



Nonprofit Newsletter December 2019

INTRO

Well now, where did this year go? I do not know if any of you feel this way, but 2019 flew by at record Speed. I am short of breath just thinking about it. The month of December finds the world celebrating:

- HANUKKAH begins at Sundown on the 22nd
- The CHRIST CHILD was born on the 25th
- KAWANZAA starts on the 26th

Let the world rejoice and may you celebrate your Holiday with all the Grace and Dignity it deserves.

This months featured nonprofit is: **Holiday Sharing Fund**

Their Mission Statement; "Holiday Sharing Fund Inc. raises money through charitable events to provide bicycles, helmets and locks for underprivileged children living in our community". Holiday Sharing Fund hosts free bike Rodeos throughout the year for children of any age. We inspect, custom fit, replace and provide new bike helmets.

This Sharing started in 2008 when children in need at Christmas received donated bikes from local bike shops. That practice lasted through 2012. It was in 2010 when the Oldsmar Community Policing Deputies saw the need for local children to be able to have a bicycle to ride, a helmet to protect them properly and the Know How to ride safely. Deputy Rick Serra and the Chambers Mark

Howe teamed up and now make this a yearly event. In 2011, additional charitable fund raising events started with the **GUNS AND HOSES** wing eating contest and Christmas in July Softball Game.



In September of 2012 Holiday Sharing officially became a 501C3. In the spring of 2013 the organization started a bi-yearly bicycle Rodeo to raise sufficient funds to meet the Christmas Bike purchases.

GUESS WHAT – This is where we come in. They need our help with donations and 100% of donated money goes directly into the purchases. When you see the joy it brings to a child, when a new bike, helmet and lock is given to them personally by the Community Service Deputy Officer, it brings a tear to your eye.

The names of the children selected come from the Oldsmar Elementary Schools and Mattie Williams Neighborhood Center in Safety Harbor.

I know this time of year your own personal spending is higher than normal however if you can find it in your heart to donate any amount it would be so gratefully accepted. Do you remember how happy you were when you were a youngster and got a bike for Christmas? Please let's share a little to help a lot. This is one of those "It Takes a Village" things. God Bless.

To make your donation the same way I did, call Mark Howe at 813-777-9187

SHOUT OUTS FROM NOVEMBER

Stumpy's Nov. 1st

A ribbon cutting was held at Stumpy's an axe throwing themed hospitality venue - what a hoot!

Town and Country Nov. 9th

Town and Country Veterans Day Parade. Gerald Jacobs, Jerry Peruzzi, Mark Howe, Joe Elmer, Jerry Custin and Sharon Edwards helped organize. Great job people!

Oldsmar Nov. 11th

Oldsmar Veterans Day Memorial Celebration at R.E. Olds Park was a touching tribute.

Volunteer Party Nov. 14th

Leo's Grill - Thank you party for the volunteers that helped at Octoberfest. Many folks attended lots of fun and a wrap up of Oktoberfest. We do it all again next year.

Mattie Williams Party Nov. 16th

Mattie Williams held their annual Christmas Magical Holiday Party. Great food, great auction items to bid on. Another successful party.

Project Pop Drop

Another Pop Drop this month the angels gave a Happy Thanksgiving to the RAP house for abandoned, abused and run away kids in New Port Richey. Angel in charge Sharon Edwards.

Chamber Mixer Nov. 20th

After hour's mixer at Stumpy's Hatchet House. Many came, lots and lots of fun and a new adventure for most. If you get the chance, check this place out.

Lunch & Learn – Every Wednesday

Every Wednesday drop by the chamber at 11:30 for our lunch and learn. Gain business insights to share, we are keeping your business successes in mind. No Lunch & Learn on Wednesday the 25th, we are taking Christmas Day off.

Relationship Builders - Every Friday

We hold alternating morning and afternoon meetings located between Aston Gardens at 7:30 am and Flamestone American Grill at 11:30 am. It is a great time to develop relationships, pitch your business and get to know folks.

NONPROFITS ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 6th - The Mayors Breakfast

Safety Harbor Spa 7:30 am

Mayors of both Oldsmar and Safety Harbor serve up breakfast; your donations help to provide holiday meals and gifts to needy families in our communities.

Dec. 10th Upper Tampa Bay Non Profit Round Table

At Nielsen 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

We will be discussing the upcoming “Five Chamber Mixer” in January. Learn how your nonprofit can benefit from participation in both the round table series and upcoming mega mixer.

Dec. 21st Project Pop Drop

St. Vincent De Paul in St. Petersburg

They will be collaborating with “Kids for a Cause”. Shoeboxes wrapped with presents inside are made and distributed to the homeless.

Free Score workshops helping you succeed in your business. Successful, mostly retired business people lead these informative and valuable workshops.

Dec. 3rd Score Workshop

Tarpon Springs Library, Tarpon Springs 6:30 pm

Goal Setting: It's not Willpower, it's We'll power

Dec. 5th Score Workshop

Oldsmar Library, Oldsmar 5:30 pm

LinkedIn Marketing – How to

Dec. 10th Score Workshop

Clearwater Library, Clearwater 6:00 pm

2020 Goal Setting: It's not Willpower, it's We'll power

Dec. 17th Score Workshop

Tarpon Springs Library, Tarpon Springs 6:00 pm

Encore Entrepreneurs – Starting a Business after 50

Top of the Bay Kiwanis Relationship Builders – Book Drive

Kiwanis is supporting Carwise Middle School Builders Club with a Book Drive. Looking for books suitable for infant to 8th grade reading levels. New or gently used please. You can bring them to the Relationship Builders meetings and they will be gratefully accepted. This Kiwanis Club sponsored event supports Carwise Middle School Builders Club doing what they do best, displaying their gracious community service in giving back to those in need in the community. If you see a Bell Ringer from Salvation Army at Walmart, it might well be a Kiwanis member as they are helping. If you have any interest in joining Kiwanis, it is a great organization that helps the Community and Children specifically.

Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce Nov. 30th through Dec. 18th

The Holiday Scavenger Hunt - What a HOOT! Go see all 53 businesses and get to know your Chamber area footprint, while meeting the businesses face to face. Purchase your Passport, visit the merchants, find the UTBLife sign, take a picture and post on social media. Get your passport stamped and attend our wrap up Holiday Mixer on December 18th to enter drawings for prizes. It's Easy Peasy!

<https://business.utbchamber.com/events/details/holiday-scamenger-hunt-6442>

RCS Pinellas Dec. 1st through 24th SECOND ANNUAL REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR EVENT

Looking for a fun way for your family, home group, youth group, business, etc., to give back this holiday season. Consider a Reverse Advent Calendar that benefits the RCS Food Bank! From **December 1st-24th**, simply grab a box, add a new item each day, and drop it off at the RCS Food Bank on December 26th or 27th at 700 Druid Rd, Clearwater, 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Please share with your friends and family, it is a great way to get in the holiday spirit while giving back! For more information, follow this link:

<https://rcspinellas.org/reverse-advent-food-drive/>

That is a wrap for 2019!

I want to thank everyone who has participated and supported the work of the Nonprofits this past year. Your kind hearts have been felt by so many. Blessings and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Thank you.

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