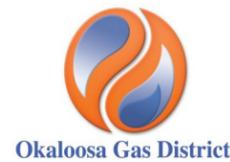


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2018 -2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Rick Owen
United Way

There is an old axiom for spring, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” For our United Way, 2018 came in like a lion and never stopped roaring! This year has seen the culmination of two prior years’ work to make this organization more agile to addressing the needs of the community, while reinvigorating volunteerism, advocacy, and partnership. With much more work still to be done, it is refreshing to look back and see how far we’ve come in a such a short period of time! In a community flush with charitable organizations that focus on individual community needs, it is important to remember the unique role occupied by our local United Way in monitoring many, many areas of focus to ensure the dollars entrusted to us by our donors are invested in a way to make the greatest impact on the most pressing needs.

More significantly, perhaps, it is essential to remind ourselves that our United Way is a local organization. Nowhere was this more evident than in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. While several large, national charities were soliciting donations for future relief in the impacted counties from outside of Northwest Florida, our United Way was coordinating volunteers, and collecting and moving resources to our neighbors to the east to begin making a meaningful improvement quickly and in a way that only a local, agile organization could.

The United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community we serve. But we do not fight alone. By building synergies with other organizations across multiple areas of expertise, we collaborate and focus resources on the biggest challenges, no matter how daunting.

This report will help you see and value the United Way’s work. What you accomplish through investment, volunteerism, and advocacy makes a resounding impact for the good in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

Thank you for your tireless support and resolute trust.

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Mike Johnson, *Maintenance*

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OUR MISSION

We serve donors, advocates and volunteers with the organization and leadership they require to provide financial stability, education opportunities, and healthy lives to their community.

OUR VISION

Envision a community where resources are aligned to ensure people are healthy, families are strong, and youth and adults are engaged in strengthening social bonds.



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Please Note: If we inadvertently missed your name or you would like to have your name listed differently, please accept our apology and let us know by calling 850-243-0315

Any updates or corrections for this year will also be made to the digital copy of this report on our website at www.United-Way.org

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Alan Giese
Paul Swan

United Way's Tocqueville Society was created to honor the goodwill and community leadership that inspired Alexis de Tocqueville's writings more than 175 years ago. Today, the Tocqueville Society is one of the world's most prestigious institutions for individuals who are passionate about improving peoples' lives and strengthening communities.

United Way donors who give \$10,000 or more annually are members of the Tocqueville Society and are recognized both locally and nationally.

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FINANCIALS

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 469,308
Certificates of deposit	253,501
Campaign pledges receivable, net	407,634
Property and equipment, net	162,861
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,293,304

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,924
Grants payable	420,000
Donor designations	166,867
TOTAL LIABILITIES	589,791
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	(81,608)
Temporarily restricted	785,121
TOTAL NET ASSETS	703,513
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,293,304

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Totals
CAMPAIGN REVENUES			
Gross campaign contributions	\$ 38,151	\$ 1,126,988	\$ 1,165,139
Less donor designations	-	(166,867)	(166,867)
Less allowance for uncollectible pledges	-	(175,000)	(175,000)
Total net campaign contributions	38,151	785,121	823,272
OTHER SUPPORT			
Hurricane relief	46,120	-	46,120
Sponsorship income	22,500	-	22,500
Special events	66,458	-	66,458
Interest and miscellaneous	25,210	-	25,210
Rental income	9,600	-	9,600
Total other support	169,888	-	169,888
Net assets released from restrictions	796,677	(796,677)	-
Total campaign revenues, other support, and net assets released from restrictions	1,004,716	(11,556)	993,160
ALLOCATIONS AND OTHER FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES			
Program services			
Distributions to agencies, paid	682,912	-	682,912
Distributions to agencies, awarded	420,000	-	420,000
Less donor designations	(274,992)	-	(274,992)
Other program services	479,116	-	479,116
Total program services	1,307,036	-	1,307,036
Supporting services			
Management and general	94,298	-	94,298
Fundraising	198,816	-	198,816
Total supporting services	293,114	-	293,114
Total allocations and other functional expenses	1,600,150	-	1,600,150
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(595,434)	(11,556)	(606,990)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	513,826	796,677	1,310,503
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ (81,608)	\$ 785,121	\$ 703,513



MESSAGE FROM OUR 2018 BOARD CHAIR

Alan Wood
CCB Community Bank

We all know what a beautiful spot we call home, whether it's the gorgeous white sand beaches, picturesque bays, sounds, bayous, or the abundant sunshine and warmth of our climate. What makes home even more attractive for me are the caring citizens of Okaloosa and Walton counties. I have witnessed firsthand in my 8 years of board service with United Way, the incredible giving, sharing, and caring by the staff and volunteers of the agencies United Way serves. Each partner agency serves an important role in our communities in meeting the needs of the less fortunate.

As my year as chairman closes, I would like to thank all the Publix stores and its employees in our two counties for the incredible support it plays in the success of the United Way fulfilling its mission. There are so many other corporations that step up every year, too many to recognize here, but thank you to all that allow us to make presentations to your employees and for your corporate donations. Also, a big thank you to Caralee Gibson for her efforts in chairing this year's successful campaign.

Finally, I'm excited about the future and direction of the United Way of Okaloosa & Walton Counties. The new grant process worked well in the first year with the organization handing out over \$660,000, of which \$420,000 was awarded to its agencies. Rick Owen and the outstanding United Way staff are working diligently to make sure every donated \$1 is used in the most efficient and deserving manner. Lastly, I must thank you, the volunteers, for serving our communities. Out of all my experiences with the United Way I continue to be amazed at the level of volunteerism in our great community. Thank you for your commitment to making the lives of those less fortunate around you better!

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2018 WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGN

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\$35,000 AND UP
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City of Destin
COLSA
Crestview High School
DCS Corporation
Destin Middle School
Eglin Federal Credit Union
Elliott Point Elementary
Mary Esther Elementary School
Micro Systems

Niceville High School
Northwest Florida State College
Okaloosa School District Office
Okaloosa STEM Academy
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South Walton High School
Summit Bank
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Walton High School
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\$1,500 - \$2,499
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Lewis Bear Company
Maude Saunders Elementary
Meigs Middle School
Mossy Head School
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Paxton School
Pryor Middle School
Riverside Elementary
Royal Dutch Shell
Silver Sands School
University of West Florida FWB
Walton Middle School
Wright Elementary

\$500 - \$1,499
Acme
AMIKids Emerald Coast
Antioch Elementary
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BBVA Compass
Beach Community Bank
Bridgeway Center
CCB Community Bank
Choctawhatchee High School
Edge Elementary
Eglin Elementary
Elder Services
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Emerald Coast Tech College
Florosa Elementary School
Freeport High School
Goodwill Easter Seals
IBM
JC Penney
Lewis School
Lockheed Martin
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Mental Health Association
Northrop Grumman
Okaloosa Clerk of Courts
Okaloosa County Water & Sewer
Plew Elementary
Raymond James
ResortQuest
Shelter House
Shoal River Middle School
Southside Primary School
Wyle Laboratories

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

- Campaign consisted of **94% workplace campaigns** and **6% Corporate and Private donors**
- **3,467 donors** contributed
- **50% of contributions from Donors giving less than the Leadership Levels represent 29% of the Campaign**
- **Top 3 Campaigns were up 9.6% over 2017**



Four Star Charity

2018 COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

Community Ambassadors are volunteers sponsored by their employer to assist in the implementation of the annual United Way Campaign. Coming from all areas of the workforce with the primary responsibility of managing effective workplace campaigns, ambassadors serve as account managers with assigned local businesses and organizations. They work with United Way Staff, the Ambassador committee, community and business leaders, and other volunteers. In this position they make presentations to employee groups, educating them about the issues facing our community and how United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. Ambassadors come away with a keen sense of their ability to make an impact in the community and with honed professional skills to help advance their career. By sponsoring an ambassador, your employee returns with experience in public speaking, project management, goal setting, networking, team building, problem solving, organizing and event planning.



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GET TO KNOW ALICE

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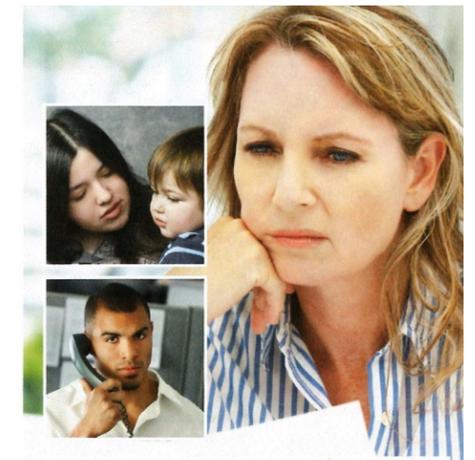
ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED

Working hard and barely making it.

ALICE is an acronym for **Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed** – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

DID YOU KNOW - out of 76,102 households in Okaloosa County, 36% struggle to pay for basic needs such as housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care.

Walton County: 27,207 households—35%
 In Florida, statewide, there are 46% of households facing the same financial challenges.



Federal Poverty Level	ALICE Survival Annual Budget	% of Households
• Single adult: \$11,880	• Single adult: \$21,336	• 103,309 households
• Family of 4: \$24,300	• Family of 4: \$57,024	• 36%

The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college.

36% of households are struggling and are working hard, but not able to consistently make ends meet every month. This struggle materializes at a rate of \$28.51 per hour—what it takes for a family of four in Okaloosa County to survive the associated costs of living.

Florida is one of 18 states that have ALICE reports published. For town and county level ALICE data or to find county-by-county survival and stability budgets for six family sizes, visit: UnitedWayALICE.org/Florida

WHO IS ALICE?

ASSET LIMITED



ALICE has no safety net in times of crisis

INCOME CONSTRAINED



ALICE's income falls short of essentials

EMPLOYED



ALICE is working, yet not earning enough

UNITED WAY PROGRAMS IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY



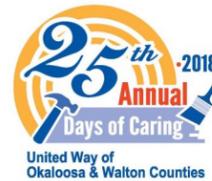
2-1-1 Florida Panhandle - A resource and referral service and the first place to call when you don't know where to call. Answered 24 hours / 7 days a week 365 days a year. In 2018, the 2-1-1 operators took calls relating to utility services assistance - 2,093; calls for rent assistance / housing / shelters - 1,816; calls for needing food or meals - 778; health related calls - 310; and substance abuse and mental health calls - 450.



Coats for Kids at Christmas - Community coat drive for children. 2018 Stats - collected and distributed over 2,800 coats for children in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Eighteen Partner Agencies assisted in distributing coats; Over 100 collection boxes were distributed to local businesses; ResortQuest, a Wyndham Resort cleaned the coats; and A&A Transfer provided the boxes.



Cram the Van - Saturdays in July and August ...in 2018, the Okaloosa Public School Foundation and volunteers from 25 Okaloosa District Schools collected school supplies during July. Ten other United Way Partner Agencies collected supplies to assist their clients or local schools. Thanks to our sponsors: Lee Automotive Group, Cumulus Radio, Walmart and Publix.



Days of Caring - September...organized by United Way and is the largest volunteer days of service that provides individuals the opportunity to learn the needs of the community while helping nonprofits, schools and our local parks. *The 25th Annual Days of Caring brought together 847 volunteers from 69 companies, who completed 62 projects and donated over 3,600 hours of service: a total value of \$84,268 in service for our community.*



Familywize - A prescription assistance program which is a longtime partner of United Way, working with nearly 1,000 local United Ways dedicated to helping improve the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities. In 2018, this program helped 8,729 people in Okaloosa County save \$231,378. In Walton County, 1,511 people saved \$32,509.



ReadingPals connects volunteers with preschoolers to help get ready for kindergarten. Each week, for 25 weeks, a ReadingPals volunteer spends time with preschoolers, reading a book, completing activities and developing skills that children will need for success in school. Children who read at grade level by the fourth grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school.



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - United Way has partnered with the National Association of Letter Carriers for the past 26 years to organize the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. All collected food items are distributed to our Partner Agencies and local food banks. **The food drive is held the second Saturday of May to help replenish our food banks.** In 2018, Okaloosa and Walton Counties collected over 96,782 pounds of food and distributed to 23 local food banks.



VITA / MFT- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. United Way partners with IRS to provide FREE tax assistance to residents with low-to-moderate income and assists eligible taxpayers in claiming any special credits and deductions. **2016** - volunteers processed 239 tax returns, kept \$156,319 in our community and saved \$28,680 in preparation fees.



WOMEN UNITED is a group of diverse, vibrant volunteers who are leading the charge and inspiring change by empowering each other to bring inspired ideas, personal passions, expertise and resources together to get things done - to make a lasting impact in our communities. Our powerful network of women leaders lives united against the most critical issues facing Okaloosa and Walton Counties. We are raising our hands, rolling up our sleeves, and leaving fingerprints on a legacy of change that benefits everyone in the communities we call home.

COMMUNITY FUNDED PROGRAMS



Caring Coach Program

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida

The Caring Coach Mobile Food Pantry provides hunger relief to those living in the most rural areas of Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Many individuals living in these rural areas have low income and do not have transportation or the resources to provide nutritional meals for their families. The Caring Coach will take the food and the resources to them, while at the same time assisting them with SNAP and Emergency Assistance services.

Emergency Shelter Program

Opportunity Place, Inc.

A "low barrier to entry" shelter for single women and families with a non-discriminatory policy. Families can stay at the shelter for up to 90-days; single women for 60-days. Immediate needs are met at no cost.

Food Pantry Assistance Program

Sharing & Caring of Okaloosa County

Program is to help feed the needy. Clients include families, children, seniors, the homeless, and unemployed. Clients receive a complete evaluation, advice and counseling. Pantry items are provided to each client once every 30 days. The food assistance is intended to supplement meals for 2 to 3 days. The all-volunteer staff also provides referrals for clothing, household goods, housing, job opportunities, and spiritual counseling.

Utility Assistance Program

Program aids individuals with payments of rent and utilities (electricity and gas). In 2017, the Niceville office furnished \$70,322.78 of financial support. Gaps in financial assistance are provided via referral and collaborative efforts with partnering agencies.

Emergency Shelter Program

Shelter House

This program provides safe and confidential shelter to victims of domestic and sexual violence, their children and pets. Residents are provided with immediate needs such as food and hygiene products and are also assigned an advocate who can assess all other needs and provide services such as peer counseling, referrals, legal advocacy and safety planning.

In-Home Senior Services Program

Walton Okaloosa Council on Aging

Seniors receive free in-home services based on need. The In-home program provides basic housekeeping, help with shopping, errands, companionship, an emergency alert, supply items for incontinence, and personal care.

2018 MARKETING COMMITTEE



The Marketing Committee ensures that our community understands the United Way of Okaloosa & Walton Counties and is familiar with our family of agencies. Volunteers develop ideas to support the annual fundraising campaign including the theme, brochure, video, billboards, radio and TV public service announcements. They coordinate and volunteer on the committees for the Days of Caring, the official campaign kick-off event, plus Stamp Out Hunger, Cram the Van, Coats for Kids, Rock United Music Fest and the Annual Meeting.

Marketing Chair - Bonnie Whitfield, CHECO

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Lynn Stegner - Publix
Vicki Tarro - FWB Medical Center
Gail Waller - Edward Jones Investments

COMMUNITY FUNDED PROGRAMS



Academic Success for At-risk Youth Program

AMIKids Emerald Coast

Youth attending Success for At-risk Youth program increases the students' academic performance by utilizing an individualized education plan designed for each specific student to receive instruction at the level necessary to make academic gains.

One-To-One Mentoring Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida

Provides a one-to-one mentoring option which allows volunteers and their Little Brother / or Little Sister time together out in the community 2-4 times a month. Children who participate in this program are 6-18 years of age receive an enriched experience from sharing everyday activities and forming new friendships.

Susanna Wesley Emergency Shelter Program

Children in Crisis

Our Shelter is often the first stop for children and their experience here is vital to their well-being and success. Three meals and two snacks are given daily. Within the first 72 hours of arriving to CIC, these children will receive a range of services from meals to wellness check-ups and dental care plus receive clothing and other necessities to move in. On staff is an Educational Liaison who works directly with the schools, to best serve their educational needs.

School Readiness Program

Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast

Program aids disadvantaged families in Okaloosa and Walton Counties who are pursuing work or training. The program examines physical, social, emotional and intellectual development; involves parents as their child's first teacher; prepares children to be ready for school and gives parents information about their child's development and other topics of interest. Children receive developmental screenings and are connected to health and educational specialists.

Dance Program

Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center (EJJYC)

EJJYC Dance Program is a year-round program that creates a sisterhood for at-risk youth. Their participation often replaces absent parents as a source of positive support and social-emotional development. Participants receive tutoring, mentoring, ACT and SAT prep testing, participation in other community programs, dance technique classes, dance camp participation, dance program banquet recognition, as well as ability to participate in competitive dance competitions year-round. Participants must complete 120 hours of community service annually and maintain good grades.

Dance Program Academic Scholarship Program

EJJYC Dance Scholarship provides a \$1000 Academic scholarship to dance program members who are graduating from high school and have completed all requirements.

Block Builder's Program

EJJYC Block Builders program challenges youth 6- 12 years of age to be creative, think like scientists and engineers, and build robotics utilizing Legos. Students work in groups of 6 or less to plan, produce, and execute robotics. Program teaches youth to use basic knowledge for completing tasks and projects within a team environment.

At-risk and Early Education Program

Emerald Coast Science Center

This program will give at-risk youth and young children in early educational programming with educational opportunities typically not found in schools in order to enrich learning and lead to better health, social, and educational outcomes.

Transition Program

Independence for the Blind of West Florida

Visually impaired and blind youth ages 14-21 are offered year-round education after school, on weekends, and through an intensive summer program. Includes Braille or use of magnifiers and other low vision devices to read and write efficiently, use of computers and other appropriate high-tech assistive devices. Program helps youth identify vocational interests and values and offers opportunities for on-the-job experiences.

Volunteer Advocates Training Program

Northwest Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation

The Volunteer Advocates Training Program supports the recruitment, training, recognition, retention, and continued motivation of Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteer advocates who are assigned by the Court and whose role is to speak for the best interests of the child.

Children in Need Program

GAL Foundation is the financial source of last resort for these children who are in need. These children have been abused, neglected, abandoned, and their value system has been severely traumatized. Program provides basic needs: clothes, shoes, beds, school supplies, etc., as well as items to help regain their sense of normalcy such as school field trips, gymnastics, summer camp, sports activities, etc.

UNITED WAY OF OKALOOSA & WALTON COUNTIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

www.volunteeremeraldcoast.com

Volunteer Emerald Coast.com is a new volunteer platform which the United Way launched in September 2018 with Days of Caring. It is changing the way United Way of Okaloosa & Walton Counties is volunteering.

Get Connected with the community by either volunteering for one of the many listed volunteer opportunities or if you are a non-profit organization, register and list your organization's volunteer opportunities.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM—serve as leaders by advocating and supporting United Way's Workplace Campaign

COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE — participate in the grant award process

CRAM THE VAN—ensure that Walton and Okaloosa counties' students are equipped for school

DAYS OF CARING — participate in Okaloosa & Walton counties largest single-day "hands-on" event for volunteers

MARKETING — planning and implementation of programs and events

READINGPALS—volunteer one-hour a week to read to VPK children

VITA — help provide free income tax assistance to hardworking families

WOMEN UNITED — join and participate in on-going projects for schools and our community

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WOMEN UNITED

A group of diverse, vibrant volunteers who are leading the charge and inspiring change by empowering each other to bring inspired ideas, personal passions, expertise and resources together to get things done - to make a lasting impact in our communities.



WOMEN UNITED COMMITTEE

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COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE

The **Community Impact Committee** establishes funding priorities and invests resources to fulfill our organization's Community Impact goals. This committee of volunteers provides direction as to the allocation of resources in the Community Fund, and measures the results of our funded partner activities. During the grant allocation process, the Community Impact Committee ensures that evaluations and funding recommendations are aligned with the organizational strategies, metrics and goals, and the process is open, fair, transparent and equitable.

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WHAT IS A UNITED WAY CERTIFIED COMMUNITY PARTNER?

A local, 501c(3) organization that has completed and submitted financial and incorporation documents, with a verified administrative rate below 25%, and established to have no affiliation or support for terrorist groups or activities. Further, the mission of these agencies must align with the United Way impact areas of Health, Education, and Financial Stability.

2018 CERTIFIED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

American National Red Cross

AMIkids

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWF

Boy Scouts of America

Boys and Girls Clubs - Emerald Coast

Bridgeway Center

Catholic Charities of NWF

Chautauqua Healthcare Services

Children in Crisis

Children's Volunteer Health Network

Crossroads Center

Early Learning Coalition

Eleanor J Johnson Youth Center

Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center

Emerald Coast Science Center

Feeding the Gulf Coast

Fresh Start for Children and Families

Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County

Harvest House

Horizons of Okaloosa County

Independence for the Blind of West FL

Jobs4u

Mental Health Assoc. of Okaloosa Walton Counties

Northwest Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation

OASIS

Okaloosa County Council On Aging

Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation

Opportunity Place

Ronald McDonald House Charities of NWF

Ronda Coon Women's Home

S4p Synergy

Safe Connections

Sharing-Caring

Shelter House

The Salvation Army

Walton Okaloosa County Council on Aging

Walton Education Foundation

COMMUNITY FUNDED PROGRAMS



Smart Girls Program

Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast

Smart Girls is a prevention education program focused on health, fitness, and self-esteem enhancement for girls ages 8-17 years. Program offers guidance for healthy attitudes and lifestyles, eating right, staying fit, and getting good health care. It also addresses more sensitive topics affecting young girls today: date rape, sexual harassment, and emotional changes girls experience as they develop through their adolescence.

2-1-1 Program

Chautauqua Healthcare Services

2-1-1 is an easy to remember three-digit telephone number assigned by the Federal Communications Commission for providing quick and easy access to information about health and human services. Available 24 hours— 7 days a week.

The Hurt Hunger Program

Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center

Provides hot meals to at-risk youth with access to all five food groups, and the option to try new foods at a no-hunger risk. The program also provides weekly food boxes up to 8 families with an assessed need. Food boxes are distributed on first come first serve basis.

Operational Transportation Program

The Arc of the Emerald Coast

Program provides transportation via a fleet of handicapped accessible vans, within the disabled community that live within our group or assisted living homes. We are the sole provider of transportation and the only access to the resources they need, the care they need, and the outside world.

Adult and Older Blind Program

Independence for the Blind of West Florida

Provides training and services to Blind and Visually Impaired individuals, so they can live independently, return to a full role in the family, work and community.

Psychiatric Medication Assistance Program

Mental Health Association of Okaloosa Walton Counties

Provides prescribed mental wellness medication, free of charge. This treatment program is relied upon by clients of Bridge-way Center, Chautauqua Healthcare Services, FWB Medical Psychiatric unit, and indigent persons who must take psychotropic medicines to be productive employees, parents, and citizens. Agency staff are cross-trained to provide this service by phone, to follow documentation procedures, to assist the client in securing the means to pay for medicines in the following months, and to work with prescribers to obtain the best affordable medications.

Home for Dinner Program

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida

Program is vital as it provides healthy meals that enable families to devote time, energy, and resources to their sick children. This program removes parents' fears of how or when they will feed their family, eases their financial burdens and allows them to re-direct dollars that would have been spent on food, lodging, and gas toward medical bills.

Prescription Assistance Program

Sharing & Caring of Okaloosa County

Prescription program operates by allowing an all-volunteer staff to interview clients upon arrival. Client financial data, the required prescription/refill bottle is reviewed; medications are checked against lists of free or reduced medicines (no controlled substances are allowed). A printed voucher, valued up to \$100, is provided and valid at one of five participating pharmacies to receive medication without delay.

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