



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

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Monthly Report

United Way of Manatee County Receives Spirit of Manatee Award

We are so appreciative to accept the Community Spirit Award along with the Anna Maria Oyster Bar. Thank you Manatee Community Foundation for this incredible honor. Thank you University of Sarasota-Manatee for nominating United Way, and thank you to the many partners, donors, volunteers and visionaries who continue to fight for the Health, Education, and Financial Stability of our community.

2017 Spirit of Manatee Winners

- **YOUNG SPIRIT AWARD**
Jordan Ripka Dailey, nominated by the State College of Florida Foundation & State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota
- **COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD**
Anna Maria Oyster Bar, nominated by PACE Center for Girls
United Way of Manatee County, nominated by USF Sarasota-Manatee
- **VOLUNTEER SPIRIT AWARD**
Marti King, nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County

- **LEADERSHIP SPIRIT AWARD**
Lemoyne & Darlene Johnson, nominated by ArtCenter Manatee, South Florida Museum, Manatee Performing Arts Center
- **LIFETIME SPIRIT AWARD**
Dr. Peter Mattina, nominated by Turning Points



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Embracing Dr. Seuss's Difference Day

United Way joined Embracing Our Differences along with The Patterson Foundation, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Community Foundation of Sarasota County, and Manatee Community Foundation on March 2nd for Embracing Dr. Seuss' Differences Day to stimulate conversations regarding diversity, bullying and respect for others in elementary schools throughout Sarasota & Manatee counties.



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Students Honored for Making Sure #EveryDayCounts

Manatee County Public Schools winners of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Attendance Awareness Poster Contest were recognized at the March 12th Pittsburgh Pirates game. Bronwyn Beightol started the celebration by throwing the first pitch and a student from each grade level was honored with a reception and gifted an iPad Air by the The Patterson Foundation.

Every day a child is in school moves them toward Thrivability. That's why #EveryDayCounts.



[Click Here to Watch First Pitch Video](#)

Reach Out and Read

Science has shown that a child's first five years set the stage for all future learning, which is why United Way is proud to announce a new initiative to our community which continues to support the work of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. Reach Out and Read gives young children a foundation for success by making literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care, building upon the relationship between parents and health care providers to ensure that children are instilled with a love of reading as well as a home library of their own. United Way is proud to join into a collaborative partnership with Manatee Community Foundation, the Community Foundation of Sarasota, and The Patterson Foundation to bringing Reach Out and Read to our communities.



Dr. Dipesh Navsaria; Susie Bowie, Executive Director, Manatee Community Foundation; Pierrette Kelly, The Patterson Foundation Consultant, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; Bronwyn Beightol, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, United Way of Manatee County

Companies LIVE UNITED

Publix Super Markets Charities Invests \$351,000 in United Way of Manatee County!

THANK YOU PUBLIX for investing in our community with a transformational gift!! Tim Henning, District Manager 06, Western Region, Lakeland Division, and United Way of Manatee County Board Member joined local Publix Store Managers to present a check for \$351,000 to United Way of Manatee County. Their leadership and support was instrumental in the success of the 2016 #StrengthenGiving Publix United Way Campaign, where Publix associates pledged more than \$468,000 for our community. This Publix Super Markets donation is a 75% match made to support the generous associates who gave during the campaign.



Katie Becker, Kalle Kennedy, Ryan Kennedy, Keven Ferry, Bronwyn Beightol, Tim Henning, Anne Lee, Dan Murphy, Philip Brown

Manatee County Government Volunteers Shoot for the Sky

On Saturday, March 11, volunteers from Manatee County Government got up bright and early to host the 4th Annual Manatee County United Way Clay Shoot. Their incredible efforts raised \$5,403 for United Way and brought teams together from around the county. Thank you to all of the volunteers, participants, and sponsors and thank you to Ancient Oaks for hosting a wonderful event!



Fifth Third Bank Honors Leadership Givers at United Way Leadership Breakfast

Fifth Third Bank recognized those who give above and beyond during the United Way campaign. We are grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge those who invest in community through United Way!



COMING UP

FPL Fish United Way Tournament
Saturday, April 1st
FPL Cooling Pond AKA Lake Parrish

Always Dreamed of Fishing the FPL Cooling Pond
Now You Can! (A.K.A. Lake Parrish)

Register Today!
 Limited to just
 50 boats!

PRIZES:
 1st Place \$1000
 2nd Place \$750
 3rd Place \$500
 Male & Female Junior
 Angler Prizes

Tournament Dates:
 April 1st
 September 30th
 November 4th

 **Herald Tribune**
 media group

*This pond is famous for its Bass, Catfish and Crappie fishing!
 FPL is partnering with our United Ways to help make our communities stronger.*

United Way 

Register at:
www.FishUnitedWay.com
 or call 941-484-4811 

Benefiting the United Ways of Sarasota and Manatee Counties

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ALICE Community Conversation
Friday, April 14th
1:00PM - 3:00PM
State College of Florida
Lakewood Ranch Campus Auditorium
7131 Professional Pkwy, E
Sarasota, FL 34240
Tickets Only \$15.00

United Way 

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION.
 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, EMPLOYERS AND LEADERS
 COME TOGETHER TO HELP A.L.I.C.E. FAMILIES.

You're Invited To A Panel Discussion On A Study Of Financial Hardship
Presented By The Independent United Ways Serving Manatee and Sarasota Counties

[Click Here to Register](#)
 Please Register by April 7th

5K on the Runway
Saturday, April 22nd

Tampa International Airport's 5K on the Runway has reached its cruising altitude of "5 Years"! Fasten your shoelaces and sprint to the finish line to benefit United Way Suncoast.



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