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6,210 Pounds of Food Donated During Feed the Keys - Be Like Mike 2024

Florida Keys – The third annual Feed the Keys-Be Like Mike Food Drive, led by United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK), achieved remarkable success on May 17, 2024. Volunteers joined UWCK staff to sort generous donations collected at three locations across the Upper, Middle, and Lower Keys.

**The total pounds of food donated at each site were:**

- 2,675 pounds at Burton Memorial Church (Tavernier)
- 1,661 pounds at Keys Area Interdenominational Resources (KAIR – Marathon)
- 1,874 pounds at Star of the Sea (SOS) Community Kitchen (Key West)



Feed the Keys is the largest community-wide food drive and focuses on increasing nutritious food supplies at local food pantries. With 43% of residents living paycheck-to-paycheck, Feed the Keys helps alleviate food insecurity. It is held in memory of beloved Monroe County commissioner, restaurateur, and UWCK Local Advisory Board member "Mangrove Mike" Forster, celebrating his dedication to supporting Keys residents.

Leah Stockton, Keys Area President of United Way of Collier and the Keys, remarked, "This is just the beginning. UWCK will continue to support our local food pantries throughout the summer to meet their needs. Stay tuned for more 'Feed the Keys' initiatives ahead."

UWCK extends a heartfelt thanks to the dozens of volunteers who participated and the community members and organizations who donated food to the cause as well as those who hosted their own collection sites in the weeks prior. Special thanks to our donors and sponsors, including our premier sponsor, Green House.

To download pictures from the event, click [here](#).



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About United Way of Collier and the Keys:

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