



## May 2024 Newsletter

Join us for Feed the Keys!

# Feed the Keys FOOD DRIVE



## FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024



Join our virtual food drive!  
Scan the QR code to learn more.

Help United Way of Collier and the Keys honor "Mangrove" Mike Forster by giving back to our community!



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From 2-6pm on May 17, we invite you to join the Feed the Keys Food Drive and donate non-perishable food items to:

- Burton Memorial United Methodist Church,
- Keys Area Interdenominational Resources (KAIR)
- SOS Callahan Community Kitchen
- Or any of the additional collection sites listed on our [website](#).

**DONATE**

-If you'd like to volunteer, you can sign up [here](#).  
-Don't forget that our [virtual food drive](#) is happening right now!

-Spread the word by sharing our [flyer](#)!  
-Share your giving back moments with [#FeedtheKeys](#) and [#BeLikeMike](#) on social media!



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OF FLORIDA**  
[thegreenhouse.com](http://thegreenhouse.com)

**Real THC - No Medical Card Needed**

A huge thank you to [Green House](#), our premier Feed the Keys sponsor!

ICYMI: We had a wonderful Car Show fundraiser to help #FeedtheKeys on April 20th! Watch our wrap-up video on [TikTok](#)! And check out [this article](#) in Marathon Weekly (page 22).

## UWCK Updates

-Peter Berry named United Way of Collier and the Keys Board Chair

-Brittni Brown named United Way of Collier and the Keys Vice President of Philanthropy

### VITA SEASON SUCCESS!



We're thrilled to share the achievements of UWCK's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program:

- Total Refunds for 2023: **\$346,000+**
- Tax Preparation Fee Savings: **Over \$134,200**

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and staff, nearly 500 taxpayers received vital assistance, ensuring accurate tax filing at no cost.

### EARTH DAY FEATURE!

UWCK collaborated with United Way Worldwide to spotlight our dedication to reef restoration in Monroe County. On Earth Day, United Way shared a [video](#) and a [blog post](#) showcasing these efforts. We deeply appreciate the support of our donors, community members, and partners, without whom our reef restoration initiatives would not be possible.



## UWCK in the Community



UWCK is honored to receive the Monroe County School District GEMS (Great Educational Moments for Students) award.



UWCK's Success by 6 school readiness program was awarded \$15,900 from Ocean Reef Community Foundation.



UWCK Philanthropy Coordinator, Michelle Nevel, connected with adult education classes in Key West, discussing United Way's mission and community involvement.



UWCK Keys Area President Leah Stockton engage with members of the Key Largo Rotary, where we shared insights into our ongoing efforts and initiatives within the Keys community.



UWCK Case Manager Carolina Heiser participated in a special appreciation event for social workers and case managers in Naples.



UWCK's VP of Community Impact, Ashley Jones, recently visited our valued partner, Sunrise Community of Southwest Florida.



UWCK's VP of Philanthropy, Brittni Brown, and VP of Community Impact, Ashley Jones, joined a Kendra Scott Gives Back event supporting UWCK.

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## Make a Lasting Impact With Monthly Giving

Did you know monthly giving is one of the best ways to support United Way of Collier and the Keys? That's because recurring gifts provide a steady, reliable source of funding that allows us to plan for the future and make long-term investments in our community.

Monthly giving is also convenient! You can set up a recurring donation through our secure online page and adjust or cancel anytime.

Join our monthly giving program today and join a dedicated group of supporters powering positive change in our community.

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