



UNITED WAY
Collier and the Keys

January Newsletter

Income tax season is here! United Way of Collier and the Keys is once again offering our **FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program with IRS-certified volunteers. Last tax season, we are proud to share that the program generated over \$346,000 in refunds.



Collier County VITA Information:

Location: UWCK Office
9015 Strada Stell Ct #204
Naples, FL 34109

Location: First Horizon Bank
5247 Golden Gate Pkwy
Naples, FL 34116

Schedule: Every Wednesday
February 5, 2025 – April 30, 2025
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Schedule: Saturday February 15 & 22
March 1
9am – 3pm

**Make an Appointment in Collier
County**

FREE TAX PREPARATION is Available for Those Who:

-Have a household income of \$66,000 or less

-And have no rental property, farm, or cryptocurrency income

*For self-employment, expenses under \$35,000, no net loss, and no employees, we cannot use home credit for business.

*Appointments Required

Visit www.uwcollierkeys.org/vita
to make yours today!



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**FREE Tax Preparation Services Provided By
IRS-Certified Volunteer Tax Preparers.**

What To Bring:

- Valid, government-issued photo identification (for you and your spouse, if filing jointly)
- Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) letter for everyone included on your tax return
- Previous year's tax return (if available)
- All W-2s, 1098s, and 1099s for the current tax year
- Information on any additional income
- Documentation for deductions and credits you plan to claim
- Voided check or bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of your refund
- Form 1095-A, B, or C (ACA Statements) if you purchased health insurance through the Marketplace
- If you had childcare or dependent care expenses, bring the provider's name, address, and tax ID or SSN/ITIN
- Birthdates for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Joint filers must both be present to sign the return

Questions? Call: 239-261-7112 or email: Carolina.Heiser@uwcollierkeys.org

Supported By:



[Download flyer in Spanish](#); [Download flyer in Haitian-Creole](#)

Monroe County VITA Information:

Key West

Harvey Government Center (Board of
County Commissioners Meeting Room)
1200 Truman Ave

Tuesdays: Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar 4, 11, 18,
25; Apr 1, 8, 15
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Marathon

Marathon Library
3490 Overseas Hwy

Wednesdays: Feb 5, 12, 19, 26;
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26; Apr 2, 9

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Big Pine Key

Community Center
(Winn-Dixie Plaza)

Islamorada

Islamorada Library
81830 Overseas Hwy

Key Largo

Key Largo Library
101485 Overseas Hwy

179 Key Deer Blvd

Thursday, Mar 6
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 13
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursdays: Feb 27; Mar 13
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

***No appointment necessary**

**If Your Household Income Was Less Than
\$67,000 In 2024, You Can**

Prepare & File Your Taxes For FREE!

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What To Bring:

- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- Photo identification for you and your spouse (if married)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Birth dates for you, your spouse, and dependents
- A blank check for deposit of refund
- A copy of last year's tax return
- All Forms W-2, 1098, and 1099
- Forms 1095-A, B or C (ACA Statements)
- Information for other income
- Information for all deductions/credits



For Additional Assistance

Visit: www.uwcollierkeys.org/vita

Call: 305-563-1470

Email: VITA@uwcollierkeys.org



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Thank you, Florida Power & Light! FPL recently donated laptops to help ensure a successful VITA season!



Click to watch NBC2's VITA program coverage!

UWCK Announcements



UWCK Board Member and Women United Chair, Janet Pogar, has pledged to match dollar for dollar (up to \$10,000) for every new Women United donation made in 2025!

We ask our members to donate at least \$100 annually. This is a great way to make your gift go even further and impact more lives in our community.

DONATE NOW!

UWCK-UAE Coral Reef Learning Exchange Kicks Off in February

United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK) is excited to embark on a groundbreaking learning exchange with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from February 3-8. This initiative marks a significant international collaboration, as UWCK and leading coral reef experts embark on an official [delegation](#) from the UAE Embassy in Washington, DC to the UAE for a week of exchange, exploration, and engagement.

The delegation, led by Dana Al Marashi, Head of Cultural Diplomacy, Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, Washington, DC, includes UWCK President & CEO Tiffani Mensch, Keys Area President Leah Stockton, Reef Revitalization Project Liaison Jessica Dockery, Communications & Engagement Manager Alissa Hudak, and selected marine biologists and coral restoration experts from across the U.S. and its territories.

Traveling to Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and other key sites, the group will participate in high-level discussions, hands-on reef restoration experiences, and cultural exchanges designed to strengthen global conservation efforts. This collaboration builds on a five-year partnership between UWCK and the UAE, focused on revitalizing the Florida Keys through coral reef restoration and beyond.



Picture from the UAE Embassy in Washington, DC visit to Key West in 2024.

Click [here](#) for a timeline of the UWCK-UAE partnership.

Join the Movement at [VolunteerUWCK.org!](https://VolunteerUWCK.org)

Ready to make a meaningful impact in Collier County? Head to VolunteerUWCK.org to register yourself or your agency and explore incredible opportunities to give back to your community!

Community Investment Grants

Thank you to all who applied for the 2025-2026 Community Investment Grants! The application period is now closed. We're inspired by the incredible work of local nonprofits and look forward to supporting these efforts. Stay tuned for updates!



Meet Laura Collett!

Laura is UWCK's new Philanthropy Coordinator. In her role, Laura is excited to learn more about our community and share how the support we receive directly benefits the people in Collier and Monroe Counties. She is passionate about spreading the word and making a real difference in our local area.

Save the Date and Get Your EGGfest Tickets Now!

We're grateful to once again be a beneficiary of Sunshine Ace Hardware's EGGfest! Join us Saturday, March 22, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. Purchase your tickets [here](#).



Sunshine ACE Hardware
EGGfest 2025
Food, Fun & Live Music!

Benefiting: LEADERSHIP COLLIER FOUNDATION, Rotary Club of Bonita Beach Sunset, NORTHSIDE MAPLES ROCKS!!! KIWANIS CLUB, UNITED WAY Collier and the Keys

Sponsored By: NCH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, BKS PARTNERS Florida Gulf Coast University, LEE HEALTH, PBS CONTRACTORS RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL

Big Green Egg
SATURDAY
MARCH 22ND, 2025
11 AM - 3 PM
Riverside Park | Bonita Springs
Register at: SunshineAceEGGfest.com

In The Community



UWCK tours Linstol in Collier County.



LAB member Richard Tamborrino reads to

students at Stanley Switlik Elementary to kick off Celebrate Literacy Week.



Join us for Drag Queen Bingo every Sunday through February 23rd at 22&Co in Key West from 5-7pm, hosted by QMitch, with proceeds benefiting UWCK.

Drag Queen Bingo

Every Sunday Jan. 26 - Feb. 23

5pm - 7pm

Bingo cards are \$5 each and let you play every game.

Hosted by QMitch

Proceeds benefit United Way

22&CO KEY WEST, FL



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