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UPCOMING EVENTS

See details in the **CALENDAR** on our website.

Fundraising Events

Bam Bird Benefit, Maj Jongg Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 24
11:00am – 3:00pm

Join us for lunch, Mah Jongg open play, raffles and door prizes. **Register by March 10.**

TEE IT UP for Charity Golf Event

Saturday, April 25

Save the date and watch for your invitation to our second annual charity golf tournament – coming soon!

Volunteer Opportunities

- ▶ Guardians of Florida Animal Rescue Whiskers and Wagers Casino Night
March 7, 3:00 – 7:00pm
- ▶ Interfaith Charities Food Pantry
March 12, 8:15am – 1:00pm
- ▶ Community Cooperative Mobile Food Pantry
March 12, 8:30 – 11:30am
March 24, 1:45 – 5:30pm
April 2, 8:30 – 11:30am
- ▶ Community Cooperative: Sam's Community Cafe
March 17, 8:15am – noon
- ▶ The Dubin Center: Memory Catchers Service Event
March 18, 1:45 – 3:00pm
March 23, 10:00am – noon

SAVE THE DATE!

April 22, 12:00 – 1:30pm

Our next **lunch and learn** in the card room highlights food insecurity in Lee County featuring reps from Interfaith Charities and Community Cooperative.

A message from our founders

Building Community Through Service and Fun

As we enter our third year, we reflect on our mission to “unite our neighbors to extend a helping hand.” Through fundraising, volunteer service, and community connections, we continue to shine a light on local nonprofits that make a difference right here at home.

Thanks to your generosity as donors, volunteers, and event participants, our reach and impact have grown each year. In our first year, we launched with a **Pickleball Tournament**. Year two brought the addition of our **Tee It Up for Charity Golf Tournament**. This year, we’ve added an even more exciting mix of fundraisers that double as “fun raisers” – including a successful wine education and tasting event, the lively **Joey and Maria’s Comedy Wedding**, another pickleball event, and the upcoming **Bam Bird Benefit Mah Jongg** event. And keep an eye out for our next event – the **WBCN Bocce Ball Fundraiser!**

It’s a lot—because our community is full of energy and generosity! We want to keep broadening our circle of friends by offering something for everyone, combining service and fun to make a meaningful impact together.

Have an idea for a future event or partnership? We’d love to hear from you! In the meantime, please join us in discovering new ways we can support our neighbors—together.

See you soon,

Melissa and Debbie

Our mission is to unite our neighbors to extend a helping hand to local charities and non-profits by raising awareness, fundraising and volunteer service. Together we can do more!

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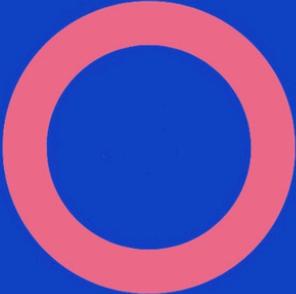
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YOU DID IT!

In 2025, WildBlue came together to rocket past our goal and raise a whopping **\$151,000** in support of local charities. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fully fund our grant commitments with a little in reserve. Onward to another great year in 2026!

YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT WHEN OUR COMMUNITY UNITES, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE!

We've raised \$151,000
of our \$125,000 goal!

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Supporting the following:

- Youth Education
- Seniors & Veterans
- Animal Welfare
- Hunger & Housing
- Women's Resources

OPPORTUNITY: Are you a local business owner?

You can become a *Community Business Sponsor* starting at just \$500! Support WildBlue Charitable Neighbors and show our community your business cares about more than just the bottom line. Partner with us to help provide vital services to neighbors in need while gaining valuable local exposure.

Why Partner With Us?

- **Visibility:** Your logo featured on our official website and event signage.
- **Engagement:** Social media mentions, an annual business spotlight, and invitations to exclusive partner events.
- **Credibility:** A "Proud Community Business Sponsor" badge for your storefront or site to show customers you support the community.

Ready to make a difference?

- Email: president@wildbluecharitableneighbors.org
- Call Melissa: 419-351-2216
- Learn More: www.wildbluecharitableneighbors.org

Together, we care for our neighbors. Together, we CAN do more!

February highlights

Season is in full swing and WBCN events and opportunities abound! For more pictures and highlights, check out our WildBlue Charitable Neighbors Facebook page and our blog on wildbluecharitableneighbors.org!



More than 110 guests joined us for a truly special wine school event featuring Tenuta Tusciano Winery of San Giagnano, Italy. Thanks to the incredible support of our guests, sponsors, and volunteers, the event raised \$8,500 for local charities! Cheers to generosity, great wine, and good neighbors!



Supported by a phenomenal group of volunteers, **Norm and Janet Essey** sponsored a special Group Night dinner at **Valerie's House**. Great job, team!

What a day on the courts! The WildBlue Charitable Neighbors **Ladies Pickleball Tournament** featured friendly competition for a great cause!

Thanks to everyone who played, cheered, and donated we raised \$1,200 for Lee County charities!



Thanks from Community Cooperative

Food insecurity is real, and it affects families right here in our neighborhoods. **Community Cooperative** thanks YOU for making a difference through your donations and volunteer efforts.



Community Cooperative 2025 Impact Summary

Feeding People. Nourishing Lives.

Thank you to WildBlue Charitable Neighbors for making a difference.

Families Served.

Each month, Community Cooperative's Emergency Food Programs provided the following:

- 1,200 households accessed fresh and nonperishable food from our Mobile Food Pantry Program
- 800 families shopped for groceries at our Community Choice Market
- Over 10,000 homebound seniors received hot, nutritious meals and wellness checks through Meals on Wheels
- An average of 2,000 individuals ate a hot meal at Sam's Community Cafe

All of our food programs connect families with additional social services to help them achieve stability and long-term solutions to hunger.

Why it matters

For many living in our communities, wages are not keeping up with the cost of living. Thousands of individuals, including seniors and working families, struggle to afford basic necessities. Rising costs force many households to make impossible choices between food and other essentials.

WildBlue Charitable Neighbors' grant funding has helped make a difference for many families in southwest Florida, and we are grateful to have you as a community partner!

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You don't just deliver meals, you deliver joy.”--Lawrence, a Navy veteran and Meals on Wheels & Social Services client. Lawrence was recently housed and is now receiving home-delivered meals in a safe, stable environment.



We want to say thank you once again for WildBlue Charitable Neighbors' support this year. We could not have made such a significant impact in reducing food insecurity in our community without your volunteerism and financial support. Please share the results below with the WildBlue community, whose compassion and support helped families put food on the table and move toward stability.

We are grateful for you!
Shellie Casey-Hoffman
Grant Manager

