, these issues have the power to generate the change that will improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens and for those that have fallen down along the way.

UWSSC believes community partnerships formulate integrated solutions that amplify the impact we can make with our investments from community donations. Advancing the common good our forefathers led the charge on. Every year we look for 40 South County residents to form our Community Impact Panel Groups that review our grant application. Led by a United Way Board Member our panel volunteers will visit agencies requesting United Way funding, and then document how each program will benefit South County children, families and seniors. So I invite you to be part of this transformational experience by going to our website at www.uwsc.org and click on the “Volunteer” tab and download the **“Community Impact Volunteer”** form and email it back. I urge you to consider this unique opportunity to engage and connect with your community in a way that can make a difference for you and our neighbors’. You won’t be sorry. You will feel energized helping us to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in South County. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. Live United!



941-308-4357 Dial Direct for Information on all Community Resources



- ◆ **Community Impact/ Allocation Applications** emailed out Feb. 2nd to agencies due back **March 30th, 2017**
- ◆ **Second Quarter Agency Reports** due **Feb. 28th, 2017**
- ◆ **Saturday February 18th, 2017 Venice Community Charity Walk & Run @ Centennial Park on the Island of Venice 9am Walk or Run**
- ◆ **Saturday March 18th, 2017 North Port Community Charity Walk & Run @ Dallas White Park Greenwood Ave North Port 10am Walk or Run**

Both Walks are Pet and Family Friendly !

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UWSSC raises funds and awareness for 28 local human service nonprofit agencies that fight for the health, education and income stability of every child, family and senior in South Sarasota County. Visit www.uwssc.org or on our Facebook page.

Free Tax Preparation

WITH US FREE MEANS FREE.

Did you earn less than \$64,000 last year?

Have your federal tax return prepared, e-filed & direct deposited for FREE.

You don't need to pay \$200 or more for simple tax preparation. **IRS-certified volunteers** will prepare your taxes and ensure you get the largest refund for which you qualify. You may also be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) when you file.

What to bring.

Be sure to bring the following information when you come for your in-person tax preparation or have them available when you prepare your taxes at www.myfreetaxes.com.

- Last year's federal income tax return.
- Social Security cards and correct birthdates for all family members.
- Photo IDs (If filing jointly, both spouses must present an ID and be present).
- W-2 forms for all jobs worked during the current tax year.
- All 1098 forms (for mortgage, higher education expenses, etc).
- All 1099 & other income forms.
- Form 1095-A (ACA Healthcare)
- Amount of any income not reported on a statement.
- Records of deductible and qualified expenses not shown on a statement.
- A voided check and/or savings account number for direct-deposit (encouraged).
- Name, address and tax ID or social security number of any child care providers.

Did you know?

To receive financial aid for higher education, for your child, you must fill out the FAFSA.

Our volunteers can help. Dial 2-1-1 for more information or visit UnitedWaySuncoast.org/free-tax-help



FREE TAX PREPARATION LOCATIONS

After April 18th, call 941-328-6973 for off season tax assistance.

SARASOTA

United Way Suncoast Sarasota Area Office

1800 2nd St., Ste. 102
Sarasota, FL 34236
Tuesdays 2pm - 6pm
Open Jan 24-Apr 18, 2017

Boys and Girls Club

3100 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34237
Tuesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Saturdays 10am - 2pm
Open Jan 28-Apr 15, 2017

Robert L. Taylor CommunityComplex

1845 34th Street
Sarasota, FL 34234
Mondays 3pm - 7pm
Open Jan 30-Apr 17, 2017

NORTH PORT

North Port Social Services

6919 Outreach Way
North Port, FL 34287
Thursdays 5pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays 10am - 2pm
Open Feb 2-Apr 15, 2017

VENICE

Sky Family Y

701 Center Road
Venice, FL 34285
Wednesdays 4pm - 8pm
Saturdays 10am - 2pm
Open Feb 1-Apr 15, 2017

ARCADIA

Family Service Center

310 West Whidden St.
Arcadia, FL 34266
Thursdays 4pm - 8pm
Open Jan 24-Apr 13, 2017
By Appointment Only
Call 813-334-4888 for an appointment

Simple Tax Return?
**FILE YOURSELF
FOR FREE AT**
**myfree
taxes.com**

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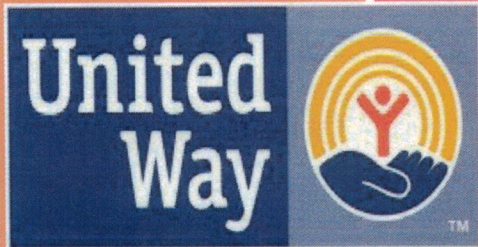
Suncoast Credit Union
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Wells Fargo
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United Way Suncoast

Connecting People. Creating Change. Impacting Lives. unitedwaysuncoast.org

Join the conversation! #LIVEUNITED



United Way of South Sarasota County 11th Annual Venice Community Charity Walk & Run

Saturday Feb.18th, 2017

Come Out and Support Venice's 28 Human Service Agencies or Gain Awareness for Your Own Cause

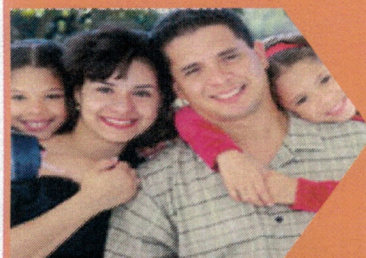
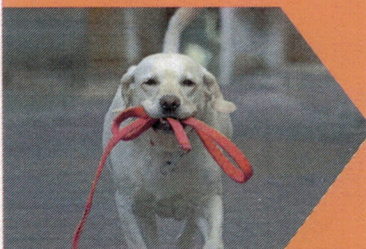
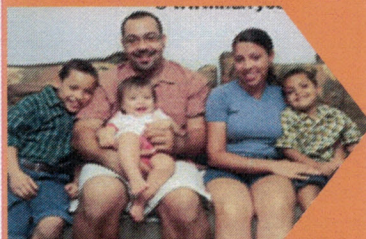
Walk or run the 2 mile route as a team, with your dog or as a family for a donation and generate attention to your cause and community needs in one great outdoor setting !

All teams receive a check for 50% of all money raised for their charity, while the other 50% goes to our 28 local UW agencies. Come meet others and support Venice Area children, families and seniors

Music, food, prizes and awards are provided. Go to www.uwssc.org and Download a walk packet for yourself or your team or call the office at 941-484-4811.

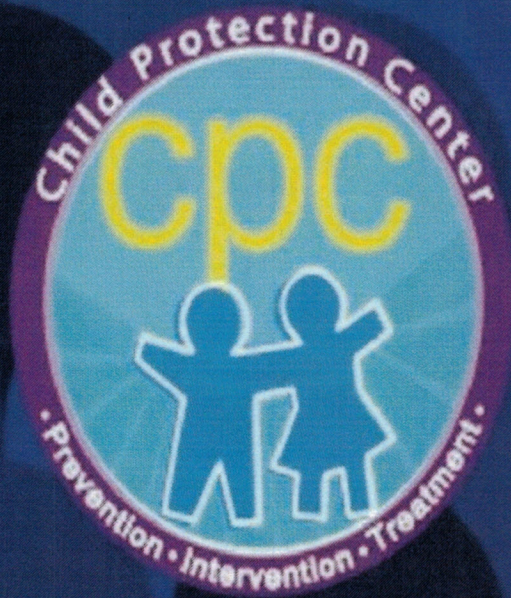
Bring your own table to share your materials and carry your banner during the walk . Winning teams will receive awards and have their pictures taken for the press, our social media and yours.

8am Walk Registration
9am Walk; 10am Awards, Food & Fun
Centennial Park—Downtown Venice Ave.



Save The Date!
The Child Protection Center North
Port Office Ribbon Cutting and Open
House!

Meet The
Staff!



Tours!

Light Bites!

Date:
March 2, 2016

Time:
4PM-6PM

Learn how
you can help!

Address:
2530 Bobcat Village Center Road
North Port, FL 34287

RSVP by 2/23/17: myaw@cpcsarasota.org or 941-365-1277 Ext. 120

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**9am Walk Registration
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Dallas White Park -Greenwood Ave.**

