



## **LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS**

### **ANIMAL REFUGE CENTER, ARC**

A nonprofit volunteer organization and sanctuary, providing a clean, safe, no kill environment primarily for cats and dogs within the Lee County area. Actively seeks their adoption to qualified individuals. Educate the public to an active spay and neuter program. ARC strives to reduce the number of orphaned animals in the community.

Contact information: 239-731-3535 or [www.animalrefugecenter.com](http://www.animalrefugecenter.com)

### **BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK**

Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekend for elementary school children across Lee County and America. Without those meals many school age children might otherwise go hungry.

Contact information: 239-410-9592 or [www.Blessingsinswfl.org](http://www.Blessingsinswfl.org)

### **CAFE OF LIFE**

A non-denominational local charity serving the needs of the poor and hungry in the greater Bonita Springs area since 1998. Volunteers provide a daily Hot meal for community residents from Monday through Friday. Volunteer Assistance is also given for housing, health issues and educational enrichment.

Contact information: 239-495-9325 or [www.cafeoflife.org](http://www.cafeoflife.org)

### **COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE**

Community cooperative is a local grassroots nonprofit organization that works to end hunger and homelessness in Lee County. Through collaboration and ongoing education, they support and strengthen those whose lives have been affected by hunger and homelessness. They ensure that clients have access to the food, education, and social and human service resources necessary to transform their lives with dignity. Meals on Wheels, community markets and community cafés are all part of the program.

Contact information: 239-332-7687, extension 100 or [www.CommunityCooperative.com](http://www.CommunityCooperative.com)

Direct MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM. 239-337-1055

### **CONSERVANCY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

The agency provides the Volunteer a role in helping to protect our environment. Volunteers are needed as boat captains, dock masters, guest services agents for the Conservancy Nature Center, Discovery Center Guides, Nature Walk Naturalists, Outreach speakers and facilitators at fairs and festivals. The Conservancy also provides wildlife care at the Von Arx Wildlife Hospital and Critter Couriers.

Contact information: 239-403-4212 or [www.conservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.conservancy.org/volunteer)



### **ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Organization provides a historical perspective on the developing community of Estero Florida. Training of docents, events to preserve the community's history and fund raising for preservation of buildings and environmental plans are all part of the volunteer opportunities.

Contact information: 239-272-1911 or [EsteroHistoricalSociety.com](http://EsteroHistoricalSociety.com)

### **FOUNDATION OF LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

A nonprofit charitable educational foundation which enhances enriches the quality of public education in Lee County for students and educators. It offers a mentoring program on a one to one basis made available to all the counties public high schools and middle school students. Also provides a scholarship program for at risk students and a student advocacy and mentoring partnership.

Contact information: 239-337-0433 or [www.leeSchoolFoundation.org](http://www.leeSchoolFoundation.org)

### **FRIENDS OF KORESHAN STATE PARK**

Friends of Khorasan State Park is a dedicated to the protection and enhancement of historic, environmental and recreational resources of the Koreshan State Park for a present and future generations. Volunteers are needed for various festivals during the year, docents and assistants to the ranger activities.

Contact information: 239-949-2379 or [www.friendsofkoreshan.org](http://www.friendsofkoreshan.org)

### **GUADALUPE CENTER**

Guadalupe center provides the students of Immokalee a 3-core educational program: Early Childhood education, After School tutoring and Summer enrichment, and provides for the Senior High Tutor Corp. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of programs.

Contact information: 239-657-7711 or [GuadalupeCenter.org](http://GuadalupeCenter.org)

### **GULF COAST HUMANE SOCIETY**

A regional organization dedicated to the care of companion pets in need by offering a safe refuge, providing medical care and facilitating adoptions. They provide an adoption center, spay/neuter and a veterinary clinic, as well as education and awareness to the public about the welfare of homeless pets. Volunteer opportunities include dog walking, events, fostering, socialization, and transporting Companion pets. On-site volunteer opportunities are landscaping, maintenance, repairs, photography and administrative activities.

Contact information: 239-332-0364 or [www.GulfCoastHumaneSociety.org](http://www.GulfCoastHumaneSociety.org)

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Part of a national organization, Lee and Hendry Counties is a nonprofit group whose mission is seeking to put God's love into action; bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Through the use of volunteer labor and monetary and materials donations, habitat homes are sold to the homeowners with a zero to low interest mortgage, making homeownership an affordable reality.

Contact information: 239-652-1684 or [www.habitat4humanity.org](http://www.habitat4humanity.org)



### **HOPE HEALTHCARE**

An agency that provides comprehensive, coordinated programs designed to meet the social, emotional and practical challenges of everyone in need of comforting care. Volunteers are needed in areas of hospice, elder care, pediatric palliative care and the Hope Chest resale stores.

Contact information: 239-482-4673 or [HopeHCS.org](http://HopeHCS.org)

### **INTERFAITH CHARITIES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

A community service organization serving the residents of Southwest Florida, particularly Fort Myers, Estero, and San Carlos Park. The focus of the program is a food pantry that requires dry goods and perishables that are donated by local merchants, church food drives and local individuals. Volunteers are needed to sort food, stock shelves and help clients that come for assistance. Volunteer drivers are needed for picking up donated food and delivering bread and hot meals to the community.

Contact information: 239-267-3510 or [www.ICSLee.org](http://www.ICSLee.org)

### **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SWFL**

Junior achievement of Southwest Florida is part of an organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success. Volunteers are needed to work in classrooms to support teacher's curriculum and help bridge the gap between school and work. Training programs are available.

Contact information: [www.jaswflor.org](http://www.jaswflor.org)

### **LACES OF LOVE**

The mission of Laces of Love is to provide new shoes to low income and disadvantaged children in Collier and Lee Counties of Florida. Shoes are distributed through the schools and through other nonprofits that serve at risk children. This organization also provides a limited number of sports shoes to kids who want to participate in sports, but who cannot afford soccer cleats, volleyball shoes, wrestling shoes, football cleats, or basketball shoes. Volunteers are needed to host parties, sort donations and distribute shoes to local school children.

Contact information call 239-591-1172 or [www.lacesoflove.org](http://www.lacesoflove.org)

### **LITERARY COUNCIL GULF COAST**

The organization provides adults and children the ability to acquire the English literary skills and education necessary to improve their quality of life and enhance their entire community.

Volunteers are needed to assist with adult literacy, worksite literacy and family literacy. Family literacy focuses on at risk mothers and their toddlers. Volunteer workshops are available for all interested individuals.

Contact information: 239-676-5202 or [www.literacygulfcoast.org](http://www.literacygulfcoast.org)



### **NAPLES COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Volunteers are needed to enrich the experience and daily operations at the NCH healthcare system. It is recognized that every volunteer offers their unique talents, and experience to care for patients, and their families, as well as assist the staff. The programs are available to full-time and seasonal community members. You may choose from a myriad of placements dealing directly with patient care or in activities involving funding for the various programs at the hospital.

Contact information: 239-624-3410 (Naples campus) or 239-624-5705 (North campus) or [www.nchmd.org](http://www.nchmd.org)

### **NAPLES ZOO**

A volunteer group that provides a fun and educational experience for visitors. Volunteers assist in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor tasks from preparing animal diets to greeting guests.

Volunteers must be able to devote four hours a week.

Contact information: 239-262-5409 extension 136 or [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org)

### **NEW HORIZONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

A faith based local nonprofit dedicated to helping at risk students in grades K through 12. New Horizons provides after school tutoring, mentoring and faith building at no cost to student's families. Volunteers receive training to assist students with their homework and develop their social skills. The schedule is flexible to accommodate travel, recreation or an appointment of the volunteer. Volunteer times are Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5 PM for elementary age children. Monday through Thursday from 2 to 4 PM for high school students or 4 through 6 PM middle school students.

Contact information: 239-948-4146 or [www.NEWHORIZONSOFSWFL.org/volunteer](http://www.NEWHORIZONSOFSWFL.org/volunteer)

### **OUR MOTHERS HOME**

An agency that provides a safe and nurturing environment for teen moms, 12 to 21 years of age, and their babies. Our Mothers Home Mentored Living Program provides young teens the ability to stay in school or retain a job. They learn parenting and independent life skills, explore career opportunities and receive counseling to overcome a history of abuse. The goal of OUR MOTHERS HOME is to transition teen mothers and their children from foster care, and human trafficking to stable, happy, and productive lives by providing a safe and nurturing home and environment, education, parenting support, and physical, mental and spiritual care.

Contact information: 239-267-4663 or [www.ourmothershome.com](http://www.ourmothershome.com)