WildBlue
CHARITABLE NEIGHBORS

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Details and sign-up on the WBCN Volunteer Hub.

- **Community Cooperative Sam's Cafe**
  Tue., Nov. 3 & Mon., Nov. 9
  8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Interfaith Charities Food Pantry**
  Tue., Nov. 10 & Tue., Nov. 24
  8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Dubin Center Memory Care**
  Fri., Nov. 13 & Wed., Nov. 18
  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- **PACE Center for Girls Thanksgiving Luncheon**
  Wed., Nov. 18 · 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Community Cooperative Mobile Food Pantry – Veterans Park**
  Tue., Nov. 24 · 2:45 – 6:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

211

WildBlue neighbors are signed up to volunteer!

To join our list and get notified of opportunities, email **wbcharitableneighbors @gmail.com**.

A note from our founders

Welcome back, neighbors!

As our WildBlue community comes alive for a new season, we're excited about all we can accomplish together through WildBlue Charitable Neighbors (WBCN).

Mark your calendars for our **Signature Casino Event on December 7** — an evening of celebration, gratitude and giving as we recognize the incredible impact our community is making for local nonprofits. We can't wait to share this special evening with you!

And this is just the beginning! From exciting events and fundraisers to meaningful volunteer opportunities, there are so many ways to connect, have fun and make a difference. Be sure to visit our **WBCN Volunteer Hub** on the website to discover opportunities to share your time and talents.

A heartfelt thank-you to our Community Business Sponsors and to everyone who has already donated prizes for our Signature Event. Your generosity helps make our work possible and strengthens the spirit of giving that makes WildBlue so special.

Here's to a wonderful season of friendship, fun and community impact.

With gratitude,

Melissa & Debbie

Founders, WildBlue Charitable Neighbors

Together, We Can Do More!

Together we...VOLUNTEER

Families of all types and ages are welcome.

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National Family Volunteer Day

Saturday, November 21 · 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. · WildBlue Card Room

WBCN is bringing an engaging volunteer opportunity right here to the WildBlue Card Room! Families of all types and ages are welcome. **No registration needed. All materials provided.** Just come and join the fun.

Activities include:

- Filling hygiene bags for Interfaith Charities
- Crafts — creating beaded bracelets and bookmarks
- Writing notes and affirmation cards

Collecting toiletries for the bags — see page 3!

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!**

WildBlue Charitable Neighbors, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered pursuant to Chapter 496, section 496405 of the Florida Statutes. To join our list of volunteers and get notifications, email wbcharitableneighbors@gmail.com.

Together we...CELEBRATE

WildBlue Gives Back — our Signature Fundraising Event

DEC 7 MONDAY

An Evening of Celebration, Gratitude and Giving

Monday, December 7 · 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Join WildBlue Charitable Neighbors for an unforgettable evening celebrating our donors, volunteers, sponsors, and 2026 nonprofit grantees. Enjoy dinner, entertainment, casino-style gaming, and a special paddle raise as we celebrate the impact our community makes when we come together — **Together We Can Do More!**

Dinner | **Entertainment** | **Casino-Style Gaming** | **Paddle Raise**

Prize Donations Wanted!

For our Raffle | BIG Wheel | Wine Pull

Need ideas? How about these!

- **Wine** — $20 or more
- **Gift cards** — $25 or more
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Tickets to concerts, shows, movies or local attractions
- Chocolates & gourmet treats
- Spa, salon or wellness services
- Home décor or garden items
- Boutique items or small gift baskets
- Beauty or personal-care items
- Pet services or pet-related goodies
- Specialty food or kitchen items
- Something unique or fun that you think your neighbors would enjoy!



It doesn't have to be big — small contributions make a BIG difference!

Have something to donate?

- Send a message to **WildBlue Charitable Neighbors** on Facebook, *or*
- Private message **Susan Rink** on Facebook, *or*
- Drop off your donation in the collection box at **18333 WildBlue Blvd.**

Thanks to all our generous neighbors who have already donated!

Together we...PARTNER

Showcase your business to the community at our Signature Event

Put your business in the spotlight at one of the most exciting events of the year! As a Signature Event sponsor, you'll support a great cause and show the community you're all in.

Here's what you get:

- **Signature Event tickets:** 1 ticket with a $500 donation, or 2 tickets with a donation of $1,000 or more
- **Community-wide recognition:** your business featured on a large display board at the event, in the event program, and on the WBCN website
- **Tabletop signs:** casino sponsors also get signs at the gaming tables showing your logo and sponsorship level (Gold, Silver, or Bronze)



Ready to place your bet?

Contact **Melissa Metzger** (419) 351-2216 or **Larry Benbenek** (484) 432-4615 to find out how to get involved.

Sponsorships are a winning hand for your business and your community!

Together we...COLLECT

Toiletry drive for Family Volunteer Day — through Friday, November 20

Start collecting now!

In support of Family Volunteer Day, WildBlue Charitable Neighbors is collecting donations of the following toiletries — **any size** — to create bags for Interfaith Charities to distribute during the holiday season.

Through Friday, November 20:

- Drop your donations in the collection basket located in the **Pro Shop**.
- If Pro Shop hours are not convenient, drop your donations off at **12512 Aqua Reserve Court**.



With your help, our goal is to assemble 100 toiletry bags for those in need!

Together we...LEAD

Join our team! Passionate about giving back?

WBCN is looking for volunteers to help guide our work and grow our impact. **Open roles:**

Board Secretary
Record minutes and keep board records organized

Future Board Members
Help set direction and support fundraising

Communications Committee
Share our story through social media, newsletters and our website

Grants Committee
Research opportunities and approve proposals

Volunteer/Service Committee
Coordinate volunteers

Finance Committee
Help oversee budgets and financial reports

No nonprofit experience needed, just enthusiasm and a few hours a month. It's a great way to build leadership skills, grow your network, and make a real difference in WildBlue Charitable Neighbors.

Interested? Text **Melissa Metzger** at (419) 351-2216 or email **president@wildbluecharitableneighbors.org**

Together we...THANK

WBCN thanks our generous Community Business Sponsors

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