



*We fight for the Health, Education and Financial Stability of every person in every community we serve.*

*#thrivability*



## Monthly Report

### **We are Proud to Recognize United Way Volunteer, Norm Nelson!**

A staunch believer in the gift of reading and a two year United Way volunteer with both ReadingPals and See Spot Read Spot, Norm is leading the team at Oneco Elementary School's ReadingPals program...

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## United Way of Manatee County is Going Bananas

Employees at the Banana Republic Factory Store at the Ellenton Outlet Mall have embraced opportunities to give back to our community through Gap's "Be What's Possible" program...

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## Students Honored for Making Sure #EveryDayCounts

Congratulations to all of the winners of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading poster

contest.

It's a collaborative effort that brings together foundations, non-profit organizations, business leaders, and the Manatee and Sarasota County School Districts with a goal in mind to ensure that all students are reading at grade-level by the end of third grade. The School Board is proud of the effort to teach students that #EveryDayCounts.

A student from each grade level was honored tonight with a reception and gifted an iPad Air by the The Patterson Foundation.



**Did Your Household Earn Less than \$54,000 In 2016?  
You can have your taxes done for FREE! Don't fall for scams or pay  
ridiculous fees.**

See the calendar below and call 941- 357- 4596 for info and appointments. **To see a description of the program, [click here](#).**

January—February 2017						
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April 2017						
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**Afternoons & Evenings:**

Monday & Wednesday from 3:00pm -7:00pm

**By appointment only :**

Saturdays from 8:00am – Noon

**The Center for Financial Stability at MCAA**  
302 Manatee Ave E, #307; Bradenton 34208

**Everyone MUST provide:**

- Valid, official photo ID
- Social Security cards for ALL family members
- Income and wage information 1099, W2's
- Form 1095-A (ACA)
- 2015 tax return

**Bring these if applicable:**

- Form 1098 (mortgage interest, property taxes)
- Form 1098-T or 1098-E
- Child or dependent care expenses: name, address and tax ID # (or SS or ITIN) of provider.



**For Info and Appointments  
Call: 941-357-4596**



Free Tax Preparation available through IRS-sponsored VITA. All volunteers are trained and certified in tax law. 5

**COMING UP**

**Annual Legacy Society Gathering**  
**Wednesday, February 15th**  
**6:30PM - 8:30PM**  
**John and Marianne Moyer's Home**  
**8616 15th Ave NW**  
**Bradenton, FL 34209**

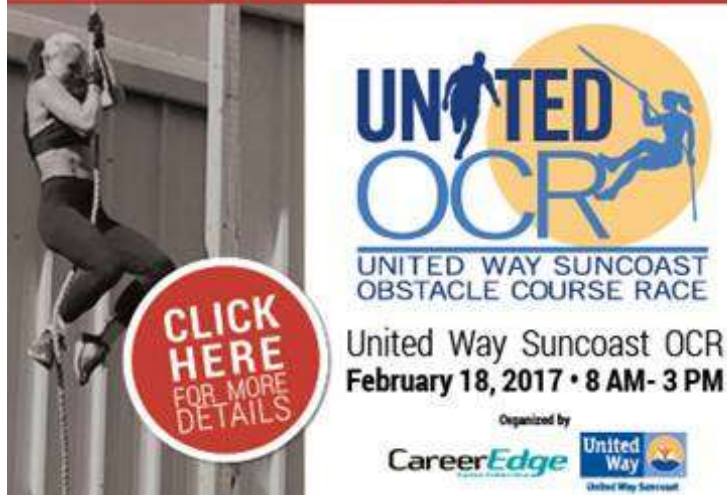


Are you a long-time donor to United Way of Manatee County? We want to recognize and thank our decade long donors and invite you to learn how you can continue to impact our community for years to come. This appreciation event is hosted by John and Marianne Moyer and sponsored by Raymond James.

RSVP by Calling or Emailing Whit Langdon at 941-748-1313 or [Whit@uwmanatee.org](mailto:Whit@uwmanatee.org)

**United Way Suncoast Obstacle Course Race**  
**Saturday, February 18th**  
**8AM - 3PM**  
**Celery Fields**  
**6893 Palmer Blvd**  
**Sarasota, Florida 34240**

Join us for our first ever United Way Obstacle Course Race.



**Ready to get your FIT on?**


Our partners at UW Suncoast have *worked out* a challenge for you! A great way to make new friends, challenge old friends and support our region.

Participants will enjoy 18 fun and challenging obstacles including a 6-foot wall climb, high wall scale, low crawl and much more. As this is our first year, we expect between 200 and 400 participants. (Total distance for the race will be ~3 miles.)

Our goal is not only to create a fun and engaging event for our community, but use the race as a way to highlight the obstacles so many people in our community face and how United Way is helping them to overcome.

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