



January 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year! As we welcome new beginnings, your contribution to United Way of Collier and the Keys is more than a donation – it's your partnership in driving positive change in our community. 2024 is the perfect moment to be a part of this transformative journey. Your generosity fosters hope and progress, directly impacting the lives of our neighbors who need our support. Together, let's make this year a milestone for positive change and shared prosperity!

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UWCK Updates

VITA Kicks Off This Month!



As tax season nears, the United Way of Collier and the Keys' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is ready to help residents with 2023 household incomes under \$66,000 file for **FREE!**

We are delighted to offer this vital program once again to our community.

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During the 2022-2023 Tax Year, the VITA program:

- Served 346 taxpayers
- Generated nearly \$250,000 in refunds
- Saved over \$100,000 in taxpayer prep fees (based on an avg. cost of \$275/return)

Head to our [website](#) to learn more or email vita@uwcollierkeys.org

VITA Calendar:

- [January 24th](#): VITA begins
- [January 26th](#): EITC Awareness Day



Check to see if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit [here](#).

Fireworks & Glow Party



If you joined us for the Fireworks and Glow Party at Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel on December 30th, thank you for making it an unforgettable evening of joy and impact! A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers whose time, effort, and passion make a positive difference in our community every day.

National ALICE Summit

UWCK President and CEO, Tiffani Mensch, and Vice President of Community Impact, Ashley Jones, will attend the National ALICE Summit in New Orleans, Louisiana from January 29th - 31st.



The ALICE Summit is focused on building new solutions for racial and economic equity for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). This event is a platform for professionals nationwide to come together, share strategies for change, network, and listen to influential speakers who are champions for ALICE.

Meet Our New LAB Member!

Captain David Smith, a 39-year resident of the Florida Keys and a six-year Air Force veteran, is dedicated to improving family life in the community. Known for fostering law enforcement-community collaboration, he involves deputies in Sheriff's Office functions to educate them on Monroe County's services for at-risk families.

Promoted to Lieutenant in 2019, overseeing security at



Key West International Airport, Captain Smith was later entrusted with the Training Division in 2021. In 2022, he became Captain of the Lower Keys District and Key West, overseeing all community concerns.

Get Your Tickets Now!

\$1 from every ticket sold for #CCPSFamily Hockey Night with the Florida Everblades on February 9 benefits UWCK!

Head [here](#) to purchase tickets.



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