



## April 2024 Newsletter



### Last Chance for Free Tax Help!

UWCK's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program wraps up April 11! If your household income was less than \$66,000 in 2023, you can prepare & file your taxes for free!

Visit our [website](#) for flyers and details!

Can't make it? You can also file for free through [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com).

### Monroe County

\*No Appointment Necessary\*

#### KEY WEST:

Every Wednesday through 4/10  
10am - 2pm  
Gato Building - 1100 Simonton St

#### MARATHON:

Every Thursday through 4/11  
12:30pm - 4:30pm  
Marathon Library - 3490 Overseas Hwy

If you have questions:

Call: 305-563-1470  
or email: [VITA@uwcollierkeys.org](mailto:VITA@uwcollierkeys.org)

### Collier County

\*Appointments Required\*

Every Wednesday through 4/10  
9am - 3pm  
9015 Strada Stell Ct #204, Naples

To make an appointment:

Call: 239-359-8179  
or email: [VITA@uwcollierkeys.org](mailto:VITA@uwcollierkeys.org)

## DEADLINE APPROACHING for UWCK Marine Science Scholarship!



UWCK is accepting applications for the Marine Science Education Advancement Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to aid Monroe County residents who are passionate about marine science and/or marine technology-related fields in their pursuit of degrees or certificates. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Apply [here](#) before the deadline on April 17!

## Get Your Tickets Now!

We are EGG-cited for Big Green EGGfest on **Saturday, April 13** at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs! You can purchase VIP tickets and taster tickets to attend, all while supporting UWCK! The family-friendly event features grilling demonstrations, live music, and tasty food!

Purchase a ticket [here](#).



## Save the Date!

# Feed the Keys FOOD DRIVE



Continuing the Legacy of "Mangrove" Mike Forster  
A project by United Way of Collier and the Keys



## FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024



[DOWNLOAD FLYER & LEARN MORE](#)

Feed the Keys 2024 is set for Friday, May 17!

You are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items and drop them off between 2pm and 6pm at Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, Keys Area Interdenominational Resources (KAIR) or SOS Callahan Community Kitchen.

If you can't make it, you can still participate in our virtual food drive [HERE!](#)  
You can also join us for a car show benefiting Feed the Keys on April 20!

# CAR SHOW BENEFIT

Celebrating the Car Culture of the Florida Keys while benefiting a great cause!

Share your photos with #BeLikeMike

\$15 to Enter Your Car to Win a Trophy!

Admission: \$5 or 3 Non-Perishable Food Items

Car Entry Includes Hotdog/Chips/Drink

**APRIL 20 9:00AM - 12:00PM**

Join us and Be Like Mike by helping us Feed The Keys!

All proceeds and donated goods will benefit the United Way of Collier and the Keys Feed the Keys Summer Initiative for local Keys Families

11400 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050  
Town Square Mall

Car Pre-Registration

<https://givebutler.com/carshowbenefit>

## UWCK in the Community



UWCK President and CEO, Tiffani Mensch, toured Guadalupe Center's van Otterloo Family Campus for Learning.



UWCK President and CEO, Tiffani Mensch, met with Dawn Belamarich, CEO of Collaboratory to discuss future endeavors.



UWCK Keys Area President Leah Stockton and LAB member Captain David Smith donated tents for Reef Relief's Reef Explorer Coral Camp program.



UWCK received a generous donation from the Key West Woman's Club to expand the impact of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Thank you!



UWCK teamed up with Lower Keys Medical Center for the Jars of Love Peanut Butter Drive to stock the shelves at SOS Foundation Stock Island Pantry.



UWCK Board member Karen Woodbridge, President and CEO Tiffani Mensch, Board member Debbie Mathews Finch, Finance and Operations VP Ann Marrese, and Board member Peter Berry are pictured (from left to right) at Greater Naples Leadership's Distinguished Leadership Award Luncheon. Debbie deservedly accepted this year's award.

## UWCK Board Updates



We want to welcome new UWCK Board member, Janet Pogar! Janet, new to Southwest Florida, brings a philanthropic spirit and unwavering commitment to helping her neighbors thrive.

Additionally, we wish to express our appreciation to Jessica Tressler, Trich Worthington, and Richard Tamborrino for their invaluable contributions to the board.

While Trich and Richard are transitioning away from their board roles, they will continue to dedicate their time and expertise as active Local Advisory Board (LAB) members for Monroe County.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mindy McKenzie for her dedicated service. As Mindy embarks on her well-deserved retirement, we bid farewell to her as a valued member of the LAB, having been an integral

part of UWCK since 2011.



## UWCK SPOTLIGHT

### ALINE RYAN

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
MASTER OF ARTS IN MASS  
COMMUNICATION

Aline has consistently gone above and beyond as UWCK's talented intern since the beginning of 2024.

As her internship comes to an end, we want to thank Aline for all she's done to improve our marketing and communication efforts!



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