

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS GUIDE – April 4, 2014

LOCAL CHARITIES

All-One-Family (Helping the less fortunate families of Wildwood. Families are identified by the Wildwood Church of God and the Wildwood Police Department. They sponsor numerous programs throughout the year to include, food, clothing, Christmas presents, reading programs, etc.)

Admin Costs: 0%, all funds go to support families.

Chairman: Barbara Griffith. Phone # is: 750-1142; e-mail: bwgriffith2@gmail.com Address: 1693 Anthem Rd, The Villages, FL 32162.

Alzheimer's Support Group Provides support and relief to family members/care givers.

Admin Costs: 50%

Carol Brooks, Phone: 259-0256, carolbrooks@yahoo.com, <http://alzheimersfamily.org>

Executive Director: Dominick De Petrillo: 888-496-8004

Camp Boggy Creek The camp runs year around. Critically ill children come in the summer and the camp provides family weekends during the winter. They currently have 33 full time staff. They are a 501(c)3 organization and their **overhead is approximately 25%** which includes salaries, brick and mortar, programs, medical needs, kitchen and food supplies and maintenance. Medical staff and facilities are a necessity for this population. They serve about 150 children each week in the summer. They hire approximately 80 college students during the summer to help with the youngsters. Tuitions for the children are covered by the camp. In the winter they serve up to 32 families per weekend with activities to help integrate the families and provide some respite as well. They estimate that their actual cost is close to \$3,000 per child per week.

POC: Jackie Boykin, 352-483-4200, boykin@boggycreek.org

Julia Downs, Office Manager/Bookkeeper, Camp Boggy Creek

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jdowns@campboggycreek.org | campboggycreek.org

Caring Hands Food Pantry Clothes Closet We are a food and clothing ministry that serves the following areas of North Sumter County: Oxford, Wildwood, The Villages and Coleman. We serve the needy based on their situation and income. Admin Costs: 0%

First Baptist Church of Wildwood

307 Hall St., Wildwood, FL 34785

Jim Shriver, Assistant Coordinator, 352-748-2553 or 352-748-1275

CERT (Community Emergence Response Team)

Wayne Ward, Commander (Gina is also a POC)

CERT of The Villages

3035 Morse Blvd, The Villages, FL 32162

(352) 205-8280, cert32159@aol.com <http://www.fbcwildwood.org/>

Center Hill Children's Mission (after school tutoring/food/clothing/hygiene) – supports up to 22 children)

Admin Costs: 0%

Director: Miss Betty Klein, 352-457-7457, bettyann.klein@yahoo.com

55 S. Virginia Ave, PO Box 504, Center Hill, FL 33514

Christian Food Pantry (food to over 7,000 local people in need)

Admin Costs: 3%

Director: Carrol Neal, 103 High Ave., Lady Lake, FL 32159, 352-259-0788,
christianfoodpantry@gmail.com (under North Lake Presbyterian Church)

Deliver the Difference (Meals for needy children, cost per meal is 25 cents. Meals are provided to Local Food Pantries, Schools, Churches and Service Clubs.) Admin Costs: 3%

Sue Shield, 352-751-7329, tsshield@yahoo.com

Warehouse and Packaging Center, 100 S. Bay St, Eustis, FL 32726, info@kahtavares.org, 352-343-6700
President: Bob Bostic, bob@deliverthedifference.org www.deliverthedifference.com

Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter Florida (builds and provides housing to the needy)

Admin Costs: 0%

#5 LaGrande Blvd (next to El Ranchito Restaurant in the Historic District) The Villages, FL 32159
POC: Tesa Fansler, PO Box 186, Eustis, FL 32727 Office: 352-484-0434, ext. 121, Cell: 321-262-9308
email: tesa@habitat.org, <http://www.habitatis.org>

Haven House (battered women, local)

Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc. was established in 1977 to meet the needs of domestic violence victims. In the 30+ years of existence, Haven has expanded its base of services and today provides comprehensive, unduplicated services to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. Our primary objectives are to provide these victims with alternatives to abuse or life-threatening situations, and empowerment to establish a violence-free life. Admin Costs: 14%

2600 South Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 <http://www.havenlakesumter.org/>, Becky or Rebecca: 352-787-5889,
Email: havenlscnty@aol.com

HELP Agency (6,000 needy Children in Ocala National Forest)

David Houck the pastor of Salt Life Church in Salt Springs. He founded the church two years ago with the Assemblies of God. He has been with them 20 years.

None of his staff or himself receives a salary from our nonprofit. We are all self-supported (by either working second jobs or getting support from Families or churches they speak at). All of the money we raise goes to feed, mentor, camp, school supplies home repairs and the many other needs of the children. They have an incredible record of volunteerism and program sponsorship. They decided a long time ago to work as missionaries and put all of our efforts toward the children. Admin Costs: 0% for their food bank.

David Houck, 19186 NE 13th St, Silver Springs, FL, 34488, 352-299-5830

David.saltlife@gmail.com www.helpagency.net www.sozokids.org www.campsozo.com

Honor Flight – The Villages - Sponsors WWII veterans, at no cost to them, to fly to Washington D.C. area to see the memorials. They also focus on terminally ill veterans. Admin Costs: 4%

POC: John Driscoll, 352-391-0548, Website: <http://www.villageshonorflight.org>

Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County, Inc.

www.hsspca.org, Claudia Labbe', campclaudia@atlantic.net, Cell: 352-817-3995

Lazarus Free Medical Clinic, The Lazarus Free Medical Clinic is a program of Catholic Charities of Central Florida and the San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Mission. Lazarus Free Medical Clinic provides care to qualified residents of Lake, Marion and Sumter counties. There are an estimated 7,000 – 9,000 uninsured families residing in these counties. Admin Costs: 14.66%

Dr. Steven Rivers Volunteer Medical Director
210 Wonders St., Wildwood, FL 34785

352-748-4567, Hours: Tues – Thurs. 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Myrta Aviles, Office Manager, Lazarus Medical Clinic, 352-748-4567, or 352-748-4565
<http://www.cflcc.org/healthcare/lazarus>
Karen A. Beary-Croson, CAE, Vice President
Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc.
1819 N. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32807
(Tel) 407-470-1357 Cell: 407-353-8768 Fax 407-657-5648
email: karen.beary@cflcc.org

Love In the Name of Christ of the Heart of Florida. A network of local churches, church volunteers, and community organizations working together to help people in need to provide coordinated help to the poor with basic needs such as food and clothing to longer-term responses such as life skills training and self-sufficiency. Admin Costs: 15.8%

Cheryl Hershberger, Executive Director
15797 South Hwy 441; Summerfield, FL 34491
352-245-8774 office, 352-245-8774 Clearinghouse, 352-245-7536 fax, 352.874.8027 cell
Email: cherhers@embarqmail.com

Marion Therapeutic Riding Association - MTRA (in Ocala, FL) (provides Therapeutic Riding to children and adults that have physical challenges due to MS, Strokes, CP, Blindness, etc.
Connie Flood, 352-430-3588, connief2007@gmail.com

Operation Back Pack, PH POC: Gloria Burrow, Chair Phone: 337-298-2324
The Villages Charter School, Director of Education, Randy McDaniel, randy.cmdaniel@tucs.org
Wildwood Elementary: Principal, Dan Williams, 352-748-3353, Tracy Jones, 352-748-3353
Address: 300 Huey St., Wildwood, Fl. 34731
Fruitland Park, Principal, Dr. Melissa Delariais, 352-787-2693, Sherri Clemmor, 352-787-2693
Address: 304 W. Fountain St., Fruitland Park, Fl. 34731

Operation Helping Hand of Sumter Co. /MOAA Chapter

MOAA President: Wayne Brown, 336-601-1317, PO Box 666, Lady Lake, FL 32158
<http://www.Operationhelpinghand.com>
Admin Costs: 3.5%
Mission: Support and assist the wounded/injured active duty military patients being treated at the James A. Haley VA Hospital in Tampa, FL

Operation Homebound (prepares and delivers meals to those in the community who are shut in and unable to prepare meals for themselves. North Lake Presbyterian is known for this well-established program.

Admin Costs: 29% in salaries alone.
North Lake Presbyterian Church
975 Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake, FL Phone: 352-753-8484
northlakepc.org/pastoralcare

Project SOS-Support Our Soldiers, Inc., was founded in August, 2009, and was established as a 501(c)3 recognized charity, with 2% overall administrative costs, that supports our US military serving overseas, our disabled veterans, and our homeless veterans. We have now concentrated on our local area by providing motorized wheelchairs to our severely disabled veterans, and also providing clean water, food, clothing, shelter and medical care to our homeless veterans in the Central Florida area. This is in addition to caring for our homeless veterans and families, and other needy individuals living in our local Ocala National Forest.
Admin Costs: 2%

POC: Chaplain Gary Kadow, 352-750-6820, e-mail: gkadow@aol.com, www.projectsosusa.org
Project SOS-Support Our Soldiers, Inc., 2412 Due West Drive, The Villages, FL 32162-2605

Shepherds Lighthouse Our Mission is to "Provide a safe environment for the Rescue, Empowerment & Renewal of women and children in need." We opened our doors in 2004, having 12 of 54 of the Transitional Housing beds available in Marion County, Florida. Here, mothers receive the educational tools to help them overcome their current situation. The families are referred to agencies for employment, financial assistance, counseling, housing, medical care, vocational training and legal aid. We provide private rooms for the mothers and children to stay in and a large kitchen so they can cook their meals. Staff is on premises 24/7 for any and all needs of the residents. Admin Costs: 3%
5930 SE Robinson Road, Belleview, FL 34421 Theresa Phone: 352-347-6575
<http://www.theshepherdslighthouse.org/>

St. Theresa's Catholic Church (food/clothing for the needy) Admin Costs: 0%
11528 SE Us Highway 301, Belleview, FL 34420 (352) 245-2458
PH POCs: Jimmy Johnson & Will Bethere, 352-245-1359, 352-509-0347 or Marian Gricar
E-mail: StTheresaSS@centurylink.net Website: www.StTheresaCatholicChurch.org

The Refuge at Jumper Creek (emergency housing & support, including teaching life management skills and self-sufficiency) Admin Costs: 0%
www.therefugejumpercreek.org 4912 SE 7th Dr. Bushnell, FL 33513
Director: Morgan Gish, 352-568-8400, Case Management: MerryAnn Melin 352-978-8368,
Case Management: Vickie Genz, Cell: 352-422-0698, Office: 352-568-8400.

Veterans Helping Veterans Marion County Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc. program is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The organization currently contracts with the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans through the use of volunteers and to act as an advocate on behalf of veterans. The organization evaluates and assesses the needs of veterans to assist in the appropriate referral to the VA and other agencies. They also run a scheduled transportation service to the VA Hospital in Gainesville from the VA Clinic in Ocala.

Veterans Helping Veterans is partially funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for Veterans Helping Veterans administrative costs. All other expenses are funded by direct donations which are tax deductible. The organization is run by an Executive Director who is supervised by a distinguished Board of Directors comprised of veterans' leaders in the community. Admin Costs: 18%
Marion County Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc. is located at 1527 NE 8th Ave., Ocala, FL 34470-4247
Executive Director: Hank Whittier, Phone: 352-433-2320, e-mail: marionvetshelpingvets@gmail.com
Daily Manager: Robert Wood, Phone: 353-433-2339

Villagers for Hospice (providing care to terminally ill patients and families) Admin Costs: 3%
Arlene Bentz, President. Phone: 352-750-9117. Email is benga7@aol.com

Toys for Tots (donates toys and dollars to make needy children's Christmas brighter) Admin Costs: 3%
Col. Phillip C. DeLong, MCL Det. 1267, 11962 CDR 101 Ste. 302, PMB#112, The Villages, Florida, 32162.
POCs: Bob Donelan, 352-430-0872, Phil Riggins, 748-3353, Dennis Faillo, 259-1653, Roy Thacker, 352-561-4985, rthackers@msn.com, <http://toysfortots.org/>

Wildwood Soup Kitchen, (provides low-cost meals to the needy) The Wildwood Soup Kitchen serves the poor, the hungry, and the lonely by providing healthy, nutritious and appetizing meals to all who come to us. We also deliver meals to shut-ins and others who are unable to come to the Soup Kitchen. Every person who

comes to us for assistance is welcomed, without regard to race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, handicap, or income.

The Wildwood Soup Kitchen is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To arrange for home delivery of meals (Mon - Fri) to someone living in the Wildwood area who is sick, disabled or homebound. Admin Costs: 0%

Don Lozier at 352-751-5144, cell: 352-217-3707, or Donna Slider, Phone: 352-748-1008, cell: 678-770-7600, email: donna@slider.us, 203 Barwick Street, Wildwood, FL 34785

Email: mail@wildwoodsoupkitchen.com or <http://www.wildwoodsoupkitchen.com/>

The Zonta Club of The Villages We are a group of mostly retired professionals and executives from a wide array of sectors - government officials, educators, nurses, CEO's, surveyor and more, virtually women from every walk of life. Our goal as Zontians is to advance the status of women through various service, advocacy and fund-raising efforts.

We have contacted the Sumter County College regarding awarding a \$500 scholarship to a young woman this year. We have also been looking into becoming mentors to residents in the Sheppard's Lighthouse to prepare them for interviews and assist with resumes. We have already done a "Dress for Success" project presenting them with gently used professional clothing. One project we would like to introduce is a "store" where, the women who are ready to set out on their own again are able to pick out household items they will need to set up their new living space. This would be stocked with both new and used appliance, dishes, sheets, towels, etc. provided by our club.

President: Peggy Moncrief, 352-753-2345, e-mail: newtaxgal@gmail.com

Scholarships for area children:

Dollars for Scholars (scholarships for Community Colleges or Technical Schools for local children)

Admin Costs: 0%

Carol Lutgen, 904 Walker Loop, The Villages, FL 32162, 352-750-6889, carol@thevillages.net

Take Stock in Children – (scholarships for Lake & Sumter County Schools)

910 E. Dixie Ave, Leesburg, FL 34748

Helen Laroche, e-mail: hlaroche1010@hotmail.com

PHIP CHARITIES

Wesley House Provide Case Management, Foster Care, Adoption, and Quality Parenting Initiative Programs for the Key West, FL community. They are a 501(c)3 organization with a 2.7% administrative costs. 1304 Truman Ave., Key West, FL 33040, Phone: 305-809-5000 <http://www.wesleyhouse.org>

ZONTA Club of Key West (breast exam/pap smear in Key West - \$140/voucher) Admin Costs: 0%

<http://www.zontakeywest.com/> Zonta Club Key West, P.O. Box 184 Key West, FL 33041, Louanna Williams, e-mail: LouannaWilliams@msn.com, or Amber Shaffer, e-mail: amberlgs@aol.com, (All Keys Construction, Inc.) Phone: 305-294-9119

NATIONAL CHARITIES

Fisher House (lodging for Vets & AD Mil family at VA Hospitals)

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612,

Manager: Paula Welenc, 813-910-3000, paula.welenc@va.gov

1-888-716-7787, ext. 7534, www.fisherhouse.org Fisher House Foundation, 1-888-294-8560

Make a Wish Foundation (grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions)
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida
1020 North Orlando Ave, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751, 407-622-4673, <http://www.wishcentral.org>

Ronald McDonald House

Our Ronald McDonald House program provides a “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. Our Houses are built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. We believe that when a child is hospitalized the love and support of family is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed.

<http://www.rmhc.com/what-we-do/ronald-mcdonald-house/>

Special Olympics

Special Olympics is committed to empowering people with intellectual disabilities on and off the playing field. By working to remove obstacles, change attitudes and open minds, Special Olympics provides opportunities for its athletes to demonstrate courage, experience joy and share their gifts, skills and friendship with the world.

While we are a sports organization, first and foremost, Special Olympics over the years has expanded its services in order to help athletes become healthier, more confident and capable of serving as leaders, both within Special Olympics and in their communities.

<http://www.specialolympicsflorida.org/>

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, 1-800-822-6344

<http://www.stjude.org>

Kids Against Hunger – (A Deliver the Difference Program)

Our mission at Kids against Hunger is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. We ship meals to starving children and their families in over 60 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide. We need your help to end world hunger. <http://kidsagainsthunger.org/>

Children’s Home Society of Florida - Every 47 seconds, another child in the United States suffers abuse or neglect. Children’s Home Society of Florida is a beacon of hope for abused, abandoned, and neglected children and families that want to thrive. Annually, hundreds of thousands of victims enter the United States child welfare system and rely upon case managers to keep them safe, healthy, and in some instances, alive. As the 4th largest non-profit organization in the United States, we at CHS work to break the tragic generational cycle of abuse for more children (30% of those abused themselves will turn around and abuse others in the future), to heal the pain for children who have already suffered, to find families for children who can never safely return home, and to prepare teenagers for successful transitions when they would otherwise face adulthood alone.

As a state and national leader in child welfare, we strive to ensure every child has the opportunity to grow up safe, healthy, and prepared for life. Last year, we served over 76,000 clients across the state. To break that number down even more, we served over 7,800 children across the 18 counties of the Mid-Florida region, and 48% of those clients come from just Marion, Lake, and Sumter counties. That number really hits home to me! Admin Costs: 11%

Tera L. White, Resource Development Specialist
Children's Home Society of Florida (Mid-Florida Division)
226 NE Sanchez Avenue, Ocala, FL 34470

Office: 352.368.7209, Cell: 352.299.1112, www.chsfl.org

Sumter Co. Sheriff's Office Benevolent Fund – Special needs – families in need for money for medicine, light bill, medical visits, rent, food, school uniforms, etc. Holiday Program – Toys & Clothing for families at Christmas. Admin Costs: 0%

POC: Theresa Cooper, 1010 N. Main St., Bushnell, FL 33513, Phone: 352-689-4600, email: tcooper@sumtercountysheriff.org, (works out of the Sheriff's Dept. Villages Annex on 466 & Morse Blvd.)