

March 2024 Newsletter

UWCK Loves Publix!

United Way of Collier and the Keys is grateful for the incredible support during the 2023 Publix Super Markets, Inc. United Way Campaign! Thanks to Publix managers and employees in Collier and Monroe Counties, **UWCK raised \$565,307.42.**

Every dollar will help us further our mission of supporting individuals and families.



Watch our Publix appreciation video [HERE](#) and stay tuned for what's to come during Publix Appreciation Week later this month!



Get Your Taxes Done for FREE!

As we enter the heart of tax season, UWCK's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is in full swing! 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!

Monroe County

No Appointment Necessary

KEY WEST:

Every Wednesday through 4/10

Collier County

Appointments Required

Every Wednesday through 4/10

9am - 3pm

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

9015 Strada Stell Ct #204, Naples

To make an appointment:
Call: 239-359-8179
or email: VITA@uwcollierkeys.org



Applications Open for UWCK Marine Science Scholarship!

UWCK is now accepting applications for the Marine Science Educational Advancement Scholarship until April 17! This scholarship supports Monroe County residents pursuing degrees or certificates in marine science and/or marine technology-related fields.

Apply & learn more [HERE!](#)

UWCK in the Community



UWCK joined Be Future Ready Day in Naples, a free event aiding Collier County students and families with education resources and support.



UWCK visited Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida to explore programs empowering individuals with disabilities and disadvantages.



Florida Keys Outreach Coalition



S. O. S. Foundation



Domestic Abuse Shelter

Ashley Jones, UWCK's Vice President of Community Impact, and Norma Rodriguez, UWCK Program Coordinator, visited the Keys for the first time. They met with the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition (FKOC) and learned about its Transitional Housing and Homeless Prevention Programs. Additionally, Ashley and Norma gained insights into the impact of the S.O.S. Foundation. Finally, they heard about the impactful initiatives of the Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Spreading Love on Valentine's Day UWCK Visits Inspiring Sisters



Despite the challenges Hurricane Ian brought over a year ago, we have been on a journey of restoration and hope with amazing sisters in Bahama Village. When they were hit with flooding, UWCK Disaster Case Manager, Tiffany Pellicier, stepped up to help. It's been a team effort – replacing essentials like AC, furniture, and appliances, and repairing walls, floors, windows, and a bathroom. None of this would have been possible without the support of organizations like the Salvation Army, the Monroe COAD, and Habitat for Humanity of Key West & Lower Florida Keys.

Save the Date!



Join United Way of Collier and the Keys for Cars and Coffee at Mercato in Naples on **Sunday, March 17!** The event features live music, fresh coffee, and a showcase of amazing cars. UWCK is honored to be the featured nonprofit. **Click the photo for more information!**



We're EGG-cited for the 2024 Sunshine Ace Hardware Big Green EGGfest! VIP tickets are sold out, but you can still purchase taster tickets to try delicious food and support UWCK! The family-friendly event featuring live music, yummy samples and grilling demonstrations is **Saturday, April 13** at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. **Click the photo to purchase a ticket!**



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