

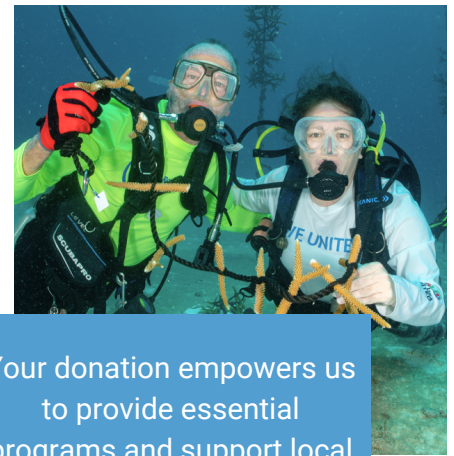


United Way of Collier and the Keys brings people together to serve our local communities.



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Every hour of every day, United Way stands beside our neighbors in need.

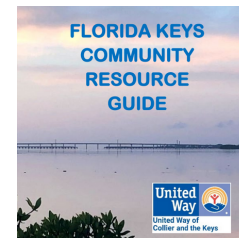


Your donation empowers us to provide essential programs and support local nonprofits.

## OUR PROGRAMS



**VITA** helps individuals making \$66,000 or less annually prepare their taxes for free. Run by IRS-trained volunteers, this program helps families obtain Earned Income Credits and maximize their refund.



**KeysHelp.org** and the **Community Resource Guide** provide essential support, connecting people with childcare, food, housing, healthcare resources, and more.

Supporting Monroe County Student Success



**Fuel the Future** provides crucial funding directly to the 17 local public schools in Monroe County, ensuring that every student has access to the resources and opportunities necessary for their academic journey.



**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** is a book gifting program that promotes early literacy by mailing free, high-quality books to children from birth to age 5 every single month, regardless of their family's income.



**Success by 6** matches funds with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe for School Readiness scholarships, aiding low to moderate income families in accessing quality preschool education.



The **Feed the Keys Food Drive** and **Be Like Mike** initiative commemorates the legacy of "Mangrove Mike" Forster. Annually, the community pays tribute to his spirit with a week-long series of random acts of kindness and a food drive.



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# 2023-24 Monroe County Community Investment Partners

We help our community members in need thanks to these United Way partners and programs:

**Burton Memorial United Methodist Church:**

- Food pantry and meal provider serving residents in need of access to fresh produce, meat, and common staples.

**Cornerstone Resource Alliance:**

- Provides meals for those who cannot purchase or prepare food due to their homeless status.

**Diocese of Southeast Florida (Hammock House):**

- Provides children a healthy environment where they can thrive.

**DOLPHINS to Stop Domestic Violence:**

- Provides Rx assistance to qualifying residents.

**Domestic Abuse Shelter:**

- Economic Justice program offers educational classes for finances and job attainment skills.

**Florida Keys Area Health Education Center:**

- Provides primary medical care and full-service dentistry for medically vulnerable children.

**Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition:**

- Programs support the health and well-being of pregnant women, infants, young children, and their families.

**Florida Keys Outreach Coalition:**

- Provides homeless prevention activities and ongoing case management.

**Grace Jones Community Center:**

- Provides high quality daycare and after-school programming.

**Heart of the Keys Recreation Center:**

- After-school program provides recreational and educational activities.

**Independence Cay:**

- Soup kitchen provides help to those in need.

**Keys Area Interdenominational Resources:**


- Food pantry to alleviate the struggle of covering basic needs.

**Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens:**

- FIT program provides healthy meals 5 days a week.

**Star of the Sea Foundation:**

- Works with local vendors to redirect fresh foods from the waste stream to households in need.



Florida Keys Area Health Education Center (Keys AHEC) provided an initial examination of a 12-year-old who had moved to Key West from Haiti a year earlier. This was his first dental appointment ever, and he complained of mouth pain. Upon examination, he was diagnosed with eight cavities, four abscessed teeth, one tooth needing extraction, and more. The patient was given an antibiotic and pain medication to get the infection under control.

Since this case required more services than Keys AHEC could provide, they helped make treatment arrangements with Nicklaus Children's Hospital, where the patient received oral surgery. Follow-ups and preventative care were scheduled to maintain proper oral health care moving forward, and the patient now has a brighter smile and a happier, healthier future!

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