

Special Offerings for 2024-2025 (Collected on 2nd Sundays, See schedule here)

All of our chosen non-profits provide effective, quality services to the community.

Family Promise of South Sarasota County's Open Doors Program gives families with children that are facing homelessness a chance to get back on their feet. They do this by helping with rent payments; first, last, and security deposit on a rental; or for emergency shelter while housing is being found.

Good Samaritan Pharmacy & Health Services, staffed almost entirely by volunteers, provides medical services to uninsured, financially needy members of our community. Over 30% of Sarasota families have income below 200% of the poverty line and can be devastated by one medical crisis. Good Samaritan provides free access to prescription and over-the-counter medications as well as access to physician services, including diagnostic testing.

Laurel Civic Association is rated "Platinum" for transparency by GuideStar. Their programs address hunger, youth development, after-school and summer programs, community development, and education, including remedial instruction, adult literacy, computer literacy, and economics and civics for youth. UUCOV was instrumental in helping LCA to start their Hand Up! Program, that provides financial education and resources to people living on the economic edge. UUCOV members volunteer for their Homework Helper and Summer Reading programs.

On The Spot Aid, Inc. is a street medicine organization providing assessment, treatment, education, and basic first aid supplies to the homeless from Venice to Port Charlotte. This service is vital, as people experiencing homelessness can see a health concern quickly become life threatening.

Planned Parenthood of Central and Southwest Florida (PPSWCF) provides affordable access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare through patient care, education, and advocacy. PPSWCF is dedicated to delivering quality reproductive health care services and responsible, age-appropriate sexuality education. Protecting a woman's fundamental right to choose is also a major part of this organization's underlying philosophy. Each year, more than 30,000 women, men, and teens visit Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida's health centers in their 22-county service area. PPSWCF is given a four-star rating by Charity Navigator.

Second Chance Last Opportunity (SCLO) is a grassroots organization that has been teaching life management skills to at-risk teens and their low income and/or homeless families since 1995. Their clients often face multiple health, social, and economic challenges. SCLO offers counseling, health education, youth programs, food distributions, and shelter referrals. They empower their clients with the resources needed to turn their lives around. UU of Sarasota and the Gulf Community Foundation are among their many sponsors.