



Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

Action Packet

**Thursday, March 12, 2015
9:00 am – 11:00 am
12 HOB**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

3/12/2015 9:00:00AM

Location: 12 HOB

Summary:

Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

Thursday March 12, 2015 09:00 am

CS/HB 27	Favorable	Yeas: 10	Nays: 0
CS/HB 35	Favorable	Yeas: 10	Nays: 0
HB 801	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0
HB 1091	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0
HB 1095	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0

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Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Jimmie Smith (Chair)	X		
Doug Broxson			X
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X		
Daphne Campbell	X		
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X		
Blaise Ingoglia	X		
Shevrin Jones	X		
Kionne McGhee	X		
Kathleen Passidomo	X		
Holly Raschein	X		
Daniel Raulerson	X		
Ronald Renuart	X		
Jay Trumbull	X		
Totals:	12	0	1

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CS/HB 27 : Driver Licenses & Identification Cards

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Doug Broxson			X		
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X				
Daphne Campbell	X				
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X				
Blaise Ingoglia	X				
Shevrin Jones			X		
Kionne McGhee	X				
Kathleen Passidomo	X				
Holly Raschein	X				
Daniel Raulerson	X				
Ronald Renuart			X		
Jay Trumbull	X				
Jimmie Smith (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 10		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

Driver Licenses and Identification Cards
 Colonel Mike Prendergast (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Information Only
 Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs
 Executive Director
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CS/HB 35 : Out-of-State Fee Waivers for Veterans and Dependents

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Doug Broxson			X		
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X				
Daphne Campbell	X				
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X				
Blaise Ingoglia	X				
Shevrin Jones			X		
Kionne McGhee	X				
Kathleen Passidomo	X				
Holly Raschein	X				
Daniel Raulerson	X				
Ronald Renuart			X		
Jay Trumbull	X				
Jimmie Smith (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 10		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

Out-of-State Fee Waivers for Veterans and Dependents
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HB 801 : The Beirut Memorial

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Doug Broxson			X		
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X				
Daphne Campbell	X				
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X				
Blaise Ingoglia	X				
Shevrin Jones	X				
Kionne McGhee	X				
Kathleen Passidomo	X				
Holly Raschein	X				
Daniel Raulerson	X				
Ronald Renuart			X		
Jay Trumbull	X				
Jimmie Smith (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 11		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

The Beirut Memorial
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HB 1091 : Military Affairs

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Doug Broxson			X		
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X				
Daphne Campbell	X				
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X				
Blaise Ingoglia	X				
Shevrin Jones	X				
Kionne McGhee	X				
Kathleen Passidomo	X				
Holly Raschein	X				
Daniel Raulerson	X				
Ronald Renuart			X		
Jay Trumbull	X				
Jimmie Smith (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 11		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

Military Affairs

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HB 1095 : Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees & Transportation Fares

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Doug Broxson			X		
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X				
Daphne Campbell	X				
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X				
Blaise Ingoglia	X				
Shevrin Jones	X				
Kionne McGhee	X				
Kathleen Passidomo	X				
Holly Raschein	X				
Daniel Raulerson	X				
Ronald Renuart			X		
Jay Trumbull	X				
Jimmie Smith (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 11		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares

Justin Day - Waive In Support

Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority

Director

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Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares

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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THE GOODWILL MANASOTA VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE?

The Veterans Resource Guide was created in 2013 to put a wealth of resources at your fingertips. Goodwill Manasota's Veterans Resource Guide lists and describes resources, both within the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the local community, to assist Veterans and their families in a myriad of topics. The resource guide covers Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto and Hardee counties.

WHY WAS THE RESOURCE GUIDE DEVELOPED?

The Veterans Services Program was launched in 2013 at Goodwill Manasota, and one of the primary goals was to create a resource guide for the heroes and Veterans in our community. Through this innovative program, Veterans can obtain assistance in any of the areas from deployment to employment including educational, medical and financial assistance. Goodwill Manasota created the Veterans Resource Guide with the sole purpose of improving the lives of Veterans and their families in our community.

WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM USING THE GOODWILL MANASOTA VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE?

This Resource Guide is a valuable tool for Veterans, their families, Goodwill Manasota staff and the various community agencies working together in this community.

IS YOUR RESOURCE GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE?

Yes! Visit Experience**Goodwill**.org for an online version of this document.

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN HARD COPIES OF THE RESOURCE GUIDE?

Contact Goodwill Manasota at **941.355.2721** for additional printed copies of the Veterans Resource Guide.

HOW DO I ADD, REVISE OR REMOVE INFORMATION FROM YOUR RESOURCE GUIDE?

Please call **941.355.2721** with any information regarding updates to our Veterans Resource Guide. We know that information is constantly changed and updated, and we appreciate your help in keeping our information current.

Disclaimer: Some of this information in this guide concerns specific laws and regulations. This information is provided as a general educational resource and is not meant to be legal advice of any kind. The information provided here may or may not apply to each individual's circumstances. In addition, this guide is constantly being updated, and as rules and regulations change, portions may become obsolete.

Congratulations on taking this important step into the next page of your life. We salute you for your service and we understand the many challenges you and your families face. We have created this guide to help you discover the important rights and benefits available to you at both the state and federal level. The service providers listed can assist your efforts and support your transition. We hope it helps you navigate through the information as easily as possible.

Helping you is a personal mission. My dad was a Sergeant in the Army during World War II and fought in the Pacific theater. My uncle spent four years as a Japanese prisoner during the war. He lost hearing in one ear and suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. I have lost several friends to conflict in Southeast Asia.

It's frustrating that we have put our veterans in harm's way but fail to treat them like heroes when they return home. There is a disconnect between what we promise our troops and what actually happens, which is one of the many reasons that we are committed to making things better for veterans through our work at Goodwill Manasota.

We launched the Veterans Services Program in 2013 to focus on providing services for veterans facing heightened risks of unemployment, personal problems and homelessness. We offer veterans free job placement and career services addressing barriers to employment, disabilities and mental health issues, as well as education and training. We invite you to make the most of these resources and look forward to partnering with you to achieve all of your future career goals.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Rosinsky".

Bob Rosinsky
President & CEO, Goodwill Manasota


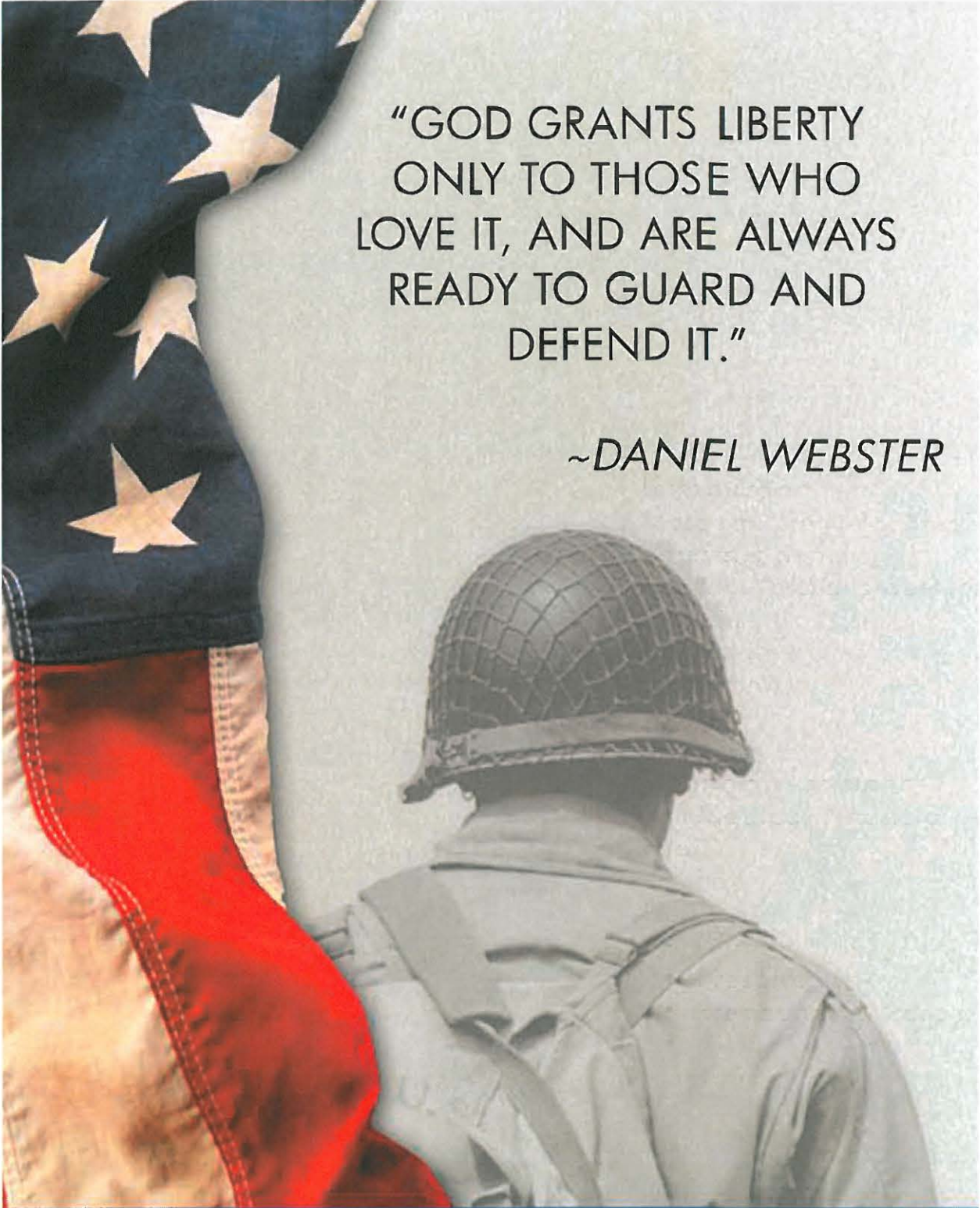
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ONLY TO THOSE WHO
LOVE IT, AND ARE ALWAYS
READY TO GUARD AND
DEFEND IT."

~DANIEL WEBSTER

FOR ALL WHO HAVE SERVED, THANK YOU.

VETERANS BENEFITS

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS TIMETABLE

Benefits & Services	Time Limit	Where to Apply
Disability Compensation		
<p>The VA pays monthly compensation to veterans for disabilities incurred or aggravated during military service. This benefit is not subject to Federal or State income tax. Entitlement is established from the date of separation if the claim is filed within one year from separation. Generally, military retirement pay is reduced by any VA compensation received. Income from Special Separation Benefits (SSB) and Voluntary Separation Incentives (VSI) affects the amount of VA compensation paid.</p>		<p>File at www.va.gov 800.827.1000 Bill Young VA Hospital 1000 Bay Pines Blvd St Petersburg 33744</p>
Disability Pensions		
<p>This income-based benefit is paid to veterans with honorable war-time service who are permanently and totally disabled due to non-service connected disabilities or who are 65 or older.</p>	None	<p>File at www.va.gov 800.827.1000 Bill Young VA Hospital 1000 Bay Pines Blvd St Petersburg 33744</p>
Medical		
<p>The VA provides a wide range of healthcare services to veterans including treatment for military sexual trauma, and for conditions possibly related to exposure to Agent Orange, ionizing radiation, and other environmental hazards in the Persian Gulf. Generally, veterans must be enrolled in VA's Healthcare System to receive care.</p>	None	<p>File at www.va.gov 800.827.1000 Bill Young VA Hospital 1000 Bay Pines Blvd St Petersburg 33744</p>

Combat Veterans		
The VA provides free healthcare for veterans who served in a theatre of combat operations after Nov. 11, 1998, for any illness possibly related to their service in that theater.	If discharged from active duty on or after Jan. 28, 2003. If discharged from active duty before Jan. 29, 2003, and were not enrolled as of Jan 28, 2008	File at www.va.gov 877.222.8387
Dental		
Veterans may receive one-time dental treatment if they were not provided treatment within 90 days before separation from active. The time limit does not apply to duty. Veterans with dental resulting from service-connected conditions wounds or injuries and or those engaged in chapter 31 Voc. rehab program.	180 days from separation	File at www.va.gov 800.827.1000 Bill Young VA Hospital 1000 Bay Pines Blvd St Petersburg 33744
Education and Training		
Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty Chapter 30	10 years from release from last period of active duty. Limited extensions available. Up to 36 months of benefits.	File at www.GIBill.va.gov or any VA office 888.442.4551
Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)	15 years from last discharge or separation. Limited extensions available. Up to 36 months of benefits.	File at www.GIBill.va.gov or any VA office 888.442.4551
Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)	14 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or until released from the Selected Reserve or National Guard, whichever occurs first. Some extensions available if activated	File at www.GIBill.va.gov or any VA office 888.442.4551
Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Chapter 1607)	No time limit as long individual remains in the same level of the Ready Reserve from which called to active duty or are discharged under other than dishonorable conditions after completing their service contract. There are some exceptions for discharge due to disability.	

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment		
<p>VA helps veterans with service connected disabilities prepare for, find, and keep suitable employment. For veterans with serious service connected disabilities, the VA also offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. Some of the services offered are: job search, vocational evaluation, career exploration, vocational training, education training, and rehabilitation service.</p>	<p>Generally 12 years from VA notice from VA to veteran of at least a 10 percent disability rating</p>	<p>File at www.va.gov or at any VA office 800.827.1000</p>
Home Loans		
<p>Veterans with qualifying service are eligible for VA home loan services including guaranteed loans for the purchase of a home, manufactured home, manufactured home and lot, certain types of condominiums, or to build, repair, and improve homes. Certain disabled veterans can receive grants to have their homes specially adapted to their needs. Native Americans living on Trust Land may</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>File at www.homeloans.va.gov or at any VA office 888.244.6711</p>
Life Insurance		
<p>SGLI (Service members' Group Life Insurance) is low-cost life insurance for service members insurance for service members and reservists. It is available in \$50,000 increments up to a maximum of \$400,000. SGLI coverage begins when the service member enters service or changes duty status.</p>	<p>Coverage continues for 120 days from date of separation, or up to one year if totally disabled at the time of separation from service</p>	<p>VA Insurance Center 800.419.1473</p>

Traumatic Injury Protection		
<p>Traumatic Injury protection under Service members' Group Life Insurance is a rider that provides for payment to any member of the uniformed services covered by SGLI who sustains a traumatic injury that results in certain severe losses. TSGLI is retroactive for members who sustain a qualifying loss as a direct result of injuries incurred on or after October 7, 2001 through November 30, 2005, in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, regardless of whether they had SGLI coverage. TSGLI pays a benefit of between \$25,000 and \$100,000 depending on the loss directly resulting from the traumatic injury. In order for a veteran to qualify for a TSGLI payment, they must incur a qualifying loss as a result of a traumatic injury while they were in the service</p>	<p>Coverage continues through midnight of the date of discharge, but member/veteran general has up to two years from the date of loss to apply for payment</p>	<p>800.419.1473</p>
VGLI – Veterans' Group Life Insurance		
<p>Lifetime renewable term life insurance for traumatic injury while they were in the service Veterans. It is available in increments of \$10,000 up to \$400,000 but cannot exceed the amount of SGLI coverage in force at the time of the service members' separation.</p>	<p>Must apply within 120 days of separation or 1 year and 120 days if proof of good health is provided. Those on the 2-year disability extension are automatically converted to VGLI at the end of the 2-year period.</p>	<p>800.669.8477</p>
SDVI – Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance		
<p>Also called "RH" insurance, SDVI is life insurance for service-disabled veterans. The basic coverage is \$10,000. A \$20,000 supplemental policy is available if premium payments for the basic policy are waived due to total disability.</p>		<p>800.669.8477</p>
VMLI – Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance		
<p>Mortgage protection insurance issued to those severely disabled veterans who have received grants for Specially Adapted Housing from VA. Maximum coverage of \$90,000.</p>	<p>Must apply before age 70</p>	

Reemployment		
The Department of Labor's website www.dol.gov contains information on employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services.	For military service over 180 days, must apply for reemployment with employer within 90 days from separation. Shorter periods to apply if service is less than 180 days.	Former Employer
Unemployment Compensation		
The unemployment compensation for ex-service members program is administered by the states as agents of the federal government. The Department of Labor's website www.dol.gov contains links for each state's benefits.	Limited Time	State Employment Office
VA Women's Hotline		
Receives and responds to questions from veterans, their families and caregivers about the many VA services and resources available to women veterans.	Unlimited	855.829.6636
Sarasota National Cemetery		
The funeral home or next-of-kin should fax all available military discharge documents to the scheduling office at (866) 900-6417 and follow up with a call to (800) 535-1117. If military discharge documents are not available, scheduling office representatives will assist the funeral home or next-of-kin with the verification process. This process may require 48 hours or more to determine eligibility for burial in a national cemetery. Scheduling office operating schedule is seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 6:30pm Central time, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.		Fax all available military discharge documents to the scheduling office at (866) 900-6417 and follow up with a call to (800) 535-1117. Please contact cemetery directly to: Schedule active duty interments, schedule memorial service without interment, cancel or reschedule interments, change information initially provided to scheduling office or to request disinterment or relocation of remains

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES OFFICES

Description	Contact
<p>A veteran services officer can assist you if you are a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran • Widow of a Veteran • Child of a deceased or a disabled Veteran • Parent who lost a son or daughter in military service <p>And you have questions about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation • Pension • Education benefits • Life insurance • Healthcare benefits • Home loans • Florida veterans state benefits • Burial Benefits • Discharge upgrade <p>Or need a referral for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment • Hospitalization • Outpatient medical and dental treatment • Alcohol and drug dependency treatment • Home loans • Small business administration <p>Services offered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claims assistance • Client advocacy • Case maintenance • Information and referral <p>Program liaison with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA Healthcare services • VA Vet centers • VA Regional offices • Veterans services organizations • Vet farm and home loan assistance • Outreach to the elderly, disabled, Vietnam-era Veterans, the incarcerated, minorities and women 	<p>Sarasota County 2200 Ringling Blvd Suite 125 Sarasota, FL 34234 941.861.2899 www.scgov.net/Veteran Services</p> <p>Manatee County 1112 Manatee Ave W Suite 303 Bradenton, FL 34205 941.749.3030 www.myanatee.org</p> <p>Desoto County 201 E Oak St, #202 Arcadia, FL 34266 863.993.4860 www.desotobocc.com</p> <p>Hardee County 307 N 6th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873 863.773.9853 www.hardeecounty.net</p>

VETERANS RESOURCE LIST

CLOTHING

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Americanism Committee American Legion, Kirby Stewart Post # 24 <i>*Veterans only</i>	2000 75th St W Bradenton 941.794.3489 www.kirbystewartpost24.org www.legion.org	If meeting organizational criteria, assistance is given for gas or clothing, and will assist in finding work for those not employed.
Angels Attic	6103 Goldfinch Street Sarasota 941.735.8855	Families are referred by local agencies when needs are identified. Free of charge, families can shop for free.
Beacon Bargains	1680 Tamiami Trail Venice 34293 941.207.4934	Our thrift store has quality items at bargain prices. Clothes, housewares, books and more. Come in and check us out. Hours: Wed -Sat 10:00am - 4:00pm
C.A.R.E. ReUse Stores	7070 Environmental Way Englewood 941.697.8800 19675 Kenilworth Blvd. Port Charlotte 941.624.3488	Partner with Charlotte County to Help You Reuse/Recycle. Donate or shop at two locations. Proceeds help victims in need.
CareerSource Suncoast	3660 N Washington Blvd Sarasota 34234 941.358.4200 1112 Manatee Ave E Bradenton 34208 941.714.7449 897 Venice Ave Venice 34285 941.486.2682 http://careersourcesuncoast.com/	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm. Career seeking customers who feel they may not have appropriate attire should speak with a Resource Specialist. We may have resources available to assist.
Caritas House	1651 2nd Street Sarasota 941.366.5620	Caritas is a cooperative effort of five churches in downtown Sarasota, providing emergency assistance to those who find themselves in acute financial need. Assistance may comprise of financial help with utility bills (up to \$75), prescription medicines, work boots, bus tickets, clothing, and food from its own pantry. Client interviews are held Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 11:00am.

Center of Hope	110 East Colonial Lane Nokomis 941.421.9044 www.CenterOfHopeVenice.org	Territory: Venice, Laurel, Nokomis, Osprey, Englewood & North Port. Also provides Scat & financial assistance.
Children's Community Clothes Closet	700 E Dearborn St Englewood 34223 941.474.5588	A collaborative effort of the Methodist Church's United Methodist Women and Englewood Helping Hand, Inc. New and good used clothing is available to any Englewood child.
Cinderella's Closet School Board: Sarasota	1145 2nd Street Sarasota 941.361.6440	Provides low income students with prom dresses who might not otherwise attend prom.
Dollar Dynasty, Inc.	1922 Dr. Martin Luther King Way Suite C Sarasota 941.955.8091 www.DollarDynasty.org	Our free services, provided to pre-screened families, include basic life needs such as food, clothing, educational supplies and enhancements. Counseling, career development, spiritual guidance, and referrals for housing, shelter and crisis networks are available. Appointments needed.
Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.	700 Dearborn Rd Englewood 941.474.5864 http://www.EnglewoodHelpingHand.org/	By Referral Only. Items such as food stamps, Medicaid, housewares, clothing, and furniture, as well as rent and utility payments, prescription medications, temporary housing, and food assistance. Hours: Mon - Thurs From 10am - 2:30pm.
Florida Department of Children and Families Automated Community Connection to Economic Self Sufficiency (ACCESS)	6919 Outreach Way North Port 941.429.3700 866.762.2237 http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/	The ACCESS Florida system allows Sarasota County customers to connect with their public assistance information 24/7, through the online application and MyACCESS Account. The Economic Self-Sufficiency Program helps to promote strong and economically self-sufficient communities by determining eligibility for food, cash and medical assistance for individuals and families on the road to economic recovery. Hours: 8:00 - 4:30pm, Assisted 9:00 - 2:00pm Days: Mon - Thurs - Assisted Friday - Non Assisted
Friendship Baptist Church Clothing Closet	5700 Palmer Blvd Sarasota 941.371.2301	There are greeters to welcome shoppers as they come in and workers who put away clothes while helping customers find what they might need. Tuesday 10 am - 1 pm

<p>Goodwill Manasota: Veterans Services Program *Veterans and their Families</p>	<p>8490 N Lockwood Ridge Road Sarasota 941.355.2721 x.451 www.ExperienceGoodwill.org</p>	<p>Provides full case management and vocational services that addresses barriers to employment, disabilities, mental health issues, education and training housing and also helps Veterans navigate the wide array of available programs.</p>
<p>Heart of Mercy Ministries Food Pantry</p>	<p>North Port - Palmetto 941.763.2244 www.HMercy.com</p>	<p>Mobile Outreach providing food, clothing and church services to thousands of people every year. Also has an Annual Christmas compassion community outreach event where they give toys to children.</p>
<p>JFCS - Jewish Family & Children's Services of Sarasota-Manatee</p>	<p>Main Campus: 2688 Fruitville Road Sarasota</p> <p>Satellite Offices: South County Human Services Center 7810 S. Tamiami Trail, Ste. A-7 Venice</p> <p>Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center 1750 17th Street, Ste. C-3 Sarasota</p> <p>For Appointment: 941.366.2224</p> <p>www.JFCS-Cares.org</p>	<p>JFCS serves the following constituents in our community: Seniors, Caregivers, Veterans, Adults, Children and Adolescents, and Families. Some of the many programs they offer are: Financial Assistance and Homelessness Prevention, Jewish Programs, Building Strong Families Homelessness Prevention, Food Pantry/Kosher Food Pantry, Healthy Families/Healthy Children, Healthy Fathers/Healthy Families, Operation Military Assistance Program, and Bereavement Services.</p> <p>There are 16 locations throughout the community. In addition to our three main locations, programs are held at local schools, synagogues, churches and other community venues.</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>
<p>MACS - Manasota Adventist Community Services</p>	<p>941.999.1029</p>	<p>Mobile Outreach. Exists to meet the various needs of those in the greater Sarasota-Bradenton area through relief, education, and spiritual and emotional counseling. MACS does not currently own a center, but operates mobile in educational outreach and feeding.</p>
<p>Mothers Helping Mothers</p>	<p>5933 N Washington Blvd Sarasota 941.953.7572 www.MHMSarasota.com</p>	<p>Provides children's clothes, shoes, diapers, cribs and small household items at no cost to needy families.</p>

<p>Pregnancy Care Center</p>	<p>301 Bayshore Dr Venice 941.485.1776</p>	<p>Founded in 1985 to serve families in Sarasota County. We provide gently loved clothing from newborn to 5T, baby furniture, cribs, swings, high chairs, strollers, and more. We also offer baby food, cereal, and formula, along with one package of diapers, per child, once every four weeks. Through grants provided by community organizations and local businesses, we are able to support new parents with brand new car seats. (Please note May-Oct hours are MWF 9am-1pm & Nov-Apr Mon-Fri 9am-1pm)</p>
<p>Resurrection House, Inc.</p>	<p>507 Kumquat Crt Sarasota 941.365.3759 www.ResurrectionHouseSarasota.org</p>	<p>A faith-based resource center committed to the alleviation of the suffering of the homeless by offering physical, emotional and spiritual help and by serving as a bridge from despair to dignity. Our range of services includes showers, restrooms, laundry, counseling, medical treatment, food, clothing, veteran's assistance, post office, phone and many more.</p>
<p>Salvation Army</p>	<p>1204 Tamiami Trl Bradenton 941.748.5110</p> <p>1400 10th St Sarasota 941.954.4673</p> <p>1051 Albee Farm Rd Venice 941.484.6227</p>	<p>We assist with food, clothing, and financial help with rent, electricity, utilities, or medical. Other types of assistance include transportation, shelter and school supplies for children. We are prepared to respond to emergency disasters at a moment's notice, when needed and at any time. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. *for referral regarding rent, electricity, utilities, or other financial assistance. Food assistance does not need appt.</p>
<p>SCLO - Second Chance Last Opportunity Clothing Closet</p>	<p>1933 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Sarasota 941.360.8660 www.SecondChanceLastOpportunity.org</p>	<p>The mission is to break the cycle of poverty through strategies that educate and empower the economically and socially disadvantaged. Open between 10am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Register in person to be eligible for: Mentoring, Mental Health Counseling and Referral, Family Counseling, Youth Group Activities, Enrichment Activities, Holiday Food Baskets, Shelter Referrals, Community Service Hours, Support Groups, Community Events, Clothing, Life management skills, Sisters circle support group, Employability training, and Fitness and wellness programs.</p>

Seventh Day Adventist Church: Adventist Community Service Center	1603 22nd St W Bradenton 941.748.3336	Outreach program of the church that assists with emergency food, clothing and household goods, when available.
St. Nathaniel's Church	4200 S Biscayne Dr North Port 941.426.2520 Call 211 for a referral	Provides a local clothing closet for those seeking clothes for employment. We are active in the greater community through ministries such as Special Time Respite Care, Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, USDA food distribution, support groups and a community-based parish nurse presence. Please call number listed for an appointment.
St. Vincent de Paul	719 Manatee Ave. East Bradenton 941.746.0622	Our mission is to simply offer help to members of the community who are in great need. After meeting with a volunteer at one of the offices, assistance may be given in the form of financial help to pay utility or living expenses, donations of food items, vouchers for gas, or referrals and support in connecting to other local agencies who may be able to help with deeper need. The store accepts vouchers from SVdP offices as well as other local agencies to help provide clothing, household goods or furniture at a nominal cost or, at times, free. Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm, Sat - 10am - 2pm
Trinity Presbyterian Church	4365 State Road 776 Venice 941.492.6384	Mon, Tues, Thurs 10:30am - 2pm. Ministry to the homeless and low income families, community assistance, Food, Clothing, transportation and emergency housing.

<p>Turning Points Veterans Highly Welcome *Veterans only</p>	<p>701 17th Ave W Bradenton Main Number: 941.747.1509 One Stop Clinic: 941.567.6156 Open Door: 941.747.0383 Turning Points Hours: Mon- Fri 8:30am – 5:00pm Open Door Day Resource Center Mon – Fri 8:00am – 2:00pm One Stop Clinic Mon – Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm http://tpmanatee.org/</p>	<p>Services range from access to a continental breakfast, hot showers, and free clothing to obtaining legal documents and public assistance. Financial assistance is available for most short-term housing related costs, including past due rent, past due utilities, initial month of a rental lease, and security deposits required to obtain a lease. Most funding sources provided to Turning Points require proof of income that is sustainable, most likely a job, before providing assistance. Medical services are provided by full-time staff, a partnership with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM), and through a partnership with Manatee Memorial Hospital. Through Our Daily Bread of Bradenton, a hot lunch is served 364 days per year to anyone in need onsite at our One Stop Center.</p>
<p>United Way Manasota</p>	<p>United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, Inc. 1800 2nd Street, Suite #102 Sarasota Referral Line: 211 via landline only or 941.308.4357 via anywhere. https://211suncoast.comunities.org/cms/</p>	<p>Specialists will help refer to an agency or program that can help. Some areas of assistance include: Emergency food assistance, Addiction, Domestic abuse, Foreclosure assistance, Legal help, Food stamps, Mental health counseling, Family counseling, Emergency clothing, Shelters, Children services, Elder help...and the list goes on! All services are FREE!</p>
<p>Veterans Administration Homeless Program *Veterans only</p>	<p>Bill Young Bay Pines Veteran Hospital 10000 Bay Pines Blvd Bay Pines 727.398.6661 24/7 Hotline: 877.424.3838</p>	<p>Provides treatment for psychiatric, medical, and substance abuse problems. Assistance with vocational rehabilitation, employment training and education, referrals for employment, food, clothing, housing, social services and veterans benefits. Transportation is provided to support groups and employment.</p>
<p>Women's Resource Center of Manatee County: Career Closet</p>	<p>1926 Manatee Ave W Bradenton 941.747.6797 www.WRCManatee.org 340 South Tuttle Ave Sarasota 941.366.1700 www.thewomensresourcecenter.org</p>	<p>Women's Resource Center provides women in need with appropriate clothing options for job interviews and work Also offers employment, mental health counseling, and support group services.</p>

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Bayside Center for Behavioral Health	1625 S Osprey Ave Sarasota 941.917.7760 www.SMH.com	Comprehensive continuum of care in mental health and inpatient, individual therapy and crisis stabilization. <i>*Call for a free, professional assessment, open 24/7.</i>
Beacon House	1680 S. Tamiami Trail Suite C Venice 941.496.4934 www.BeaconHouseCampus.com	Non-clinical support services for adults with mental illness and/or disabling emotional problems. Drop-in centers provide support groups, peer counseling, and assistance with daily living skills, job-training and social rehabilitation.
CARE Inc. - Center for Abuse and Rape Emergency	24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 941.627.6000 Englewood Area: 941.475.6465 Hearing/Speech Impaired Dial: 7.1.1 Florida Relay: 1.800.500.1119 <i>*Multilingual Assistance</i> www.CareFL.org	Shelter and other services for victims of domestic abuse and sexual abuse victims. Free counseling and group sessions available.
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice	Administrative Office: P.O. Box 2116 1000 Pinebrook Road Venice 941.484.9543 941.488.5581 Sarasota and Manatee Counties 941.355.4680 www.CatholicCharitiesDoV.org	Provides assistance to those who are in-need/throughout the fifteen-county areas of Southwest Florida. Programs include: Adoption, Adult Education, Affordable Housing, Benefit Applications ACCESS, Florida, Clothing, Counseling, Disaster Response, Early Education, Financial Assistance, Food Programs, HIV/AIDS Services, Housing Counseling, Human Trafficking, Immigration Services, Mothers and Children, Refugee Services, Senior Services, The Sugar Bowl Fund, Youth Education and Mentoring.
Chairs Counseling Center	4041 Bahia Vista St Sarasota 941.378.1549 www.CharisCounselingServices.com	Provides counseling and psychoeducational services to meet the emotional, relational, pastoral, and spiritual needs of individuals, couples, families, faith communities and medication management.

<p>Child Protection Center, Inc.</p>	<p>720 S Orange Ave Sarasota 941.365.1277 www.CPCSarasota.org 6919 Outreach Way North Port 222 N. Roberts Avenue Arcadia 2210 S. Tamiami Tr. Venice</p>	<p>Provides services for the prevention, intervention and treatment of child physical abuse, child sexual abuse and child neglect. Support is also available for the non-offending family members. 24/7 Hotline: 800.962.2873</p>
<p>Coastal Behavioral Healthcare</p>	<p>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESS CENTER & CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES: 24-HOUR Crisis Stabilization Unit <i>Kreisman Campus for Integrated Health Care</i> 1451 10th St Sarasota 941.552.1950 941.364.9355 www.CoastalBH.org</p>	<p>A wide range of integrated mental health and drug/alcohol addiction services designed to meet the unique needs of each individual. Children's programs serve youth ages 5-17. Integrated mental health and drug/alcohol services are provided in various settings, including the school, home, outpatient office, and a residential drug/alcohol abuse program for youth ages 13-17.</p>
<p>Community Health Service: Manatee County Health Department</p>	<p>410 6th Ave East Bradenton <i>*All Clinical Services are done by appointment. To schedule an appointment please call:</i> 941.748.0747 x1456</p>	<p>Staff is available to assist with counseling, referrals, and follow-up, including client and parent education. Additional services: Adult Health, Breast & Cervical Cancer Detection Program, Child Health, Family Planning, Healthy Advantage Tomorrow (HAT), Healthy Families, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Immunization - Childhood, Adult and Travel, Immigration Medical Examinations, Medicine Room, School Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Teen Outreach Program, Tobacco Cessation Program, Tuberculosis, Volunteers, & Work Site Wellness. Hours are Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm except on the 3rd Wed afternoon of each month from 1:00pm - 5:00pm.</p>

<p>HOPE Family Services</p>	<p>Manatee County HOPE Family Services 941.755.6805 Outreach Office: Post Office Box 1624 Bradenton 941.747.8499 www.hopefamilyservice.org</p> <p>Domestic Violence Hotline 800.500.1119</p> <p>National Domestic Violence Hotline 800.799.SAFE</p> <p>E-mail: info@hopefamilyservice.org</p>	<p>HOPE assists clients with identifying and overcoming barriers to a safe way of life. Services in the advocacy department are designed to address emergency issues such as financial concerns, and housing, food, and clothing needs are addressed; as well as information and referrals to other organizations that can be of assistance. Advocacy includes assisting with court-related matters, such as Injunctions for Protection, accompanying clients to hearings and facilitating legal referrals when necessary. Advocates also assist participants with job training opportunities. Individual and group counseling to victims of domestic violence. Weekly support groups regarding domestic violence and its impact on the family and include specialized groups for Women of Color, Spanish speakers, older women, and women who identify as Lesbian or bisexual. HOPE provides supportive individual and group counseling to children affected by domestic violence. The intent of the program is to assist children with the current trauma in their lives while teaching them non-violent coping mechanisms in an effort to break the nature of domestic violence.</p>
<p>JFCS - Jewish Family & Children's Services of Sarasota- Manatee: Building Strong Families/ Homeless Prevention</p>	<p>Main Campus: 2688 Fruitville Road Sarasota</p> <p>Satellite Offices:</p> <p>South County Human Services Center 7810 S. Tamiami Trail, Ste. A-7 Venice</p> <p>Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center 1750 17th Street, Ste. C-3 Sarasota</p> <p>For Appointment: 941.366.2224 www.JFCS-Cares.org Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>JFCS serves the following constituents in our community: Seniors, Caregivers, Veterans, Adults, Children and Adolescents, and Families. Some of the many programs they offer are: Financial Assistance and Homelessness Prevention, Jewish Programs, Building Strong Families Homelessness Prevention, Food Pantry/Kosher Food Pantry, Healthy Families/Healthy Children, Healthy Fathers/Healthy Families, Operation Military Assistance Program, and Bereavement Services. There are 16 locations throughout the community, and programs are also held at local schools, synagogues, churches and other community venues.</p>

<p>Manatee Glens</p>	<p>Manatee Glens Hospital and Addiction Center 2020 26th Avenue East Bradenton</p> <p>Manatee Glens East 5214 4th Avenue Circle East Bradenton</p> <p>Manatee Glens West 379 6th Avenue West Bradenton</p> <p>Safe Children Coalition 5729 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton</p> <p>Manatee Glens Administration 391 6th Avenue West Bradenton</p> <p>Manatee Glens Sarasota 4010 Sawyer Road Sarasota</p> <p>Manatee Glens North Port 13801 Tamiami Trail Suite A North Port Information & Appointments 941.782.4150 www.ManateeGlens.org</p>	<p>Specializing in mental health and addictions so that health and wellness are possible for every family. Counselors provide individual and group therapy for children, adolescents, adults and seniors, as well as family and marriage therapy and parent education. Manatee Glens accepts most major insurance, including Medicare and TRICARE. If you have questions about how your insurance applies, you may discuss your options by contacting 941-782-4150 or email: info@manateeglens.org or with the Addiction Center Liaison (941-782-4617) or email: addictioninfo@manateeglens.org. Manatee Glens partners with financing companies willing to underwrite your care. Payment plans are also available. The Manatee Glens Scholarship Program was established to assist families/individuals in their quest for a better future because everyone deserves a chance for health and wellness no matter what their financial status.</p>
<p>Mental Health Community Centers, Inc.</p>	<p>Beacon House 1680 C South Tamiami Trail Venice 941.496.4934 www.BeaconHouseCampus.com</p> <p>Anchor House 19503 S W Villages Parkway Unit A4 North Port 941.423.9898</p> <p>Prospect House 240 B South Tuttle Avenue Sarasota 941.953.3477</p> <p>Selby House 513 Easy Hickory Street Arcadia 863.993.9266</p>	<p>Non-clinical support services for adults with mental illness and/or disabling emotional problems. Drop-in centers provide support groups, peer counseling, assistance with daily living skill, job-training and social rehabilitation. Hours: Mon - Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm</p>

Military Operation Troop Support (MOTS)	MOTS, Lakewood Business Park, 4301 32nd St W, Suite C20, Bradenton 941.782-0748	Provides support to Manatee and Sarasota County Deployed troops to the Middle East and their families before, during and after deployment.
Psych America - Big Bear Behavioral Health Services Across Florida	Sarasota - Manatee County Email: <i>Referrals@bigbearcounseling.org</i> 800.840.2528	Services for children, adolescents and adults. Treatment and therapy available for a variety of issues. Accepts Medicaid, KidCare, and other HMO's and self-pay. Must not have private insurance. We established our community involvement (C.I.) program to help our clients who are in financial need of help. Monthly gift cards are mailed to the parent for basic necessities. If you think you are in need of this service, please consult with your therapist. Please know that this program is not guaranteed.
Salvation Army	1204 Tamiami Trl Bradenton 941.748.5110 1400 10th St Sarasota 941.954.4673 1051 Albee Farm Rd Venice 941.484.6227 The United Way: 211 or 308-HELP (308.4357)	We assist with food, clothing, and financial help with rent, electricity, utilities, or medical. Other types of assistance include transportation, shelter and school supplies for children. We also offer Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance. Summer, Christmas & Spring Camp Programs are available along with Christian After School Care. *Scholarships May be Available. We are prepared to respond to emergency disasters at a moment's notice, when needed and at any time. By appointment only.
Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast	3224 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota 941.926.2959 www.samaritangulfcoast.com	Assists individuals, families, businesses, not-for-profit organizations and congregations within our community. Our services include: Individual Psychotherapy for Children and Adults, Couples Counseling, Employee Assistance Programs (EAP), Pre-Marital Counseling, Family Therapy, Pastoral Counseling, Family Mediation, Psychological Assessment, Clergy Continuing Education, Programs for Congregations, Grief Counseling, and Workshops Tailored to the Needs of Your Small Group or Workplace. Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm. <i>Other Hours Available By Appointment.</i>

<p>Sarasota Vet Center <i>*Veterans, Spouses, and Children in household only.</i></p>	<p>4801 Swift Rd, #A Sarasota 941.927.8285 877.927.8387 The Mobile Vet Centers (MVCs) of the Department of Veterans Affairs provides readjustment counseling and information resources to Veterans across the country. http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/</p>	<p>Vet Centers across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. Services for a Veteran may include individual and group counseling in: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and Military Sexual Trauma (MST.) All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential. Hours: Mon-Sat 8:00am - 4:30pm.</p>
<p>SPARCC - Safe Place & Rape Crisis Center</p>	<p>Sarasota Outreach & Administration 2139 Main Street Sarasota 941.365.0208 24/7 Hotline: 941.365.1976 Venice Outreach Office <i>(by appointment only)</i> 1531 Tamiami Trail South, Suite 702-A Venice 941.492.3752 Arcadia Outreach Office 107 West Oak Street, Suite #202 Arcadia 863.494.4948 North Port Outreach <i>(by appointment only)</i> 6919 Outreach Way, B103 North Port 941.429.3720 SPARCC's Treasure Chest Thrift Store 1426 Fruitville Road Sarasota 941.953.7800 http://sparcc.net/</p>	<p>24-hr Hotline, emergency shelter, safety planning, crisis intervention counseling, hospital and court advocacy and accompaniment, information and referrals, economic empowerment, children's services, case/service management, community education presentations, and professional training. All of SPARCC's programs and services are confidential and provided free of charge. When survivors of violence seek for safety and security at SPARCC, they often do so without financial resources. In addition to shelter, we provide food and other basic necessities to these families in their time of crisis. SPARCC participants receive vouchers to shop for the items they need. SPARCC collects used cell phones to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Donated cell phones are refurbished and programmed to serve as 911 phones to help those in crisis.</p>

<p>Suncoast Center for Independent Living</p>	<p>3281 17th St Sarasota 941.351.9545 www.SCIL4u.org</p>	<p>A nonprofit organization providing services to people with disabilities within Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Our goal is to empower people with disabilities to take charge of their lives and guide them through their own destinies. Services are free of charge and provided to people with disabilities of all ages. SCIL provides information and assistance with applying for social security benefits, appeals processes, discrimination, housing information, Medicaid benefits, ADA consultations, and self-advocacy. Some programs are: Peer Mentoring, Independent Living Skills Training, Tobacco Cessation Classes, Medical Equipment Loans, Computer Equipment Loans, Support Groups, and Building of Portable Modular Ramps. Hours: Mon - Fri from 8am - 5pm</p>
<p>Tidewell Hospice</p>	<p>Administration Office 5955 Rand Blvd Sarasota 941.552.7500 Administration (Education & HR) 6310 Capital Dr., Suite 100 Lakewood Ranch 941.552.5900 Toll free – 866.833.3753 7 Sarasota County Locations 6 Manatee County Locations 2 Desoto County Locations 5 Charlotte County Locations www.Tidewell.org</p>	<p>Tidewell believes that a selection of care and service options along a healthcare continuum provides choice and easy access to those seeking hospice care and palliative support. Emphasizing patient choice and dignity, Tidewell provides its services to all, regardless of race, creed, culture, gender, sexual orientation or ability to pay. Tidewell is committed to the advancement of services that support the ebb and flow that are a normal part of life's journey and to optimizing comfort for patients and families. Through education and research, Tidewell fosters the advancement of hospice care and palliative services on the local, state and national levels. Tidewell maintains fiduciary responsibility to develop the financial resources necessary to fulfill its mission.</p>
<p>United Way Manasota</p>	<p>United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, Inc. 1800 2nd Street, Suite #102 Sarasota Referral Line: 211 via landline only or 941.308.4357 via anywhere. https://211suncoast.comunities.org/cms/</p>	<p>Let the specialist know what type of problem you are having and you will then referred to an agency or program that can help. Some areas of assistance include: Emergency food assistance, Addiction, Domestic abuse, Foreclosure assistance, Legal help, Food stamps, Mental health counseling, Family counseling, Emergency clothing, Shelters, Children services, Elder help...and the list goes on! All services are FREE!</p>

EDUCATION

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Adult & Community Enrichment: School County Technical Institute	Sarasota 4748 Beneva Rd 941.361.6590 North Port 6400 Price Blvd 941.257.2252 ext. 66373 Venice 409 Bahama Street 941.486.2164 www.ACE-Sarasota.com	Offers classes in: Arts, Awareness, Culinary Arts, De-clutter Your Life, Games and Sports, Home & Garden, Languages, Language Arts, Money and Small Business, One Day Workshops, Technology, Travel, Online Florida Traffic School and More.
Children First	1723 N Orange Ave Sarasota 941.953.3877 www.ChildrenFirst.net	Early Head Start, Head Start, Early Childhood Education, Families First Institute Programs include the Nurturing Dads Initiative (with over 1,800 graduates), Career Readiness for Women and Grand Champions (for grandparents and other relatives raising young family members). Elaine's Kids provides culturally sensitive early childhood educational opportunities for children and families for which English is their second language. Additionally, all families are assigned a Family Advocate, ensuring that the entire family's basic needs are being met at home and school. Family Advocates provide support and referrals that may involve housing, food, clothing, employment, or health care needs.
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Florida Department of Education	600 8th Avenue West, Suite 201 Palmetto 941.721.2850 3660 N Washington Blvd, Suite 216 Sarasota 941.359.5670 897 E Venice Ave, Rm. 134 Venice 941.486.2682 x4125 http://www.rehabworks.org/	A federal-state program that helps people who have physical or mental disabilities get or keep a job, the VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers. In addition to the general customer employment program, VR has additional specific programs designed to help eligible people with disabilities become employed.

<p>FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid</p>	<p>Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC): 800.433.3243</p> <p>TTY (for the hearing impaired): 800.730.8913</p> <p>Locations without access to 800 numbers: 319.337.5665 Mon – Fri: 8am – 11pm Sat: 8am – 5pm https:// studentaidedu.org https://fafsa.ed.gov//</p>	<p>Federal Student Aid is responsible for managing the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. These programs provide grants, loans, and work-study funds to students attending college or career school. Aid is available for serving in the military or for being the spouse or child of a veteran, tax benefits for education, an Education Award for community service with AmeriCorps, Educational and Training Vouchers for current and former foster care youth, and/or scholarships and loan repayment through the Department of Health and Human Services' Indian Health Service, National Institutes of Health, and National Health Service Corps.</p>
<p>Forty Carrots</p>	<p>1500 S Tuttle Ave Sarasota 941.365.7716 www.FortyCarrots.org</p>	<p>Pre School scholarships available, VPK offered in the summer only. Child and family therapy offered to ages 1- 18 on a sliding scale.</p>
<p>Goodwill Manasota</p>	<p>locations throughout Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto & Hardee counties 941.355.2721 www.ExperienceGoodwill.org</p>	<p>We provide community rooms for public use and offer a variety of FREE classes such as language and literacy courses, computer skills, arts and crafts, jewelry making, scrapbooking and others.</p>
<p>Literacy Council of Sarasota</p>	<p>1750 17th St, Bldg K-3 Sarasota 941.955.0421 www.LiteracySrqVP.wix.com/Sarasota</p>	<p>Teaching through one-on-one and small group tutoring that enables adults to acquire reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills to meet the demands of daily life, to improve their potential for fulfilling employment, and to enhance the quality of life for themselves and their families. M-F 10am - 2 pm.</p>
<p>Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County</p>	<p>300 S Nokomis Ave Venice 941.488.8994 www.literacychangeslives.org</p>	<p>Promotes literacy among adults to increase their language skills in speaking, reading, and writing English. Through one-to-one and small group instruction, offered free of charge, we enable adults to achieve their personal, family, and job-related goals. Real life communication is stressed in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) with attention to both the student's speaking skills and their ability to listen and understand.</p>

Manatee Reads!	1704 Tamiami Trail Suite 5 Bradenton 941.746.8197 www.manatee-literacy.org	Volunteer-based nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the level of functional literacy of adults in Manatee county by teaching English speaking natives speakers to read and write better and speakers of other languages to read, write and communicate in English. Services that are provided are confidential and free of charge.
North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd North Port 941.423.8558 941.257.2252	ESOL - Provides instruction for adults to improve their English in reading, writing, speaking and listening.
Sarasota Housing Authority	269 South Osprey Ave Sarasota 941.361.6210 http://www.sarasotahousing.org/	The mission of the Resident Services Department is to offer training, employment and educational opportunities to assist residents of the Sarasota Housing Authority, public housing, housing choice voucher, and NSP renters in realizing economic self-sufficiency. Self-sufficiency is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD.)
SCTI - Sarasota Technical College	4748 Beneva Rd Sarasota 941.219.4373 suncoast.edu.org	Provides quality technical education to meet workforce development and community needs. ESOL and Citizenship Preparation. Night and Day classes are available.
State College of Florida	5840 26th St W Bradenton 941.752.5000 7131 Professional Pkwy E Lakewood Ranch 941.363.7203 8000 S Tamiami Trl Venice 941.408.1300 www.SCF.edu	SCF is the region's first and largest public college, with campuses in Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch and Venice, and online via elearning opportunities. SCF has expanded its mission to include workforce baccalaureate degrees while continuing to focus on highly respected associate degrees that prepare graduates for university transfer and professional careers. The Corporate and Community Development Division offers year-round noncredit classes in workforce training, small business development, professional development, personal enrichment and driving safety through workshops, seminars, online classes and on-site training programs at area businesses.

<p>The Rotary Futures College Resource Center</p>	<p>Venice High School #1 Indian Avenue Venice 941.480.3178 http://rotaryfutures.org/</p>	<p>Provides post-secondary education services and resources and/or training by linking education, career and life opportunities. The Rotary Futures College Resource Center developed and implemented the first local & national scholarship database. The Student Scholarship Management System (SSMS) now houses over 900 scholarships valued at over \$70 million.</p>
<p>Tutorial Assistance Program AD and Reservist only</p>	<p>Department of Veterans Affairs National Call Center: 888.442.4551 http://www.benefits.va.gov/gi_bill/tutorial_assistance.asp</p>	<p>The monthly rate of tutorial assistance may not exceed the cost of tutoring or \$100. The maximum amount payable is \$1,200. This is a supplement to your regular education benefit. Tutorial assistance is available if you are receiving VA educational assistance. Even on top of the GI Bill Tuition Assistance, at the half-time or greater rate and have a deficiency in a subject, making tutoring necessary.</p>
<p>United Way Manasota</p>	<p>United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, Inc. 1800 2nd Street, Suite #102 Sarasota Referral Line: 211 via landline only or 941.308.4357 via anywhere. https://211suncoast.communityos.org/cms/</p>	<p>Let the specialist know what type of problem you are having and you will then referred to an agency or program that can help. Some areas of assistance include: Emergency food assistance, Addiction, Domestic abuse, Foreclosure assistance, Legal help, Food stamps, Mental health counseling, Family counseling, Emergency clothing, Shelters, Children services, Elder help...and the list goes on! All services are FREE!</p>
<p>V.A. Education Bill</p>		<p>The GI bill provides educational assistance to service members, Veterans and their dependents.</p>
<p>VA Education Work Study OJT: Veterans Program (On the Job Training) <i>*Veteran, Eligible dependents, or National Call to Service Participants only.</i></p>	<p>Department of Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits P.O. Box 8888 Muskogee, OK. 74402-8888 National Call Center: 888.442.4551 http://www.benefits.va.gov/gi_bill/workstudy.asp</p>	<p>If you're a full-time or 3/4-time student in a college degree, vocational, or professional program, you can "earn while you learn" with a VA work-study allowance while using VA Educational benefits. You'll earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your State minimum wage, whichever is greater. VA will pay you each time you complete 50 hours of service.</p>

<p>VA Voc Rehab Program <i>*Veteran, Eligible dependents, or National Call to Service Participants only.</i></p>	<p>Department of Veterans Affairs National Call Center: 727.319.7902 http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp</p>	<p>Have received, or will receive a discharge that is other than dishonorable & have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10%, or a memorandum rating of 20% or more from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). To help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist Veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.</p>
<p>Women's Resource Center of Manatee County: Career Closet</p>	<p>1926 Manatee Ave W Bradenton 941.747.6797 340 S Tuttle Ave Sarasota 941.366.1700 www.thewomensresourcecenter.org</p>	<p>Assists with employment, mental health counseling, and support group services. Also offers training in our computer lab to help you become more comfortable with basic technology. Introduction to e-mail, the Internet, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. The Women's Resource Center offers a wide range of programs that change month by month, please call for pre-registration information. Other classes include: A 5-week program that teaches practical parenting skills, quarterly seminars presented by attorney Robert Marble on divorce and legal processes, Evaluating Unhealthy Relationships, quarterly seminars presented by Arlene Moore CFP and certified Divorce Planner on divorce and finances.</p>
<p>Yellow Ribbon Program <i>*Veterans only</i></p>	<p>Department of Veterans Affairs National Call Center: 888.442.4551 http://www.benefits.va.gov/GBILL/yellow_ribbon.asp</p>	<p>Only Veterans entitled to the maximum benefit rate, or their designated transferees may receive this funding if the Service member is qualified at 100%. Active duty Service members and their spouses are not eligible for this program. The program allows approved institutions of higher learning and the VA to partially or fully fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed the established thresholds under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.</p>

EDUCATION - GED

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Manatee County Libraries	Bradenton, Holmes Beach, Palmetto, and Ellenton. 941.748.5555 http://www.mymanatee.org/	The Manatee County Public Library System, a division of the Manatee County Neighborhood Services Department, proudly serves our patrons and community with six locations, online resources, and outreach services. Each month the Central Library hosts agencies from around Manatee County that will help you with job search, resume writing, training and job counseling.
MTI - Manatee Technical College	6305 State Road 70 East Bradenton 941.751.7900 www.ManateeTech.edu	Post-secondary adult, career and technical education center. With industry input, MTC provides training for adults in high-wage, high-demand careers. MTIC also offers classes to adults seeking to earn their GED or to learn English, as well as continuing education and non-credit enrichment classes.
Sarasota County Libraries	Various Locations: Englewood, Osprey, North Port, Sarasota, and Venice 941.861.5000 http://www.suncat.co.sarasota.fl.us/	The Sarasota County Library System offers equal access to information, fosters lifelong learning and inspires community engagement. Some programs are: Books-by-Mail, GED study guides as well as manuals and CD's, Talking Books, eBooks, Book Clubs, Literacy Programs, and more!
SCTI - Sarasota Technical College	Sarasota and Venice 941.924.1365 x 62286 www.SCTI.edu North Port 941.257.2252 www.suncoastedu.com	With over 75 acres on site, SCTC offers 39 training programs. Additionally SCTC has an extensive continuing education program which provides training for those currently employed, courses for acquiring or extending professional licenses, and courses specifically designed for local businesses and industries to upgrade skills or meet individual needs. SCTC also offers academic classes for high school diploma or GED and adult English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL). \$45 application/enrollment fee.
SCTI: North Port High School Campus: Adult Continuing Education Courses	6400 West Price Blvd. North Port 941.257.2252 http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/communications/newsroom.aspx?id=45557&blogid=868	Some classes will begin Monday, Jan. 13, 2015. Classes planned for SCTI North Port include Automotive, Business/Computers, Child Care, Construction, Culinary, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) preparation.

EMPLOYMENT

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
CareerSource Suncoast	3660 N Washington Blvd Sarasota 941.358.4200 1112 Manatee Ave E Bradenton 941.714.7449 897 Venice Ave Venice 941.486.2682 http://careersourcesuncoast.com/	Mission is to recruit, train, and retain talent for the Suncoast. Take advantage of free use of computers, fax, printer, and copiers. Will guide you through every step of the process in: Developing a compelling resume, Preparing for interviews, Researching companies and openings, Training for a career that's in high demand, and Attending recruitment events. Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm.
Goodwill Manasota - Job Connection Centers	2705 51st Ave E Bradenton 941.355.2721 Visit our website for locations www.ExperienceGoodwill.org	Goodwill serves Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee and DeSoto counties. Goodwill's Job Connection Offices help provide free job placement services to individuals seeking community – based jobs and assist employers in finding qualified candidates. Helps participants assess their career goals, prepare strong resumes and cover letters, identify prospective employers and conduct successful interviews. The Veterans Services Program provides similar services for Veterans in need of employment assistance and connects them with local employers interested in hiring Veterans. For locations, and more information, visit experiencegoodwill.org .
Goodwill Manasota - Veterans Services Program	2705 51st Ave E Bradenton 941.355.2721 Visit our website for locations www.ExperienceGoodwill.org	The Veterans Services Program provides full case management and vocational services that addresses barriers to employment, disabilities, mental health issues, education and training housing and also helps Veterans navigate the wide array of available programs
MTI - Manatee Technical College	6305 State Road 70 East Bradenton 941.751.7900 www.ManateeTech.edu	Post-secondary adult, career and technical education center. With industry input, MTC provides training for adults in high-wage, high-demand careers. MTC also offers classes to adults seeking to earn their GED or to learn English, as well as continuing education and non-credit enrichment classes.

<p>SCTI - Sarasota County Technical College</p>	<p>Sarasota and Venice 941.924.1365 x 62286 www.SCTI.edu North Port 941.257.2252 www.suncoastedu.com</p>	<p>With over 75 acres on site, SCTC offers 39 training programs. Additionally, SCTC has an extensive continuing education program which provides training for those currently employed, courses for acquiring or extending professional licenses, and courses specifically designed for local businesses and industries to upgrade skills or meet individual needs. SCTC also offers academic classes for high school diploma or GED and adult English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL). \$45 application/enrollment fee.</p>
<p>Suncoast Workforce</p>	<p>3660 N Washington Blvd Sarasota 941.358.4200 1112 Manatee Ave E Bradenton 941.714.7449 897 Venice Ave Venice 941.486.2682 www.careersource.com</p>	<p>Full service Career Center if you are looking for a new career or need training to qualify for a job. There are resources and tools to keep your skills up-to-date and keep moving forward in your career.</p>
<p>United Way Manasota</p>	<p>United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, Inc. 1800 2nd Street, Suite #102 Sarasota Referral Line: 211 via landline only or 941.308.4357 via anywhere. https://211suncoast.comunities.org/cms/</p>	<p>Let the specialist know what type of problem you are having and you will then referred to an agency or program that can help. Some areas of assistance include: Emergency food assistance, Addiction, Domestic abuse, Foreclosure assistance, Legal help, Food stamps, Mental health counseling, Family counseling, Emergency clothing, Shelters, Children services, Elder help...and the list goes on! All services are FREE!</p>
<p>Women's Resource Center of Manatee County: Career Closet</p>	<p>1926 Manatee Ave W Bradenton 941.747.6797 www.WRCManatee.org</p>	<p>Offers individual one on one appointment with an employment coach to help you with developing a resume and with your job search including interviews, career choices and networking. Assists with employment, mental health counseling, and support group services. The Career Closet at the Women's Resource Center offers a selection of work appropriate clothing for both job interviews and work. The Closet is open Monday to Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Also offers training in our computer lab to help you become more comfortable with basic technology. Introduction to e-mail, the Internet, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.</p>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Caritas House	1651 2nd St Sarasota 941.366.5620	Caritas is a cooperative effort of five churches in downtown Sarasota, providing emergency assistance to those who find themselves in acute financial need. Assistance may comprise of financial help with utility bills (up to \$75), prescription medicines, work boots, bus tickets, clothing, and food from its own pantry. Client interviews are held Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the trailer on the corner of Adelia Avenue and 2nd Street.
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice	Administrative Office: P.O. Box 2116 1000 Pinebrook Road Venice 941.484.9543 941.488.5581 Sarasota and Manatee Counties 941.355.4680 www.CatholicCharitiesDoV.org	Provides assistance to those who are in-need/throughout the ten-county areas of Southwest Florida. Programs include: Adult Education, Affordable Housing, Benefit Applications ACCESS, Florida, Clothing, Counseling, Disaster Response, Early Education, Financial Assistance, Food Programs, HIV/AIDS Services, Housing Counseling, Human Trafficking, Immigration Services, Mothers and Children, Refugee Services, Senior Services, The Sugar Bowl Fund, Youth Education and Mentoring.
Church of the Redeemer: Episcopal Thrift House	222 S Palm Ave Sarasota 941.955.4263 www.redeemersarasota.org	Will help with financial assistance in small increments.
Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.	700 Dearborn Rd Englewood 941.474.5864 http://www.Englewoodhelpinghand.org/	For things such as food stamps, Medicaid, housewares, clothing, and furniture, as well as rent and utility payments, prescription medications, temporary housing, and food assistance. By Referral Only Hours: Mon - Thurs From 10am - 2:30pm.
First Presbyterian Church	2050 Oak St Sarasota Church Office: 941.955.8119 http://firstpressarasota.org/	

<p>Florida Department of Children and Families ACCESS (Automated Community Connection to Economic Self Sufficiency)</p>	<p>6919 Outreach Way North Port 941.429.3700 866.762.2237 http://www.myflorida.com/accesflorida/</p>	<p>The Economic Self-Sufficiency Program helps to promote strong and economically self-sufficient communities by determining eligibility for food, cash and medical assistance for individuals and families on the road to economic recovery. Hours: 8:00 - 4:30, Assisted 9:00 - 2:00 Days: Mon - Thurs - Assisted Friday - Non Assisted</p>
<p>JFCS - Jewish Family & Children's Services of Sarasota-Manatee: Building Strong Families/Homeless Prevention</p>	<p>Main Campus: 2688 Fruitville Road Sarasota Satellite Offices: South County Human Services Center 7810 S. Tamiami Trail Ste. A-7 Venice Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center 1750 17th Street, Ste. C-3 Sarasota For Appointment: 941.366.2224 www.JFCS-Cares.org</p>	<p>JFCS serves the following constituents in our community: Seniors, Caregivers, Veterans, Adults, Children and Adolescents, and Families. Some of the many programs they offer are: Financial Assistance and Homelessness Prevention There are 16 locations throughout the community. In addition to our three main locations, programs are held at local schools, synagogues, churches and other community venues. Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Salvation Army</p>	<p>1204 Tamiami Trl Bradenton 941.748.5110 1400 10th St Sarasota 941.954.4673 1051 Albee Farm Rd Venice 941.484.6227 The United Way: 211 or 941.308-HELP (308.4357) http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org</p>	<p>We assist with food, clothing, and financial help with rent, electricity, utilities, or medical. Other types of assistance include transportation, shelter and school supplies for children. We also offer Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance. Summer, Christmas & Spring Camp Programs are available along with Christian After School Care. *Scholarships May be Available. We are prepared to respond to emergency disasters at a moment's notice, when needed and at any time. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. *for referral regarding rent, electricity, utilities, or other financial assistance. Food assistance does not need appt.</p>
<p>United Way Manasota</p>	<p>United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, Inc. Referral Line: 211 via landline only or 941.308.4357 https://211suncoast.comunities.org/cms/</p>	<p>Let the specialist know what type of problem you are having and you will then be referred to an agency or program that can help.</p>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - MEDICAL

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Children's Medical Services	6055 Rand Blvd Sarasota 941.361.6250 800.235.9717 http://www.cms-kids.com	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm. A collection of programs for eligible children with special needs. A variety of services for expecting moms, newborn babies, infants and toddlers, school-aged children, adolescents and young adults. All services provided by highly qualified physicians, nurses, social workers and other health care providers around the state.
Florida KidCare	888.540.5437 Or Apply online at: www.FloridaKidCare.org	State health insurance for children from birth through age 18, even if one or both parents are working. Some of the services Florida KidCare covers are: Doctor visits, Check-ups and shots, Hospital visits, Surgery, Prescriptions, Emergencies, Vision and hearing, Dental, and Mental health. Most families pay \$15 or \$20 a month. Premiums and qualifications based on age and family income.

FOOD

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
All Faith's Food Bank <i>*Veterans only</i>	8171 Blaikie Crt Sarasota 941.379.6333 www.AllFaithsFoodBank.org	Tuesdays from 10 am to noon, volunteers set up a distribution at the Food Bank for Veterans to stop by and pick up a week's worth of food that includes fresh produce, dairy, bread and frozen meat for FREE! Must show DD214, Military ID or VA ID.
Angels Attic: A Ministry of Hope	1255 Seeds Ave. Sarasota 941.266.5139	Angel's Attic is licensed as a food distributing ministry through the All Faiths Food Bank.
Beneva Christian Church	4835 Beneva Rd Sarasota 941.924.8713 Call 211 for referral http://www.benevachristian.com/	Fri only 3pm-5pm. Each month, we serve over 100 families and give out more than 5000 pounds of meats, dairy, fruits, vegetables and canned goods.
Caritas Church	1651 2nd St Sarasota 941.366.5620	Walk-ins welcome with valid ID 9 a.m. through 11 p.m. M-F
Center of Hope	110 East Colonial Lane 941.412.9044	Food pantry for Venice, Laurel, Nokomis, Osprey, Englewood and North Port Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m.- 12p.m.
Church of Hope (formerly New Beginnings)	1701 10th St W Palmetto 941.531.3266 www.hope.cc.com	Food Pantry - Tues only 9:30am -10:30am. Line starts at 7:30am.
Church of the Palms	3224 Bee Ridge Rd Sarasota 941.924.1323 Call 211 for referral	Food pantry providing canned/package goods for temporary food assistance. Must have photo ID and/or social security cards for each member of household.
Dollar Dynasty, Inc.	1922 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Sarasota 941.955.8091 Email: info@dollardynasty.org	Fri only 10am - 4pm. Also provides clothing.
Englewood Bible Church	501 Yale St Englewood 941.473.9664	2nd & 4th Sat only. Starting at 10:30 a.m. Englewood residents only.
First Christian Church	7601 SR 72/Clark Rd Sarasota 941.922.4434	Fri only 3pm - 5pm.
Friendship Baptist Church	5700 Palmer Blvd Sarasota 941.371.2301	Every 4th Tues of the month, 10am.

Gulf Coast Assembly Church of God	2800 Pan American Blvd North Port 941.468.8010	Sun only 1pm - 3pm.
Harvest Tabernacle	209 N Lime Ave Sarasota 941.953.3559	Thurs only 10am - 1pm. Saturday 12:30pm through 2:00 p.m.
Laurel Civic Association	509 Collins Rd Laurel 941.483.3338	
Meals On Wheels	421 N Lime Ave Sarasota 941.366.6693 www.MealsOnWheelsOfSarasota.org	MOW is not a program for the poor, although many of their clients are low-income residents - they serve people in need. From the financially disadvantaged to the person recuperating from an injury, everyone in need will be fed. Service area is from University Parkway to Blackburn Point Road and from I-75 all the way to Siesta and Longboat Keys.
Meals On Wheels PLUS of Manatee	811 23rd Ave E Bradenton 941.747.4655 www.MealsOnWheelsPLUS.org	The mission of Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. is to assist individuals to live independently by providing nutrition and caring supportive services.
New Life Worship Center of Sarasota	8010 Fruitville Rd Sarasota 941.378.0885	Wednesdays only 5pm - 6pm.
Our Daily Bread: Food Pantry	701 17th Ave W Bradenton 941.745.2992	This is a soup kitchen that provides meals to the homeless and struggling families in the Bradenton community.
Our Fathers Cupboard/ Community of Christ	5817 33rd St E Bradenton 941.756.8276	Food pantry 3rd Sat, 10am - 12pm. For anyone who needs food.
Resurrection House	507 Kumquat Crt Sarasota 941.365.3759	Breakfast daily 7am. Boxed lunch on Sat 11am.
Salvation Army Manatee	1204 14th Street West Bradenton 34205 941.748.5110	Call 941.748.5110 ext. 130 to speak with a case worker. Need a SS or birth certificate for everyone in the house.
Salvation Army Sarasota	1051 Albee Farm Rd Sarasota 941.484.6227	Food Pantry Hours: 9am – 12pm, closed for lunch opening again from 1pm – 4pm
St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Food Pantry	3100 26th St W Bradenton 941.758.1244 No call needed, just walk in	Mon - Fri 9am - 12pm, Wed 5pm - 7pm. For families in need of emergency food and clothing. Located in the Retreat House, on the south side of the church, and is available one time per month for 6 months.

St. Jude's Catholic Church	3930 17th St Sarasota 941.955.3934	Fri only 8am - 8:30am. Picture ID needed to qualify.
St. Nathaniel's Church	4200 S Biscayne Dr North Port 941.426.2520	1st Fri 9am, 3rd Thurs 3pm. Also provides clothing.
St. Paul Lutheran Church	2256 Bahia Vista St Sarasota 941.955.6479	Sat only 9am - 10:30am.
Trinity Presbyterian Church	4365 SR 776 Venice 941.492.6384	Mon, Tues, Thurs 10:30am - 3pm. Ministry of the homeless and low income families - community assistance.
Trinity United Methodist Church of North Port	4285 Wesley Lane North Port 941.426.1734	Call United Way for referral letter
United Way	Call 211 for referral	Food referral program.
Venice Church of Nazarene	1535 E Venice Ave Venice 941.488.5007	Must register at 5:30pm on Sunday and stay for the 6:00pm service to receive food.
WIC - Women, Infants and Children: Sarasota County Health Department	7820 S Tamiami Trl, Bldg B Venice 941.492.3836	Mon - Thurs 8am -11am, 1pm - 3:30pm.

FOOD - PET

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Cat Depot - Pet Food Pantry	941.366-2404 2542 17th Street, Sarasota 34234	Basic Requirements to Receive Food: proof of income, verified with one or more of the following items: State or federally funded welfare program, Food Stamps, Social Security, SSI Disability, Unemployment, Pay stubs (to verify income meets guidelines), Photo identification. Distribution is based on a first come, first serve basis.
Suncoast Humane Society - Pet Food Pantry	6781 San Casa Drive Englewood, FL 34224	Suncoast Humane Society understands that due to financial constraints, pet owners may need more assistance in getting food for their pets. You may visit our animal care center located at 6781 San Casa Drive to fill out an application for assistance to receive dog or cat food on a monthly basis until no longer needed. Due to the limited supply of pet food, Suncoast Humane Society is forced to evaluate each request on an individual basis.

<p>The Humane Society of Manatee County - Pet Food Pantry</p>	<p>2515 14th Street W Bradenton 34205 941 747-8808</p>	<p>Food is distributed Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. each week. Applicants must show proof of spay/neuter or must agree to spay or neuter their animals. HSMC can assist through their clinic. The quantity of pet food received will depend upon the number of owned pets (cats and dogs only), their size, and the available supply at the time of request. Requests for specific food types will be considered (i.e. senior, large breed, etc.), however, HSMC will only be able to provide what is available from donated supplies. HSMC reserves the right to deny food to anyone under any circumstances or to make exceptions based on individual need. Food provided through this service may not be resold; if HSMC determines that food has been resold, the household and each of its members will no longer benefit from the program. Service recipients must pick up food from HSMC. HSMC offers temporary pet food assistance; this service is not intended to supply food permanently. The HSMC Pet Pantry accepts donations of all kinds of unopened cat and dog food.</p>
<p>The Humane Society Of Sarasota County - Pet Pantry Program</p>	<p>2331 15th Street Sarasota, FL 34237 Phone: 941.955.4131 Fax: 941.955.3715</p>	<p>Food is distributed on Wednesdays from 11am until 2pm. Each person will receive a one 5 pound bag of food per pet (up to 2 pets). In order to help as many pets as possible, there is a limit of one pick up, one time a month for a total of one year (12 months). Applicants must provide ID with proof of Sarasota County residence, government assistance, and proof that their animals are spayed or neutered. HSSC will provide information on low cost spay/neuter programs, if necessary. HSSC reserves the right to limit or deny this service.</p>

HEALTHCARE

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
All Children's Specialty Care	5881 Rand Blvd Sarasota 941.927.8805 www.AllKids.org	Outpatient facility providing a continuing of care for kids with complex medical problems.
Blake Medical Center	2020 59th St W Bradenton 941.792.6611	Hospital with heart institution, cancer treatment, radiation, oncology, rehab center and respiratory therapy.
Children's Health Center	1750 17th St Bldg E Sarasota 941.861.1400	Services for children birth through age 17, for income eligible families. Services provided on a sliding scale fee. Medicaid accepted.
Children's Medical Services	6055 Rand Blvd Sarasota 941.361.6250	A comprehensive system of care for children with special health care needs. Birth to age 21 years. M-F 8am-5pm. Accepts Florida KidCare and Medicaid Safety Net Program.
Doctor's Hospital of Sarasota	5731 Bee Ridge Rd Sarasota 941.342.1100	
Genesis Health Center: Newtown	3333 N Washington Blvd, Bldg 3 Sarasota 941.957.1970	For individuals and families who are uninsured or indigent. Emphasis on preventive medicine; provides primary medical, female health, dental and mental health services. \$45 initial visit fee.
Gulf Medical Center: Walk in/Family	1869 S Tamiami Trl Venice 941.497.0377	Mon - Fri (except Wed) 8am - 5pm. No Medicaid accepted.
Lakewood Ranch Medical Center	8330 Lakewood Ranch Blvd Bradenton 941.782.2100	
Manatee Memorial Hospital	206 2nd St E Bradenton 941.745.7471	
North Port Health Center: Health Department	6950 Outreach Way North Port 941.861.3820	Primary and preventative health care for adults and children, sick and well care.
Sarasota County Health Department	2200 Ringling Blvd Sarasota 941.861.2900	Veterans' affairs, pediatrics, dental care, HIV, pharmacy, vital records, women's health, WIC/nutrition, healthy start.
Sarasota Family Medical Clinic	6813 Tamiami Trl Sarasota 941.923.5861	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm, Sat 9am - 3pm. Walk-in clinic, primary care physician, no Medicaid accepted, all ages.

Sarasota Medical Center	4450 S Tamiami Trl Sarasota 941.927.1234	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm, Sat - Sun 8am - 11am. Walk-ins accepted, school physicals offered
Sarasota Memorial Hospital: Community Medical Clinic	1700 S Tamiami Trail Sarasota 941.917.6364 www.SMH.com	
The Florida Center for Early Childhood	4620 17th St Sarasota 941.371.8820 Northport 941.371.8820 ext. 900	Pregnant mom or babies, enroll before 3 months old, weekly home visits, parent education.
Veterans Administration Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) <i>*Veterans only</i>	5682 Bee Ridge Rd Sarasota 941.371.3349 5520 Florida 64 Bradenton 941.721.0649 5901 U.S. Highway 27 S Sebring 863.471.6227	
Veterans Administration: Bay Pines VA Healthcare System <i>*Veterans only</i>	10000 Bay Pines Blvd Bay Pines 727.398.6661 888.820.0230	To honor America's veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being.

HEALTHCARE - DENTAL

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Dental Services-Urgent Care Facility	600 N Cattleman Sarasota 941.365.5577	Mon Wed, Fri 9am - 5pm. Full dental service for uninsured. Ages 18 -54
East Manatee Family Health Care	Bradenton 941.708.8710	Dentist financial assistance. Sliding-fee scale based on income for those who qualify.
North Port Health Center: Health Department	6950 Outreach Way North Port 941.861.3820	Primary and preventative health care for adults and children, sick and well care.
Sarasota Health Department (Family Services for Community Residents)	2200 Ringling Blvd Sarasota 941.861.2784	Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm Limited dental, prices set 1/3 of regular costs.
Special Day Foundation, Inc.	PO Box 119 Bradenton Beach 941.225.3103	Provides specialized dental services.

HEALTHCARE - PRESCRIPTION

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services	2502 N Tamiami Trl Nokomis 941.445.5687	Mon 10am - 12 pm. Tues 9am - 2:30 pm. Wed 9 am - 1pm. On site pharmacy Tues 9am - 1pm. Must be a South County Resident. Need a proof of income for free prescriptions.
Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services: North Sarasota Outreach	2801 N Newtown Blvd (inside North Sarasota County Library), Sarasota 941.445.5687	Thurs 10am - 1:30pm community outreach.
Publix	Various Locations Florida www.Publix.com/Pharmacy	Get up to a 14-day supply of the some generic oral antibiotics.
St. Martha's Catholic Church	200 N Orange Ave Sarasota 941.366.4210	9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday
Wal-Mart	Various Locations Florida www.Walmart.com	\$4.00 Generic Drug Program, find list on Walmart.com.

HEALTHCARE – PREGNANCY AND PARENTING

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
CareNet Manasota Pregnancy Center	5111 26th St W Bradenton 941.751.1966	Free pregnancy testing and support. Does not offer abortion services. Offers referrals for Prenatal care. Available to any age group (must bring Photo ID).
Family Planning Clinic: Manatee County Public Health Unit	410 6th Ave E Bradenton 941.748.0747	The Family Planning Program offers a variety of modern methods of birth control as well as pregnancy testing and appropriate referrals.
First Step	1750 17th St #J-2 Sarasota 941.366.5333	Specialized mothers and infants residential program for pregnant substance abuse women ages 13 - 17.
Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota	1750 17th St, Bldg A Sarasota 941.373.7070 www.HealthyStartSarasota.org	Mom Care Program: Services that promote and protect prenatal and infant health.
JFCS - Jewish Family & Children's Services of Sarasota-Manatee	2688 Fruitville Rd Sarasota 941.366.2224 www.JFCS-Cares.org	Healthy Families/Healthy Children - free child care and dinner for participants of the program. Unmarried, pregnant, new babies.
Planned Parenthood of SW Florida	736 Central Ave Sarasota Admin: 941.365.3913 Clinic: 941.953.4060 www.PlannedParenthood.org/ppswcf	Mon - Fri 8:30am - 4pm. Walk-ins and appointments. Birth control, woman's exams, STD/infection testing and treatment.
Planned Parenthood: Manatee Health Center	1105 53rd Ave #201 Bradenton 941.567.3800 www.PlannedParenthood.org	Provides vital sexual health services and comprehensive education to women, men and teens.
Pregnancy Care Center, Inc.	301 Bayshore Dr Venice 941.485.1776	Depending on supplies, the center can offer maternity clothes and after-baby clothing, diapers, formula high chairs, strollers and swings. All help is FREE.
Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center	2451 Bee Ridge Rd Sarasota 941.330.2273 www.SarasotaPregnancy.com	Community resource assistance, pregnancy tests, ultrasound scans, parenting & education. Free and confidential.
WIC - Women, Infants and Children	2200 Ringling Blvd Sarasota 941.861.2929 19503 SW Villages Pkwy North Port 941.851.3336	8am - 11am, 1pm - 3:30pm. Nutrition program for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding or who have children under the age of five. WIC provides services at no cost.

HEALTHCARE - VISION AND HEARING

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
All Children's Specialty Care	5881 Rand Blvd Sarasota 941.927.8805 www.AllKids.org	Audiologists.
Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	1750 17th St, Bldg F Sarasota 941.366.0260	This Center is the only communication, referral and social service agency that serves as a focal point for the deaf, late deafened, deaf/blind, speech impaired and hard of hearing individuals living in Manatee and Sarasota.
Connection Hearing	4046 Cattleman Rd Sarasota 941.342.9228	Mon - Thurs 8am - 5pm, Fri 8am - 4pm. 18 years and up. No Medicaid
Division of Blind Services	600 8th Ave West Palmetto 34221 941.721-2914	Florida's state agency which is responsible for ensuring that people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired can live independently.
Manasota Lighthouse	7318 N Tamiami Trl Sarasota/Manatee 941.359.1404 www.LighthouseOfManasota.org	1st and 3rd Fri 1:30pm - 3pm. Support groups for blind and visually handicapped.
Venice and Englewood Lions Clubs	Venice/Englewood/Nokomis 941.486.6065	Free eye care and hearing screening for low income residents of Venice, Englewood and Nokomis.

HOMELESSNESS AND SHELTERS

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Bethesda House: St Martha Catholic Church	1670 4th St Sarasota 941.366.1886 www.stmartha.org	Day center founded by the Diocese of Venice to respond to the physical, social, and spiritual need of HIV infected persons. Food Pantry Hours: M - F 4:00am to 9:30am. Laundry and shower facilities available. We also offer Intensive case management hours M- T 8:30 - 4:00 om and Friday 8:30 am - 1 pm.
Casa San Jose: Diocese of Venice	3900 17th St Sarasota 941.366.1886 www.CatholicCharatiesDOV.org	Provides permanent housing for individuals diagnosed with HIV - AIDS. Must have referral from a medical or in-patient treatment facility.
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice	1000 Pinebrook Rd Venice 941.484.9543 www.CatholicCharitiesDOV.org	Call for specific services offered.
Family Promise Sarasota	Appointments by phone only: 941.952.1800	Families who are newly homeless and have minor children. Not an emergency shelter.
Habitat for Humanity	280 Alligator Dr Venice 941.493.6606 www.HabitatSouthSarasota.org	Helps construct new homes for low income, first time homebuyers through "sweat equity".
Harvest House: Halfway House & Residential Recovery	209 N Lime Ave Sarasota 941.953.3154 www.HarvestHouseCenters.com	Harvest House is a faith based, residential facility for men whose lives have become unmanageable because of drug and alcohol addiction.
JFCS - Jewish Family & Children's Services of Sarasota- Manatee: Building Strong Families	1750 17th St Sarasota 941.366.2224 www.JFCS-Cares.org	Homelessness prevention program.

Operation Military Assistance Program: JFCS - Jewish Family & Children's Services of Sarasota-Manatee <i>*Veterans only</i>	2688 Fruitville Rd Sarasota 941.366.2223 www.JFCS-Cares.org	OMAP is designed to help veterans/veteran families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program is designed to deliver case management, financial assistance, free legal services, housing assistance, and other supports. Counseling available for things like: divorce, job loss, homelessness, mental health, substance abuse, etc.
Schoolhouse Link	4430 Beneva Rd Sarasota 941.923.6100	Transitional shelter.
The Salvation Army	1400 10th St Sarasota 941.954.4673	Provides emergency shelter including breakfast, lunch and dinner served to all. Also provides families in transitional housing program, men's shelter, women's shelter.
The Sarasota YMCA	1084 S Briggs Ave Sarasota 941.955.5596 www.TheSarasotaY.org	Homeless and runaway youth shelter, intended participants homeless youth ages 10 -17 years old.
Veterans Administration: Grants Per Diem Program <i>*Veterans only</i>	<i>Please contact each facility for detailed prerequisites or program.</i> Harvest House (Sarasota) 941.953.3154 Salvation Army (Bradenton) 941.748.5110 Volunteers of America (Bradenton) 941.251.4975 Center of Hope (St. Petersburg) 727.896.3300 Westcare Gulfcoast Florida (St. Petersburg) 727.492.3268 Bolye Center (Clearwater) 727.686.7690 Homeless Emergency Project (Clearwater) 727.442.9041 x.161 Southwest Florida Addiction Services (Ft. Myers) 239.338.2977	Provides up to 2 years of housing through a community agency to veterans currently homeless.

Veterans Administration: Homeless Program Walk-In Clinic <i>*Veterans only</i>	10000 Bay Pines Blvd Bay Pines 727.398.6661 x.4457	Provides homelessness rehabilitation through a two phase program.
Veterans Administration: Homeless Outreach Coordinator <i>*Veterans only</i>	1204 14th St W Bradenton 727.242.4425	Must be assessed by VA staff as requiring the structure and support of a residential treatment environment.

LEGAL AID

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Child Support Enforcement	Arcadia 10 S Desoto Ave Suite D 8 am - 5 pm M-F Bradenton 1115 Manatee Ave 2nd Floor 8 am - 4:30 pm M-F Sarasota 1991 Main Street Suite 140 8 am - 5 pm M-F	Child support assistance.
Florida Abuse Hotline	Florida 800.962.2873 www.reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us.com	Florida's abuse hotline.
Florida BAR Lawyer Referral Service	Florida 800.342.8011 www.floridabar.org	
Gulfcoast Legal Services	1750 17th St, Bldg I Sarasota 941.366.1746 430 12th Street West Bradenton 941.746.6151 www.GulfCoastLegal.org	Provides consultation and representations to low-income and/or elderly individuals with civil legal problems.

Legal Aid of Manasota	1900 Main St #302 Sarasota 941.366.0038	Poverty law, pro-bono program provides free legal assistance to eligible clients through volunteer lawyer participation.
	19503 S West Villages Pkwy North Port/Venice 941.492.4631	
	1101 6th Ave W #111 Bradenton 941.747.1628 www.LegalAidofManasota.org	
Sarasota County Public Defenders	2071 Ringling Blvd, 5th Floor Sarasota 941.861.5500	

RESPIRE CARE

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Caregiver's Support Group at Doctor's Hospital	5731 Bee Ridge Rd Sarasota 888.685.1596	3rd Mon 10am - 11am at Doctors Hospital for anyone responsible for medical care of a family member or loved one with a physical and/or mental disease is welcome to attend. Free and open to the public. No RSVP required.
Children First - Kinship Care Support Group	1723 N Orange Ave Sarasota 941.953.3877 www.ChildrenFirst.net	This is a local support group for any grandparent raising grandchildren or other related caregivers. Childcare is provided.
Easter Seals SW FL	350 Braden Ave Sarasota 941.355.7637 www.EasterSeals-SWFL.org	"Project Rainbow" respite care program for children in four hour increments.
Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Inc.	PO Box 110025 Bradenton 34211 941.928.0682	Respite services, disability awareness, sensitivity training, and advocacy.
Meals On Wheels of Manatee PLUS: Daybreak - Adult Day Services	2703 19th St Cr E Bradenton 941.748.3001 www.MealsOnWheelsPLUS.org	Daybreak provides daytime care for seniors in a pleasant and positive environment that offers activities, meals, and structured, therapeutic programs.

Sarasota Caregiver Counseling & Support Program: Senior Outreach Service/JFCS	2688 Fruitville Rd Sarasota 941.366.2224	This is a program for those with Alzheimer or a related dementia. They assist to reduce stress and increase family support as you care for your loved one living with dementia.
Sarasota/Manatee Respite Services	PO Box 110025 Bradenton 941.704.9223	Providing Respite Care service to families with special needs and disabilities. Serves ages birth to 18 years of age. Services are once a month for 6 hours per visit, unless an alternative funding source is available to be utilized.
Suncoast Center for Independent Living	3281 17th Street Sarasota 941.351.9545 www.SCIL4u.org	Social services, information and referral services, advocacy, counseling, support groups, respite programs, assistive equipment.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Al-Anon Helpline	Sarasota 941.749.1750 www.Al-Anon12.org	Offers strength and hope to friends and family of problem drinkers.
Alcoholics Anonymous	1748 Independence Blvd Sarasota 941.351.4818 www.AASrq.org	Membership is open to anyone who wants to make a change in his/her alcohol drinking habits.
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare	1750 17th St, SuiteG-1 Sarasota 941.953.0000 (outpatient) www.CoastalBH.org	Provides affordable, quality behavioral healthcare services to children, adolescents, adults, seniors and their families who struggle with mental health and substance abuse issues.
First Step	4579 Northgate Court Sarasota 941.366.5333 www.FSOS.org	Serves adults and adolescents (10 - 17) with drug and alcohol problems. Offers detoxification unit, DUI, outpatient counseling, court ordered programs, residential programs, halfway houses.
JFCS - Jewish Family & Children's Services of Sarasota-Manatee	2688 Fruitville Rd Sarasota 941.366.2224 www.JFCS-Cares.org	A collaborative, comprehensive and voluntary interim placement recovery program. Case management services and Family Reunification Counseling.

Lighthouse Addiction Services, LLC	3596 Tamiami Trl, #205 Port Charlotte/Englewood 941.255.5900 www.LighthouseAddiction.com	Treatment program. Outpatient and aftercare treatment provider. Accepts insurance and a sliding-fee scale.
Manatee Glens	941.782.4150 www.ManateeGlens.org	Specializing in mental health and addictions so that health and wellness are possible for every family. Counselors provide individual and group therapy for children, adolescents, adults and seniors, as well as family and marriage therapy and parent education.
The Salvation Army Sarasota Area Command	1400 10th St Sarasota 941.364.8845	Voluntary Interim Placement - Enhanced Recovery (VIP-ER).
Tri County Counseling & Life Skills Center	12543 Tamiami Trail North Port 674 S Tamiami Trail Unit C-7 Osprey 4055 Tamiami Trail Port Charlotte 941.876.3060 www.tri-countycounseling.org	Family counseling, individual counseling, couples counseling, crisis counseling, youth programs, parenting skills.

TRANSPORTATION

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
MCAT Fixed Route	601 13th Street West 941.749.7116 www.MyManatee.org	
SCAT Bus Service	5303 Pinkney Ave Sarasota 941.861.5000 www.SCGgov.net/SCAT	
Take Care Transport	6146 SR 70 E Bradenton 941.923.3434	Provides non-emergency transportation for medical appointments, business needs, or participation in social functions. They offer one-way and round-trip service.
Trinity Presbyterian Church: South Sarasota County	4365 SR 776 Venice 941.492.6384	Mon, Tues, Thurs 10:30am - 3pm. <i>*Bus passes and gas vouchers for homeless only</i>

TRANSITION SERVICES

Organization	Contact	Additional Information
Goodwill Manasota: Veterans Services Program <i>*Veterans and their Families</i>	941.355.2721 x 454 and x 456 www.ExperienceGoodwill.org	Provides full case management and vocational services that addresses barriers to employment, disabilities, mental health issues, education and training housing and also helps Veterans navigate the wide array of available programs.
Loveland Center, Inc.	157 S Havana Road Venice 941.493.0016 www.LovelandCenter.org	Adult day training
Safe Children Coalition	1500 Independence Blvd #210 Sarasota 941.371.4799 www.SafeChildrenCoalition.org	Foster care, adoption, child welfare services including diversion programs, case management, substance abuse counseling.
Special Olympics Sarasota County	PO Box 2112 Venice 941.412.0402 http://specialolympicsflorida.org/sarasota/	Provides year-round sports training and competition to children and adults 8 years of age and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We offer 14 different sports with over 530 athletes.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED		
Organization	Contact	Additional Information
American Ex-POW Association	Manasota Office 4883 Wood Pointe Way Sarasota 941.927.3947	
The American Legion		
Bayshore, FL Post 317	6919 26th St W Bradenton 34207 941.322.1180	
Christopher R. Cobb Memorial, FL Post 312	1610 67th Ave Sarasota 34243 941.758.6616	
Ellenton, FL Post 325	3420 Us Hwy 301 N Ellenton 941.981.3819	
Glen Peters, FL Post 266	5201 Richardson Road Sarasota 34232 941.371.1326	
K, FL Post 11	2124 Desoto Park rd. Arcadia 34266 863.494.6520	
Kirby Stewart, FL Post 24	2000 75th St W Bradenton 941.794.3489	
North Manatee, FL Post 309	2419 Bayshore Rd Palmetto 34221 941.722.8689	
North Port, FL Post 254	6648 Taneytown St North Port 34291 941.423.7311	
No-Vel, FL Post 159	1770 E Venice Ave Venice 34292 941.485.4748	
Sarasota Bay, FL Post 30	4015 N Lockwood Ridge Road Sarasota 34234 941.360.8719	
Siesta Key, FL Post 320	421 Lake of the Woods Dr Venice 34293 941.497.7766	
AMVETS		
Stacy Rhodes	2443 US Hwy 301 N #A Ellenton 34222 941.722.0393	

Terry Corson	7050 Chancellor Blvd North Port 34222 941.492.5403	
Tony Sutkowski	501 Beneva Rd #240 Sarasota 941.954.5598	
Blinded Veterans Association		
Florida Group	3801 Coco Grove Ave Miami 800.669.7079	
Disabled Veterans of America		
Bee Ridge #97	7177 Bee Ridge Rd Sarasota 941.371.7844	
Manatee County #18	111 63rd Ave E Bradenton 941.752.2900	
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.		
Florida Chapter	http://agsmtampa.org/	Tampa Bay
Marine Corp League		
Desoto Detachment Post #588	5225 26th St W Bradenton 941.301.4598 Mcldetachment588@gmail.com	
Gulf Coast Detachment #643	600 Colonia Lane E Nokomis 941.544.0699 MikeRoselle@verizon.net	
North Port Detachment #948	4860 Trott Circle North Port 941.275.3563 WadaWalter@aol.com	
Military Officers Association		
Military Officers Association of Sarasota	PO Box 1016 Sarasota 941.907.8891 Obrienjc@aol.com	
Military Officers Association of Bradenton	705 Country Meadows Way Bradenton 941.761.4801	
Venice Area Chapter	PO Box 1495 Venice, FL 34284 941.493.3965 MikeMarjorie@verizon.net	

Military Order of the Purple Heart		
Chapter #759	Port Charlotte 941.627.3652 www.floridapurpleheart.org	
Veterans of Foreign Wars		
Post 10141 Palma Sola Post	5105 Manatee Ave W #5 Bradenton 941.794.6394	
Post 10178 Clyde E. Lassen Memorial Post	550 N McCall Rd Englewood 941.681.3160	
Post 12055 Braden River	7282 55th Ave E #237 Bradenton 941.726.2625	
Post 2488 Manatee County Post	810 6th St W Palmetto 941.722.9588	
Post 2824 Peace River Post	2124 NW Arcadia 863.494.0544	
Post 3233 Sarasota Sunshine Post	124 S Tuttle Ave Sarasota 941.365.1918 www.vfw3223.com	
Post 8118 Tamiami Memorial Post	832 E Venice Ave Venice 941.484.8118 www.vfw8118.com	
Post 8203 William A. Garvey Post	4860 Trot Circle North Port 941.426.6865	
Post 9226 Ellenton Post	3511 12th St E Ellenton 941.729.8535	
Vietnam Veterans of America		
VVA Chapter #1037	Gulf Coast 3152 Harbor Blvd Port Charlotte 941.474.3226 www.VVA.org	
Wounded Warrior Project	10150 Highland Manor Drive #330 Tampa 813.804.4096 http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/	

OTHER CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED, NOT RECOGNIZED BY VA		
Blue Start Mothers of America, Inc.: Southwest Florida Chapter	Southwest Florida Chapter Maggie Gentile 941.661.8037 www.floridabluestarmoms.com	Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month
Korean War Veterans Association Post #199	William Skinner 941.773.0979	Meets the 4th Thursday of every month.
Military Order of the World Wars: Bradenton/Sarasota Chapter	Col Fred Graves 941.739.2365 FGraves5@tampabay.rr.com	Meeting the 1st Tuesday of every month.
Navy League of the United States: Sarasota - Manatee Council	P.O. Box 5531 Sarasota http://www.navyleague-sarasota-manatee.org/	

NOT CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED OR RECOGNIZED BY VA		
Manatee County Veterans Council	Parrish Hall of Christ Episcopal 4030 Manatee Ave West Bradenton www.my-mcvc.org	Meets the 3th Thursday of each month.
Sarasota County Veterans Commission	Andy Hooker, President PO Box 2055 Sarasota www.sarasotaveteranscommision.com	Meets the 4th Thursday of each month.
Veterans For Common Sense: Florida Veterans for Common Sense	100 Wallace Ave Suite 240 Sarasota www.FLVeteransforcommomsense.org	
Vietnam Brotherhood: Sarasota Vietnam Brotherhood	941.320.2463 AndyHooker1@aol.com	

DID YOU KNOW?

Goodwill Manasota is an industry-leading, 501 (c)(3), not-for-profit organization with the mission of “changing lives through the **power** of work”.

Through the sales of donated goods and philanthropic donations, Goodwill helps people with disabilities and other barriers to employment by providing job skills training and employment opportunities.

In 2014, Goodwill Manasota served more than **16,000 people**, placed **680 people** in jobs and assisted **520 veterans** as they reintegrated back into the civilian workforce. Goodwill Manasota’s economic impact back to the community is worth **\$81.3 million**. Goodwill is one of the pioneers of the reduce-reuse-recycle movement and this past year diverted **39 million pounds** out of the landfill.

Goodwill Manasota is accountable to a local Board of Directors and is not owned by any individual or company, and in essence, Goodwill Manasota belongs to the community. Thank you for helping us change lives!

Goodwill Manasota is appreciative of local radio stars working to help shine the spotlight on our heroes seeking employment in the civilian workforce. We are grateful for their passion and commitment to helping us employ veterans in our community as we change lives through the power of work.



Goodwill Ambassador **Maverick**, renowned radio personality from 106.5CTQ has partnered with Goodwill Manasota for the “**Deployment to Employment**” radio campaign, which features local veterans listing their qualifications on air in order to get the attention of local business owners. The campaign is a part of the national “Show your Stripes” **iHeartMedia** campaign.



Bill Robertson, CEO and personal injury attorney for Kirk Pinkerton has partnered with Goodwill Manasota on his “**Let’s Talk Law**” radio show. On the last Friday of every month, he focuses exclusively on veterans’ causes and employment with local businesses. The show airs weekly from 4pm to 5pm on **WSRQ** in Sarasota on channels 106.9FM, 98.9FM and 1220AM.

For more information on the radio campaigns or to learn about partnership opportunities, please contact C.J. Bannister, Director of Veterans Services, at 941.355.2721 or CJ.Bannister@gimi.org.



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