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UPCOMING EVENTS

See details in the
CALENDAR on our website.

The Dubin Center Memory Catchers, Dec. 3

1:45 – 3:15 PM

Guide participants in seasonal crafts, gentle games, music, and meaningful one-on-one interactions.

Scoops of Kindness Food Drive, Dec. 5 – 7

Join our friends at Royal Scoop Estero for a community-wide food drive benefitting Interfaith Charities. See article on page 2.

Goldenfest, Dec. 6

9 AM – noon **or** noon – 3:30 PM

Volunteers will host children's games and activities at Golden Retriever Rescue's signature fundraising event at Hammond Stadium.

WBCN 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament, Dec. 7

9 AM – noon

Registration is **now open** via TEAMREACH! Two divisions available – Pro "PPA Team Style" and Casual/Rec Play.

PACE Center for Girls Points Store Holiday Shopping, Dec. 9 and 10

Two shifts each day

10:30 AM – noon **or** 1 – 3 PM

Help wrap and tag gifts and restock the store.

Community Bike Drive Deadline, Dec. 13

Deadline to donate bikes for Dr. Piper Center. Email: president@wildbluecharitableneighbors.org for drop-off locations.

Spotlight on giving

From our founders

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we enter this season of gratitude and giving, we are truly thankful to share some wonderful news – our angel donor has once again pledged to match every gift to WBCN, up to \$50,000, through the end of the year.

Your generosity can go twice as far. A \$100 gift becomes \$200 to provide vital veterinary care to a cherished pet. A \$1,000 contribution doubles to \$2,000 to help house, feed and nourish a family in need. Every donation, large or small, touches lives – helping seniors find comfort, giving young people hope for brighter days, and supporting caregivers who tirelessly care for loved ones with dementia.

We invite you to take a moment to learn more about the community you help make possible – the neighbors whose kindness uplifts others and the lasting impact your support brings.

From all of us at WBCN, thank you for being part of this generous community. Wishing you a joyful Thanksgiving season!

With heartfelt thanks,

Melissa and Debbie

You have the power to change a life – please give what you can, whether it's your time or a donation.
- Enyah, Community Cooperative



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!

OUR SPONSORS



Dr. Piper Center Build A-Bike, Dec. 13

9:30 AM – noon

Help assemble bikes generously donated by the community and sort toys by age groups.

Interfaith Charities Food Pantry, Dec. 17

8:30 AM – 1 PM

Join us for a fun, fulfilling morning serving at our local food pantry!

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Difference makers

Fueled by Community Generosity

BIKES FOR KIDS – DR. PIPER CENTER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On Christmas morning, the Dr. Piper Center will hold its 110th Annual Christmas Celebration, providing joy to over 400 children in Southwest Florida. Continuing a legacy that began in 1915, the event offers each child two to three new toys, healthy snacks, and a chance to win a brand-new bicycle.

In a generous community effort, WildBlue resident **Cathy Hammond** is rallying neighbors to collect nearly 40 bikes to support the raffle. There is still time to donate! Donations will be accepted at **Leigh Mortier's** home until Dec. 13. If you are interested in donating a bike for this worthy cause, email: president@wildbluecharitableneighbors.org for drop-off information..



DID YOU KNOW?

WildBlue Charitable Neighbors is now officially classified as a 501(c)(3) **public** charity! This designation gives you the opportunity to make contributions through Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from IRAs. These tax-advantaged giving options provide meaningful new ways to support our mission and make a lasting difference.

SERVING UP COMPASSION



On Nov. 12, WBCN volunteers cooked dinner – a full taco bar and dessert – for 50–60 children and caregivers at **Valerie's House**. At Valerie's House, families grieving the loss of a loved one find hope, healing, and connection. Dinner at Valerie's House isn't just a meal; it's an important part of the healing process. Thank you to every WBCN volunteer who shopped, cooked, served, and showed up with compassion.



SCOOPS OF KINDNESS FOOD DRIVE

According to a recent statement, **Interfaith Charities of Lee County** is receiving fewer pallets of food weekly from Harry Chapin Food Bank. To help make up for the shortfall, **Royal Scoop Estero** is proud to partner with WildBlue Charitable Neighbors for our first community food drive.

Owned and operated by the Winiecki family of WildBlue, Royal Scoop is excited to host and support this event. To thank our neighbors for their generosity, Royal Scoop will offer **a free scoop of ice cream** to anyone who donates **four or more nonperishable food items** – including canned goods, jarred goods, rice, dried foods, and pasta. Prefer to make a cash donation? Stop by Royal Scoop to donate **\$5 or more** and get a "free single scoop" card, to be redeemed during a future visit. All donations benefit Interfaith Charities.

This event runs from Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7, with a donation drop-off box located inside the Royal Scoop Estero shop in Estero Town Commons on Corkscrew Road.

We are grateful for our charitable community and hope to see you there as we come together in this yummy way to give back during the holiday season.

SAVE THE DATE

Interested in learning more about food insecurity in Lee County? Join us for a Lunch and Learn featuring Interfaith Charities and Community Cooperative on April 22, 2026.

