

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

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Monthly Report

New ALICE Report Launched

ALICE is an acronym (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), created by the United Way to describe the many members of our community who work hard and make enough money to stay out of poverty, but not quite enough to make ends meet.

According to the newly updated ALICE report, more than 43% of Floridians now live in this precarious financial situation. On February 22nd, President Philip Brown and Board Member Bob Thompson joined United Way of Florida President, Ted Granger to launch the new report and advocate for the ALICE population to the legislature in Tallahassee.



[For the full 2017 ALICE Report, Click Here](#)

With the help of Salt & Light Productions, United Way proudly produced a video that captures the daily life of ALICE families like Jackie and Ben, a husband and wife who knew they were not getting ahead, but thought everything would work out if they kept on working. The story illustrates how quickly the trajectory of an ALICE family's life can change when an unexpected emergency arises.



[Click Here for the Video](#)

Free Dental Screenings for Local Children

Community Engagement Coordinator Cassandra Decker was at the Dental Van this month. The program provides free dental screenings for Manatee County children and Cassandra was there with UWMC volunteers to read to the children and make their visit that much more special. She has something to say about the experience, and you can read her blog by clicking the link below.



[Read More](#)

Local Companies Create Thrivability

United Way Celebrates Publix Appreciation Day! Publix Super Markets, Inc. surpassed their 2016 goal and raised \$62 million total for United Way. Here in Manatee County, Publix Associates and Publix Super Markets Charities have pledged \$819,000 to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of our community! Thank you Publix for your transformational contribution!



Manatee County Government Volunteers hosted the second annual Utilities Department Cook-out and Equipment Rodeo. County volunteers tested their skills, enjoyed a pot-luck cook-out,

and raised \$3,689 for United Way.



ITW Ground Support Equipment got into the spirit of the Super Bowl with a United Way Chili Cook-Off and Auction and raised \$1,439 for United Way!



VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

Did you make 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



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

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.



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

COMING UP

Manatee County Clay Shoot
Saturday, March 11th
8:00AM - 1:30PM
Ancient Oak Gun Club
16800 SR 64 East
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34212



We're Holding A Spot for You! Enjoy an exciting day at one of the area's most prestigious shooting ranges, while making a difference in the lives of Manatee County neighbors. Manatee County's 4th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the United Way of Manatee County offers fun experienced and first-time shooters at the Ancient Oak Gun Club.

- Four-person team 50-bird shoot-out
- Lunch is included in registration (additional plates can be purchased for \$5)
- Raffles and Door Prizes
- Shotgun Shells are included with registration
- Awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams and High Overall Shooter

To Register, [Click Here](#)

CANstruction

Tuesday, April 4th

4PM - 6PM

Lincoln Memorial Middle School


305 17th St E

Palmetto, Florida 34221



United Way of Manatee County, Manatee County Government, and Lincoln Middle School's FFA HORT (Hunger Outreach Response Team) are holding a Wizard of Oz Tin CANstruction event on April 4th to help fight hunger in our community. It's a great way to get creative, build team work, and give back to our community.

Please respond to Cassandra Decker at Cassandra@uwmanatee.org by March 6th to register a team.

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to support our community's ALICE families

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