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Boys & Girls Club hosts Reason for the Season

The Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte County will hold Reason for the Season, presented by Gettel of Charlotte County, from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Carmelo's Italian Ristorante, 321 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Reason for the Season tickets available at www.bgcofcc.org/events. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment by Douglas Coventry, cash bar, holiday performance by Boys & Girls Club Choir and more. Tickets are \$40.



For tickets, see www.one.bidpal.net/2022reasonfortheseason.

SVdP holds rummage sale

The St. Vincent de Paul rummage sale will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 3, at 25200 Airport Road (at Taylor Road). There will be household items, furniture, linens, clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, books and toys. No pets permitted. The rain date is Saturday, Dec. 10. For more information, call 941-575-0767.



Donations awarded to Charlotte County Imagination Library

Charlotte County Imagination Library, an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and a program of Gilstad Literacy Foundation Inc., has received multiple grants and donations to support the program, which mails a free book to enrolled children every month from birth until age 5. All children in this age range living in Charlotte County are eligible and can be enrolled at www.charlottecountyimaginationlibrary.org or www.imaginationlibrary.com

A donation of \$5,000 was made by local businessman and investor Bruce Laishley, whose local businesses include The Captain's Table, Harpoon Harry's, The Social House and the Laishley Crab House restaurants.

Through the United Way of Charlotte County's Community Impact Panel process, the Board of County Commissioners awarded \$17,100, and the City of Punta Gorda awarded \$3,167 to Charlotte Players as the financial partner of Charlotte County Imagination Library for fiscal year 2022-23.

A grant of \$3,094 from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation was made possible from the Miriam P. Raines Charitable Fund. Headquartered in Venice, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation has served the needs of the region as a partner in philanthropy and leader in community initiatives for more than 25 years.

The Rotary Club of Charlotte Harbor Sunset donated \$250 in honor of several members and has provided volunteer services to the Imagination Library program.

The generosity of these donors will provide v 1,145 children with 13,74013, free books over the next year. To learn more about the Imagination Library program or to make a donation, see www.charlottecountyimaginationlibrary.org. |