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Welcome to our NEW monthly newsletter, where we'll share about our important work in Collier and Monroe Counties and how you can get involved!

What's New

UWCK is Re-Organizing, Re-Structuring & Re-Branding, but that does not change OUR MISSION:

United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the education, health & economic mobility of our neighbors in Collier & Monroe Counties. Through strategic partnerships & collaborative efforts, UWCK addresses critical social issues & works towards driving positive, sustainable change to build stronger, healthier & more resilient communities.

Campaign Updates

- We're celebrating another successful **Fuel the Future** campaign! Ending August 31, donors contributed to helping Monroe County students succeed.



- The **Publix** workplace campaign kicks off September 1! Call us to learn how to connect your workplace with the important work of the United Way of Collier and the Keys.



United Way gives to Keys environment
The United Way of Collier and the Keys is continuing its commitment to the Florida Keys and the marine environment, providing \$50,000 for coral rescue and marine



UWCK & United Arab Emirates provided critical funding of up to \$50,000 to support Reef Renewal USA's urgent coral rescue efforts.

- Read the release & watch our full dive video [HERE!](#)

Read all about it! Check out new UWCK CEO Tiffani Mensch's vision for impact in [Old Naples News](#) & [North Naples News](#) - flip to Page 44!



In The News

Disaster Assistance

It's hard to believe the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Ian is upon us.
Look for a special newsletter next month.

Hurricane Ian Help (Disaster Assistance Center)	Individuals Served
Collier County	12,534
Monroe County	251

For resources and a link to donate, head [HERE](#).

Helping Our Communities

MONROE COUNTY

"Mango Manny," as he's known in Key West, finally has a new place to call home. Piece by piece, Manny is moving from a vulnerable, low-lying area to Garden View, a brand new, safe and weather resilient apartment complex. Flooding from Hurricane Ian caused catastrophic damage to his living quarters, his work tools and his personal belongings. United Way of Collier and the Keys saw Manny through the entire process to get back on his feet after Ian. That included navigating FEMA, temporary housing and receiving new tools to run his lawn care business.



COLLIER COUNTY

An 81-year-old veteran was displaced due to Hurricane Ian. Nearly 4ft of water ruined his personal belongings and caused serious damage. The veteran rented an RV and received help to clean out his home. After struggling to find help from there, he got word of the Disaster Assistance Center nearly 6 months after Ian. Proper case management allowed him to get power back to his home, receive donations to replace lost personal property and get new electrical wiring, plus complete all the interior work needed to make his home habitable, safe and secure.

A single mother and sole provider to three young boys was displaced due to Hurricane Ian. Her apartment was damaged and she lost most of her personal property including beds, furniture, clothing and her car. While waiting for her landlord to make the necessary repairs, she reached out to the Disaster Assistance Center for help and received a twin-size bed, which she used for her boys to sleep on. Through case management, her apartment was completely furnished and through the partnership created between UWCK and other local agencies, she received assistance to get a new vehicle.

All things that I needed to get back on my feet. I feel that you should know that she is dedicated to her work and to me helping me. She should be recognized for her work and commitment to the United Way. I'm very grateful.

This month, UWCK received a letter from Diana in Monroe County. Diana met UWCK employee, Tiffany Pellicier last year. In her letter, Diana thanked Tiffany for her dedication. Over the past several months, Tiffany has helped Diana secure a wheelchair, ramp & hospital bed.

UWCK succeeds by helping people in our community and we can't do it without you!



DONATE

Partner Spotlight:



Learn more [here!](#)



Help low-to-moderate income households meet their basic needs & build financial assets.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers needed in Monroe County!
Email vita@uwcollierkeys.org for more info.



If you want to help UWCK in September, here's a small way to step up:

We will receive **\$1** from

every Community Bag Program reusable bag sold here:
Winn-Dixie 7550 Mission Hills Drive, Naples



We Appreciate Your Feedback!

If there is anything you would like to see featured or mentioned in our upcoming newsletter, please email it to alissa.hudak@uwcollierkeys.org

