Archbold Biological Station

Archbold Biological Station is dedicated to long-term ecological research and conservation. The primary focus is on the organisms and environments of the unique Lake Wales Ridge and adjacent central Florida. The Station's program is part of a global effort to understand, interpret, and preserve the earth's natural diversity.

The Bargain Box Thrift Store

To provide affordable items to individuals and families as well as to donate all profits generated by these items to help those in need in Collier County. It is the oldest church mission thrift store in Naples, Florida. The 40-year old thrift store is run by volunteers, most of whom are members of Naples United Church of Christ. The thrift store resells gently-loved, quality donated merchandise to the community at bargain prices!

Bower School of Music and Arts at FGCU

Through specialized curricula and extensive general education offerings, the Bower School of Music seeks to prepare professionals for service in music education, and in music performance and pedagogy. In addition the School provides rich musical opportunities for students majoring in other disciplines and furnishes cultural enrichment for the southwest Florida community and beyond.
Bonita Springs Concert Band

The purpose of the Bonita Springs Concert Band is: To provide an opportunity for area musicians to express and develop their skills; to present concerts for the people of the Bonita Springs/Lee County area to enhance their enjoyment and appreciation of music; to join with area schools in their efforts to assist students to pursue their musical talents; to provide scholarships to area high school students to enable them to continue their studies.

Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Boys and Girls Club of Collier County

We serve 3,000 children and teens, ages 6 to 18, in our clubs and afterschool programs, and through our partnership with the Naples Children and Education Foundation and Florida’s 21st Century.

We offer a safe place for young people to learn, grow and develop ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals who support the educational, emotional, physical and social development of our youth and provide them with the resources needed to become successful adults.
Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association (Riverwatch)

- To strive to improve the River from its source to its mouth, including its impacts on riparian and estuarine systems, wildlife habitat, and marine life.
- To promote public education concerning the historical significance, present condition, and future of the River and its watershed.
- To increase public awareness of the importance of the River to our quality of life.
- To study the effect of domestic, commercial, and agricultural uses of the River's resources.
- To monitor and work to improve the River's water quality, quantity, and flow characteristics.
- To observe and participate in the activities of public bodies responsible for the management of the River and its watershed.

Caloosa Coast Rowing Club

The Caloosa Coast Rowing Club (CCRC) at Cape Harbour is a sweep and sculling rowing club, open to all members of the community and around the world who are interested in rowing.

CCRC was recently ranked third as a place to "Retire and Row" by RowingandSculling.com. CCRC has Masters (adults), Scholastic (12-18 yrs old) and Recreational Crew, and our competitive teams compete in regattas throughout FL and the US.

Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium

The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium is a private, not for profit, environmental education organization located in Fort Myers, Florida. Our 105 acre site has a museum, three nature trails, a Planetarium, butterfly and bird aviaries, a gift shop and meeting and picnic areas.
Cancer Alliance of Naples

In 2002, a group of passion filled volunteers saw a grave need in our community to offer assistance to cancer stricken families and individuals whose lives were being turned upside down financially and emotionally. CAN was formed to help our neighbours and friends through the most difficult times anyone could imagine. Facing a world of unknowns and forced to make life changing medical decisions, as well as dealing with mounting pressures of everyday living expenses, CAN helps, when there is nowhere else to turn.

Children’s Network of Southwest Florida

Children’s Network of SWFL is the private, nonprofit lead agency that administers the child welfare system in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties. Our mission is to work with the community to protect children and preserve families. Children’s Network is responsible for over 1,800 abused and neglected children, and delivers a comprehensive local system of care through subcontracts with more than 50 social service agencies. The agency also serves approximately 125 at-risk community children each month in our Diversion Program.

Classic Chamber Concerts

To provide world-class music and to educate and encourage young audiences to enjoy classical music.
Conservency of Southwest Florida

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida was founded in 1964 by a small group of concerned citizens fighting to protect the beauty of our region. Today it has grown to be one of Florida’s largest and most respected environmental organizations. Our Mission is to protect Southwest Florida's unique natural environment and quality of life...now and forever.

Culinary Accelerator @ Immokalee

Through a partnership between Collier County and local non-profit Economic Incubators, Inc., a 5,000-square-foot warehouse will be transformed into the Culinary Accelerator @ Immokalee, a place where aspiring entrepreneurs who want to transform their products into a profitable business as part of an 18-month educational and mentorship program. It will be designed for use by farmers and cooperatives, start-up food companies and home-kitchen entrepreneurs, but will also be available to mid-size food companies, retail and food service companies and commercial users.

ECHO

ECHO is an information hub for development practitioners around the world. We gather solutions from around the world that are solving hunger problems and disseminate them to our active network. These solutions promote sustainable farming techniques, nutritional plants, and appropriate technologies. They are well tested and proven to be successful over and over again.

Our purpose is to help those who are teaching farmers around the world know how to be more effective in producing enough to meet the needs of their families and their communities. They in turn teach others and the ECHO effect continues!
Estero Bay Buddies

The Estero Bay Buddies (EBB) is a non-profit Citizen Support Organization (CSO) for the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve and the Estero Bay Preserve State Park. The mission of the EBB is to support the further protection, conservation, restoration, management and the enhancement of the natural and cultural resources of the coastal and aquatic ecosystems of the Estero Bay estuary and watershed for the enjoyment and appreciation of current and future generations.

Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers

Since forming in 2001, the Mastersingers have grown from a small chorus to an eighty-plus voice ensemble of men and women dedicated to excellence in music. Each season we present five to seven concerts in various venues in southwest Florida.

Friends of the Collier County Museums

Since its founding in 1986, the Friends have taken a leadership role in assuring that the historic and archaeological resources of Collier County are responsibly cared for and preserved to enrich the lives of future generations of citizens. Essential to this goal is the organization's mission to provide a wide base of public support for the Collier County Museum and to encourage its development as a cultural and educational institution of excellence.
Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park

The Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park is a non-profit corporation which functions as a citizen support organization (CSO) regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The Citizens Support Organization hosts special events and fund raising activities to support and make improvements to Highlands Hammock State Park.

One of Florida’s oldest parks, opening to the public in 1931, Highlands Hammock was established when local citizens came together to promote the hammock as a candidate for national park status. During the Great Depression, prior to World War II, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) developed additional park facilities and the beginnings of a botanical garden. Acquired by the state in 1935, it has grown over the years and now has 15 distinct natural communities in its more than 9,000 acres that include large tracts of pine flatwoods, hydric hammock, cypress swamp, and baygall. Several of the communities are designated as imperiled or of concern, such as the Florida scrub, scrubby flatwoods, and cutthroat seep. It is one of the highest ranking parks in Florida for endemic biodiversity.

Friends of Lovers Key State Park

FOLKS is made up of a dedicated board of directors and park volunteers and people like you who work together with Lovers Key State Park Service staff to improve all aspects of the park through volunteer service and financial support. Some of the projects FOLKS supports include maintenance of the Park’s native plant nursery, shorebird nesting protection, park staff fire training, the purchase of an ice machine and a new blower for the bridges. A portion of the FOLKS membership fees also go to savings for our vision for a Lovers Key Visitor center.
Fun Time Early Childhood Academy

Fun Time provides a comprehensive early childhood learning environment. It is guided by the Florida School Readiness Performance Standards and Head Start Performance Standards.

The research-based Creative Curriculum provides a framework and a focus on the interest areas in all classrooms, as well as supporting the teachers in providing an emergent curriculum.

Fun Time offers an academic content in the curriculum for all children two to five years old while recognizing the importance of play in children’s learning.

Good Wheels

We have served the community for years as the state-designated Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) and the major transportation provider for the Transportation Disadvantaged in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties. In this capacity, we provide special-needs transportation to our elderly, disabled and less-fortunate neighbors.

We also serve the community as the major transportation provider for Medicaid in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

Guadalupe Center of Immokalee

The mission of the Guadalupe Center is to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational, social and other support programs & resources.

For over 30 years, the Guadalupe Center has been offering the children of Immokalee a pipeline to prosperity through educational and special support programs strategically designed to start from six weeks of age and continue through college graduation. We focus on the most critical periods of a child’s education:
Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Kids

The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program will continue to be a powerful and effective voice advocating for the best interests of Florida’s abused, abandoned and neglected children and be recognized and respected as a partnership of community advocates and professional staff. To the fullest extent possible, this vision will be realized through volunteers who will advocate as Guardians ad Litem for the children they serve.

Gulf Coast Symphony

The Gulf Coast Symphony exists to contribute to the cultural enrichment of Lee County by producing and performing a broad variety of concerts and creating a diverse, innovative, and balanced program of performances, events, and community and education projects that reaches the widest possible public.

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

Since 1978, Habitat Collier has built more than 1,900 homes in the Naples and Immokalee areas. Habitat for Humanity of Collier County is part of a global, non-profit housing organization operated on Christian principles. Using donor dollars and volunteer labor, Habitat Collier makes homeownership possible for low wage earning families through an affordable mortgage. Our goal is to empower struggling families to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Habitat Collier is one of the oldest and most successful Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the world, and has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities.
Habitat for Humanities – Lee & Hendry Counties

Through the use of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, homes are sold to families in need with a low to no interest mortgage. Monthly payments are set at 30% or less of the homeowner's income making homeownership an affordable reality.

Habitat for Humanity works to eliminate barriers to a better, healthier, more financially stable life. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better future for themselves and their families.

Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida

Our mission is to overcome hunger in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties through education and by working in a cooperative effort with affiliated agencies in the procurement and distribution of food, equitably and without discrimination.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank is committed to a future where the people of Florida are free from hunger. We see a future where the Harry Chapin Food Bank creates an environment which attracts and nurtures caring, highly competent staff, Board and volunteers.
The Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida

Our mission is to promote respect and understanding by teaching the history and lessons of the Holocaust.

We do this through: Collecting artifacts that tell the individual stories within the larger history of the Holocaust • Providing educational programs and activities to students at all grade levels • Presenting general public programs that highlight elements of our collection and stories related to the Holocaust and other genocides.

HOPE Clubhouse

HOPE Clubhouse is a community resource that fills a significant gap in the opportunities for people living with mental illness in Southwest Florida. HOPE Clubhouse offers opportunities for meaningful work, education, friendships, and access to housing in a supportive, caring, dignified and respectful community setting. Members of HOPE Clubhouse develop hope for recovery and achievement of their full human potential.

Hope for Haiti

Hope for Haiti’s holistic approach is a model that connects, heals, and empowers rural communities on the road to sustainable, long-term development. We work to improve the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition, and healthcare.
House of Prayer Retreat Center

The House of Prayer Retreat Center is one of Southwest Florida's best-kept secrets. A charming retreat and spirituality center founded in 1982, the House of Prayer serves the needs of all who come seeking spiritual growth. Accommodations include five spacious guest bedrooms and two full baths, a small prayer and meditation chapel, a library stocked with spiritual reading materials, and a solar heated swimming pool.

The purpose of Mother of God House of Prayer is to serve the spiritual needs of all those who seek spiritual growth. Though Catholic in foundation, the House of Prayer is available to all who desire to deepen their relationship with God, and become more aware of God's action in all aspects of their lives.

K is for Kids Foundation

K is for Kids® is a unique student led volunteer-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with kids on both the giving and receiving ends of its mission building readers and leaders. Through its focused efforts K is for Kids helps cultivate the skills kids need to be creative thinkers, adventurous problem solvers and visionary leaders.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida

The Laboratory Theater of Florida boasts a rare combination of ensemble and artistic rick, advancing classic pieces and unique local performers. It is a company that strives to present the human experience in all its rich diversity. Lab Theater's actors receive a variety of theatrical training to deliver strong messages that remain with the audience long after the final bow.
Learning for Life

The Learning for Life Corporation offers seven programs designed to support schools and community based organizations in their efforts to prepare youth to successfully handle the complexities of contemporary society and to enhance their self-confidence, motivation, and self-esteem. The seven programs focus on character education and career education. Learning for Life programs help youth develop social and life skills, assist in character development, and help youth formulate positive personal values. It prepares youth to make ethical decisions that will help them achieve their full potential.

Lee County Alliance of the Arts

The Alliance for the Arts is the officially designated Arts organization for Lee County charged with the mission to “facilitate and nurture the creation, development, promotion and education of arts and culture in Lee County”.

Lighthouse of Collier, Inc.

Lighthouse of Collier is a 501c3 Florida non-profit. The ONLY services center of its type seeks to provide programs for 14,000 people to foster independence and enhance the quality of life for blind, visually impaired & their caregivers.
Literacy Volunteers of Collier County

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County (LVCC) was established to serve Collier County in 1984. The mission is to enhance the lives of our students and their families by improving their English skills. LVCC presently has 260 active adult students, 190 active volunteers and plans to serve 150 four-year-old children in the Pre K program in Collier Head start schools this academic year.

There are 70 adults on the waiting list and 10 students are presently studying to become US citizens.

Meals of Hope

Meals of Hope has given hundreds of volunteer-minded individuals a way to make a positive impact by bringing Food Packing Events to their local churches, schools, associations and other clubs and service organizations. They are tackling a serious problem while having some serious fun.

The Naples Cat Alliance

Our organization is a non-profit, 501c3, cat rescue. We also operate a volunteer only no-kill, free-roaming cat shelter, housing 100 cats. We started as a trap, neuter and return group, using fosters for kittens and adoptables but soon realized there were more great cats than fosters and we had to find a shelter. We started in a horse stall in 2011 and now we are in a 2,000 square foot facility in a retail center in East Naples. It takes 75 people to just run the shelter with another 75 plus to handle fundraising, two PetSmart locations, TRN, colony caretaking, adoption events, etc. It really takes a village.
The Naples Council on World Affairs

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Serving the southwest coast of Florida. We are a member of the World Affairs Councils of America, and our mission is "to educate, inspire and engage our community in international affairs and critical global issues."

Naples Orchestra and Chorus

The Naples Orchestra and Chorus, officially and lovingly known as "I Musici Di Napoli, Inc.", was founded in 1993 by Ralph Stewart who also became its first conductor.

After a modest beginning over twenty years ago, The Naples Orchestra and Chorus has grown to become a premier multi-generational music ensemble in Naples, Florida. Approximately 90 combined Orchestra and Chorus members have performed exceptional classical and popular music for the greater Naples Community, including special Easter Week concerts featuring Theodore DuBois’ The Seven Last Words of Christ. To celebrate our 20th Anniversary in 2014, we commissioned American composer, Catherine McMichael, to create a work to celebrate this event. The World Premier of Hymn to Music for orchestra and chorus was performed throughout the 2013-2014 season.

The Naples Players

The Naples Players

Voted “Best Live Theatre” for 14 years, The Naples Players engages approximately 500 volunteers annually, contributing 60,000 hours by participating in all aspects of theatre production. All our actors are volunteers, as are the set builders, costumers, backstage crew, technical crew and ushers. The mission of The Naples Players is to enrich, educate and entertain through a superior community theatre experience.
Neighborhood Health Clinic

The Clinic is a 501(C)3 organization that began operating in April 1999 to provide quality healthcare to low-income working, but uninsured Collier County adults, utilizing a volunteer professional staff and private philanthropy. Today, the Neighborhood Health Clinic continues to deliver these services in a caring and supportive environment. The Clinic's goal is to break the cycle of poverty and give hope to future generations of patients.

New Horizons of Southwest Florida

Super Kids Club addresses the needs of at-risk elementary aged children living in Estero, Bonita Springs and Naples by providing after-school tutoring and mentoring, Monday through Thursday throughout the school year. Over 230 children eagerly come to a Club nearest where they live to receive the help and encouragement they so desperately need to succeed in school and life. Each year over 40,000 hours of tutoring and mentoring are received by these children.

Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida

To promote quality of life for persons with Parkinson Disease and their care partners. The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida, Inc. is dedicated to promoting the quality of life for people with Parkinson Disease (PD) and their care partners.

PASFI offers programs designed to keep the person with Parkinson Disease and their families active and involved. These programs vary by season, but always include movement and balance programs, support groups, educational programs, speech and swallowing classes and social activities.
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, an affiliate of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. began operations in 1966 and presently provides vital sexual health services and comprehensive sexuality education to women, men and teens throughout southwest and central Florida. Our commonsense approach to health and well-being is based on respect for each individual's right to make informed, independent decisions about health, sex, and family planning.

Pride & Patriotism of Lee County

The overall mission of our organization is Youth Celebrating the Arts and Honoring our Veterans. The concept of Pride and Patriotism was born out of an advocacy for the arts and love of country, which together present a “pride” of our student’s artistic talents in a patriotic theme with the presence of our veterans who afforded the students the opportunity to do so in a free country.

RAAGA, Inc.

Raaga, Inc. is a Florida nonprofit arts and education organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of music, dance and performing art forms from the Indian Subcontinent through the medium of concerts, lecture demonstrations, regularly scheduled teaching sessions and e-learning.
Southwest Florida Symphony

The Symphony and its family of affiliates are committed to sharing their passion for music with the entire Southwest Florida community through continuous improvement of the artistic quality, programmatic breadth and cultural relevance of our concert programs and presentations.

Each year the Orchestra presents a series of five Masterworks concerts featuring music from the great symphonic repertoire.

Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida is a highly select, auditioned professional core chorus under the artistic direction of conductor Dr. Trent Brown. Our members come from Fort Myers, Naples, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, and surrounding areas.

We incorporated in 2011 although we have a long legacy in Fort Myers with roots dating back to the formation of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra Chorus in 1962. In our inaugural season, 2011-2012, we established ourselves as an independent and vital part of the local Arts scene; however, we remain the resident chorus of the SWFLSO, Lee County’s only professional orchestra.

Valerie’s House

Valerie’s House, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization devoted to providing children and their families, who have experienced the death of a loved one, a safe place to share and experience loving support while moving through the grieving and healing process. Valerie’s House is the first of its kind to bring these services to Southwest Florida on an ongoing basis. Our mission is to help children and families work through the loss of a loved one together and go on to live fulfilling lives. Our vision is that no child will grieve alone.
The Women’s Fund of Southwest Florida

We advocate for empowerment of all women regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, economic status, age, sexual orientation, education, ability or beliefs. We focus on programs such as:

• Human Trafficking – Advocate for solutions and heightened awareness of the systemic problems of modern slavery, including rape and abuse of children. Raise money to facilitate the creation and operation of the Southwest Florida Regional Center on Human Trafficking.

• Leveraged Savings – Provide fiscal literacy training and matched savings accounts to low-moderate income women to purchase assets such as a first home, starting or expanding a small business, and securing education or training.

• Small Business Loans – Provide business development training and access to loan capital to women-owned businesses.