

Non-Profit List

Alzheimer's/Parkinson's Association of Indian River County Inc.
2501 27th Avenue, Suite A-3, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Toni Teresi

Phone: 563-0505

The Alzheimer's/Parkinson's Support Group of Indian River County Inc. provides assistance to victims of the diseases and their caregivers. Members distribute information and resource materials, provide a lending library, run support groups and offer networking opportunities.

American Cancer Society

3375 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Lisa Angell

Phone: 562-2272, ext. 118

The Sun Safe Community is an American Cancer Society program created to help prevent skin cancer. The community-wide program's goal is to teach Sun Safe behavior to youths aged 18 and younger and their families, teachers and caregivers. Florida has the second highest rate of skin cancer in the U.S. The good news is that it's preventable.

American Red Cross – North Treasure Coast Chapter

2506 17th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Sarah Tippet Ruwe, Executive Director

Phone: 562-2549

The American Red Cross provides relief for disaster victims and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. It is the pre-eminent source of disaster relief in Indian River County.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County Inc.

P.O. Box 3068, Vero Beach, FL 32964

Contact: Parris Westbrook

Phone: 299-7449

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County offers young people a safe environment where they can have fun and partake in interesting, constructive activities that channel their energy into challenging pursuits. Programs are based on a youth-development strategy that builds self-confidence and self-esteem and fosters a sense of belonging, competence, usefulness and influence. Club locations are 683 27th Avenue S.W. in Vero Beach and 250 Sebastian Boulevard in Sebastian. Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County is a United Way Agency.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Indian River County

1503 24th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Colleen Evans

Phone: 569-7939

Care Net is a Christian ministry that builds upon the biblical principles of the

sanctity of human life, sexual purity and adoption. The organization is committed to providing compassionate help and practical support for those facing unplanned pregnancies and post-abortion stress. Services are free and confidential.

Childcare Resources Inc.
1801 24th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960
Contact: Pam King
Phone: 567-3202

Childcare Resources Inc. works to ensure the availability and affordability of high-quality early childhood and family support programs for children of income-eligible working families in Indian River County. It is a United Way "Success by 6" initiative.

Children's Home Society
415 Avenue A, Suite 101, Ft. Pierce, FL 34950
Contact: Karen Gray
Phone: (772) 489-5601, ext. 239

Children's Home Society provides Treasure Coast families with a wide spectrum of social services including foster care, adoption, prevention services, emergency shelter, a group home, mental health services, a child protection team and independent living program. CHS is a United Way Agency founded in 1902 and serves children and families throughout Florida.

Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center
8465 62nd Avenue, Wabasso, FL 32970
Contact: Verna Wright
Phone: 589-3535

The Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center is an after-school tutoring program for low-income, at-risk youth 5 to 18 years of age. It provides safe, informal, educational and recreational activities for these children while their parents are at work, and supports the social, physical and academic development of youth in a positive environment. Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center is a United Way Agency.

Dogs for Life Inc.
P.O. Box 650023, Vero Beach, FL 32965
Contact: Shelly Ferger
Phone: 567-8969

Dogs for Life is a non-profit organization that offers specialized programs preparing dogs to become service companions for people with disabilities (guide dog, signal dog, etc.), and pet-assisted therapy dogs to assist in the well being of those in need of support and love. Responsible dog ownership is stressed in its education programs.

Early Learning Coalition of Indian River County

4350 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967

Contact: Susan Schumacher

Phone: 564-4095

The Early Learning Coalition of Indian River County is a non-profit organization serving low-income and at-risk preschool children by providing them with quality educational opportunities. It is part of a three-county coalition, serving Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

East Coast Tennis Foundation

195 45th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32968

Contact: Mercedes Sideregts, President

Phone: 569-7822

East Coast Tennis Foundation provides opportunities for the socio-economically disadvantaged to develop their mental, physical and social well-being through the lifetime sport of tennis. Training and equipment are provided for volunteers.

Economic Opportunities Council of Indian River County (EOC)

P.O. Box 2766, Vero Beach, FL 32961

Contact: Sue Morales

Phone: 589-8008

E-mail: eocbjp@bellsouth.net

EOC, the federally designated Community Action Agency for Indian River County, provides services and programs to children and families living in poverty within our community. Head Start is the largest program under the EOC umbrella, serving 245 children in Indian River County.

Education Foundation of Indian River County Inc.

P.O. Box 7046, Vero Beach, FL. 32961

Contact: Cynthia Falardeau

Phone: 564-0034

www.edfoundationirc.org

The Education Foundation is dedicated to working through funding initiatives designed to improve the quality of education and sharing of information in the community's public, private and parochial schools.

Environmental Learning Center

255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Contact: Janet Barkett

Phone: 589-5050

E-mail: info@elc.web.org

Website: www.elc.org

The ELC is a not-for-profit education center located on a 51-acre campus on Wabasso Island. The ELC offers programs and activities for children and adults throughout the year. It features trails and boardwalks, hands-on experiences, labs and exhibits and the Nature Nook gift shop.

Exchange Club CASTLE
1275 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach, FL 32960
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 567-5700
Website: www.exchangecastle.org

The Exchange Club CASTLE's goal is to improve the quality of family life and prevent child abuse and neglect by providing community education, support and resources for parents in need of assistance. These include parenting tips, parenting education, help with a new baby, supervised visitation and emotional support for children during a divorce.

Friends of the Library Used Book Depot
1670 14th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960
Contact: Mary Woodward
Phone: 564-0749
Depot Phone: 562-0043

The Friends of the Library Used Book Depot, a fund-raising arm of the Indian River County Main Library, is staffed and managed by volunteers. It is stocked with thousands of books donated by the public, and through its sales revenue provides substantial funds to the Indian River County Main Library for services and programs.

Gifford Youth Activity Center
4875 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967
Contact: Freddie L. Woolfork
Phone: 794-1005
E-mail: flwoolfork@gyac.cc
Website: www.gyac.cc

The Gifford Youth Activity Center, "the place where things are happening," offers educational and recreational services and programs for youth and educational and vocational enhancement programs for adults. GYAC is a United Way Agency.

Giving Rewarding Opportunities to Work (GROW Inc.)
1717 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960
Contact: Jacqueline I. Reason
Phone: 563-0660

GROW. Inc. is a small, community-based, non-profit organization that provides innovative training and transitional services for Indian River County's teen parents, dropouts and other low income/disadvantaged young adults who are viewed as unemployable.

Global Lifeguards Inc.
P.O. Box 8262, Vero Beach, FL 32963-8262
Contact: Carol Tromba

Phone: (866) 302-6453

Website: www.glgs.org

Global Lifeguards Inc. is an Internet-based, non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting health and safety and environmental stewardship through the eyes and ears of the community. The Coastal Watch program provides the public with general coastal conditions and sightings, environmental and weather emergencies and suspicious incidents observed by trained adult volunteer Coastal Reporters.

Guardian Ad Litem

250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Contact: Jennifer Manis

Phone: (772) 785-5804

Guardian Ad Litem trains volunteers in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties to be advocates for the best interests of abused, neglected or abandoned children in the court system.

Heathcote Botanical Gardens Inc.

210 Savannah Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982

Contact: Holly Cooper

Phone: (772) 464-4672

Heathcote is an intimate, 3.5-acre botanical garden collecting, preserving and displaying plants of the warm-temperate, subtropic and tropic regions. Along with its collections of palms, cycads, bromeliads, bonsai, flowering trees, shrubs and vines, the Garden also contains numerous themed gardens, Heathcote House, the Pioneer House and Gift Shop, as well as other unique architectural and landscape features.

Hibiscus Children's Village

P.O. Box 1742, Vero Beach, FL 32961

Contact: Jennee Bebber

Phone: 978-9313, ext. 314

Hibiscus Children's Center provides services to children and families on the Treasure Coast to prevent and reduce child abuse. The Hibiscus Children's Village, located on 12th Street, provides a safe haven for abused children in a family-style environment.

Homeless Family Center

720 4th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32962

Contact: Dennis Bartholomew

Phone: 567-2766

www.homelessfamilycenter.org

The Homeless Family Center provides opportunities for homeless families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency through education, living wages and permanent housing. It provides food, housing, clothing, case management and employment services to homeless families.

Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County
6230 77th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967

Contact: Joan Carlson

Phone: 388-3826

The Humane Society is the only non-profit organization providing safe refuge for homeless, abandoned, injured or lost companion animals. No animal is ever denied shelter. It has many programs and opportunities for volunteers.

Indian River County Council on Aging

694 14th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

In Vero Beach: Kathy Woodhouse – 569-0763, ext. 118

In Sebastian: Ken Michaud – 388-5889

Website: ircco.org

The Indian River County Council on Aging provides social services for senior citizens. It encourages independent living for the entire family, and has many different programs to provide a variety of services to achieve this mission.

Indian River Habitat for Humanity

4568 N. U.S. Highway 1, Vero Beach, FL 32967

Contact: Carrie Rossman

Phone: 562-9860

Website: www.irchabitat.org

Indian River Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian ministry that works in partnership with people from all walks of life and faiths to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness by constructing simple, decent homes with and for those in need.

Library Friends Gift Shop

Indian River County Main Library

1600 21st Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Nancy Whittall, manager

Phone: 770-9184

The Library Friends Gift Shop is a fund-raising arm of the Indian River County Main Library, located inside the south entrance to the building.

Literacy Services of Indian River County Inc.

1600 21st Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Cynthia Webb-Haskett, Ed.D.

Phone: 778-2223

Literacy Services of Indian River County, a United Way Agency, trains volunteers to teach basic reading and writing skills to adults in our county and encourage family literacy and reading. It also assists foreign-born individuals to read English.

Manatee Observation & Education Center

480 N. Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Contact: Jann Snellings

Phone: (772) 466-1600, ext. 3071

The Manatee Center is an educational facility dedicated to promoting understanding and responsible actions for the protection of the Treasure Coast's fragile ecosystems and their inhabitants.

McKee Botanical Garden

350 U.S. Highway 1, Vero Beach, FL 32962

Contact: Christine Hobart

Phone: 794-0601

E-mail: info@mckeegarden.org

Website: www.mckeegarden.org

McKee Botanical Garden Inc. is a private, not-for-profit cultural organization, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a historic Florida landmark. It is known for its 18-acre subtropical jungle hammock, filled with plants appropriate for horticultural growing in zone 9B. This dense and diverse collection also features several restored architectural treasures.

Operation Hope

12285 CR 512, Fellsmere, FL 32948

Contact: Heidi Llewellyn

Phone: 571-0003

E-mail: ophopenews@hotmail.com

Website: www.migranthope.org

Operation Hope provides our area's migrant workers and their families with the basic necessities of life, including food, clothing, household items as well as providing their children with training in computers, math, English and reading.

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge

1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Joanna Taylor

Phone: 562-3909

E-mail: pelicanisland@fws.gov

Website: <http://pelicanisland.fws.gov>

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge was established as the first national wildlife refuge in 1903 by President Theodore Roosevelt. The refuge is a historic rookery, providing a habitat for threatened and endangered species. In partnership with the Pelican Island Preservation Society, it presents special events.

Redlands Christian Migrant Association

56-A N. Broadway, Fellsmere, FL 32948

Contact: Elida Gomez

Phone: 571-9015

E-mail: elida@rcma.org

Website: www.rcma.org

The Redlands Christian Migrant Association is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that provides quality child care and early education to children of migrant farm workers and rural poor families throughout Florida. RCMA serves over 300 children in four centers in Indian River County.

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Indian River County

694 14th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Joan Frary

Phone: 469-2061

E-mail: joan@irccoa.org

The RSVP program provides people 55 and older with volunteer opportunities that address our area's educational, environmental, public safety, health services and other needs. Sponsored by the Indian River Council on Aging, it provides 75 sites in Indian River County with 700 active senior volunteers.

Riverside Theatre

3250 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Contacts: Mary Knapp

Phone: 778-3471

Website: www.riversidetheatre.com

Riverside Theatre is a not-for-profit professional theatre offering classic musical theatre, contemporary plays, celebrity performances, a distinguished lecture series and fund-raising events that include concerts, fashion shows, golf tournaments and galas.

St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park

1000 Buffer Preserve Drive, Sebastian, FL

Contact: Gayle Heath

Phone: (321) 953-5004

Website: floridastateparks.org/stsebastian/default.cfm

The St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park provides resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring the natural and cultural resources of the state of Florida.

The Samaritan Center

3650 41st Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967

Contact: Tanis Whaley

Phone: 770-2900

Website: www.verobeach.com/samaritancenter

Samaritan Center is an inter-faith transitional shelter for homeless families who are residents of Indian River County. It offers intensive case management and a transitional shelter environment for its resident families. Samaritan Center is a United Way Agency and a program of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach.