

All Faiths Food Bank to distribute thousands of turkeys; Tidewell meals; RADD Night

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All Faiths Food Bank will hold a holiday turkey distribution in partnership with The Bay Sarasota on Nov. 19 from 9-11 a.m. at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail.

All Faiths' ThankFULL campaign will enable the food bank to distribute more than 13,000 turkeys and sides this season – the largest number ever – for a total of 3.6 million free holiday meals. “Our annual turkey distribution effort is just one way we endeavor to showcase the spirit of the season and let our neighbors in need know that we care,” All Faiths CEO Sandra Frank said.

Additional distributions will take place at All Faiths mobile pantries as well as through partner locations, including school pantries and youth-serving nonprofits. For more information, visit the “Food Finder” page at allfaithsfoodbank.org.

The turkey distributions are made possible through individual, foundation and corporate gifts and through the support of the Kathleen K. Catlin Foundation of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, which has supported the ThankFULL campaign for eight years. To donate, visit allfaithsfoodbank.org.



Tidewell Foundation partners to provide Thanksgiving meals

The Tidewell Foundation is connecting with restaurants and caterers Grove, Pier 22 and Morton’s Gourmet Market to facilitate meals to local hospice and home health patients and their families on Thanksgiving.

Each donated meal will be ready to heat and serve and will be hand-delivered to Tidewell Hospice patients and their families in time for Thanksgiving dinner. A \$32.95 donation will provide one Thanksgiving meal for a local patient and their family.

Visit tidewellfoundation.org to donate meals and learn more about opportunities to help. The deadline to donate is Nov. 21. The deadline to purchase meals through Morton’s Gourmet Market is Nov. 17 and the deadline to purchase meals through Grove or Pier 22 is Nov. 22.

RADD Night at The Bay contributes to lan relief

DreamLarge's RADD Night at The Bay raised more than \$22,000 for Hurricane Ian relief on Oct. 20 thanks to matching donations from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, anonymous supporters of The Bay, and support from the Rosemary District Association, Calusa Brewing, Art Center Sarasota and vendors who donated a portion of their profits. The funds were donated to Gulf Coast's Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief Fund.

“We’re grateful to the incredible community who came out to support this important initiative during the 10 Days at The Bay Grand Opening,” said Anand Pallegar, founder of DreamLarge. “Our hearts go out to all of those affected.”

The Rosemary Art & Design District’s mission is to advance the Rosemary District as the Art & Design District of Sarasota while preserving the deep, cultural history of Overtown. For more information, visit rosemarydistrict.org.

Goodwill, Centerstone unite for mental health services

In wake of Hurricane Ian, Centerstone, a nonprofit health system offering mental health and substance abuse services, will offer free Disaster Behavioral Health Response services at Goodwill Manasota’s Arcadia location in DeSoto County thanks to funding by the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network.

Walk-in services will be available at Goodwill Manasota’s Arcadia office, 1701 Oak St., on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community members may contact Centerstone at 941-782-4150 to make an appointment.

“Storms can worsen the condition of those experiencing disorders such as PTSD, depression and anxiety as well as trigger new illness,” Centerstone Trauma Services manager Tari Allan said. “We are pleased to have a community partner like Goodwill to provide a safe location for those seeking help.”

In addition to mental health, residents with other storm-related issues can call Goodwill's Community Resource Hotline at 888-230-8820 or text “RELIEF” to 941-254-5977 to receive information about needs such as roof repair or tarping, removal of fallen trees, mold mitigation, appliance removal, and more. For more information, visit centerstone.org and experiencegoodwill.org.

Around and about ...

Englewood United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. The event will feature a wide variety of hand-crafted items. Proceeds benefit charitable programs. Call the church at 941-474-5588 or visit englewoodumc.net for more information.

• **Gulf Cove United Methodist Church**, 1100 S. McCall Road (Route 776), in Port Charlotte, will serve a **free drive-thru Thanksgiving dinner** for the community on Nov. 24 from noon-3 p.m. For homebound individuals, call the church at 941-697-1747 by noon on Nov. 22 to request delivery.

• The **Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center** will host “A SPARCCling Holiday Luncheon” on Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. to collect toys and gift cards for SPARCC’s smallest survivors. The luncheon will be held at Michael’s on East, 1212 S. East Ave., Sarasota. To learn more or RSVP, visit sparcc.net/events or call 941-365-0208, ext. 110.

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