

Indian River County

Walgreens managers help out at soup kitchen

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Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen was recently visited by the Treasure Coast Managers of Walgreens.

The Walgreens Managers quickly went to work at the Soup Kitchen cooking, serving, busing and cleaning up. They also drove the van that delivered 65 meals to the homebound residents of Gifford and helped organize and tidy up the storage area.

The Walgreens Managers were able to give a well deserved day off to the regular volunteers.

Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen is a nonprofit soup kitchen at 4221 28th Ave., Gifford. Hot nutritious lunches are served from noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Daily meals also are delivered to homebound elderly in Gifford. Volunteers are always welcome by calling 772-562-6268.



Treasure Coast Walgreens managers recently volunteered at Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen in Gifford. Pictured are, from left, front, Robert Raymond and Tim Cobb; back, Bernard St. Victor, Patty Philcox, Tony Stanilka, Donna O'Donnell, Anil Jodhan, and Bill Carmine. front, Robert Raymond and Tim Cobb. Not pictured: Mark Rouer, who was busy delivering meals to the homebound in Gifford. MARION METAKES/SPECIAL TO TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS

Resident's donation spreads Christmas cheer

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Thanks to the generosity of Vero Beach resident Jodi Harvey, many of the area's homeless and adults without any family will have gifts to open on Christmas morning.

For the second consecutive year, Harvey donated \$1,000 to New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee to buy items for hundreds of indigent mental health clients and for the PATH Program, which helps men and women transition from homelessness to a safer and more stable lifestyle.

"We all need a helping hand at some point in our lives," said Harvey. "I am so grateful for the people who have been there for me. This is my way of paying it forward."

The money was given to New Horizons program managers to purchase gifts – such as slippers, socks and hygiene supplies – for clients who would



Jodi Harvey visits with Santa at New Horizons of Treasure Coast's 2018 Breakfast with Santa at First Data Field. LISA RYMER/SPECIAL TO TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS

otherwise receive nothing for Christmas.

The managers also bought tarps, snacks, bug spray, razors and toilet paper for the social workers to give to men and women they encounter in the

woods, camps and streets. Providing for their needs and offering support helps build trust, and those who become willing are encouraged to seek additional assistance at New Horizons.

"We can help connect them with the resources they are eligible for, such as medical care, food stamps, and even community housing," said Jennifer Bresnahan, a program supervisor.

New Horizons also works with other nonprofit organizations at Christmas and throughout the year to provide for children from low-income families associated with the agency.

"It's not just about the presents," said Heather Roberts, program manager of outpatient services in Indian River County and Okeechobee. "We reach out to specific populations to develop personal connections ... to let them know people care about them as individuals, and show them there is a whole community that supports their journey to wholeness. This is a time to celebrate together."

Gifford Youth Achievement Center preparing for Snow Ball extravaganza

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Building on the incredible success of its 20th Anniversary Gala, the Gifford Youth Achievement Center invites the public to an elegant Snow Ball winter extravaganza from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Oak Harbor Club in Vero Beach.

On arrival, guests will traverse a glittering ice forest into the lobby of Oak Harbor where they will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as they peruse the five fabulous raffle items up for chance. Snow Princesses Cindy Goetz and Liz Mayo also will be on hand to offer a special "ICE" raffle prize donated by John Michael Matthews Fine Jewelry, a pair of diamond and gold earrings.

After the cocktail reception, dinner will be held in a glittering winter wonderland setting. During the evening, an exciting announcement will be made.

Throughout the evening and after dinner, the popular Ladies of Soul will entertain the crowd with their high energy sound.

Seat reservations are \$150 per person. Peggy Gibbs, director of philanthropy, may be reached at 772-794-1005 for arrangement for table pricing. Reservations may be bought online at www.GYAC.net on the event page or by calling Gibbs. Tickets for the five raffle prizes may also be bought online, excluding the "ICE" prize which is only available at the event.

The Gifford Youth Achievement Center would like to thank its premiere event Platinum Partners, Bernard Egan Foundation and Trudie Rainone; Gold Partners PNC Bank, Proctor Construction Co. and the George E. Warren Corp. as well as many other generous individual and corporate level sponsors.

All proceeds will go toward the Gifford Youth Achievement Center educational programs.