



Let's Have Some FUN!

August is Family Fun Month. It's a great time to plan that family vacation that you've been putting off, or just put away all the electronic devices and have some good 'ol fashioned fun! Spend that quality time with each other before your family gets bogged down with school, work and extracurricular activities.

A good way to celebrate Family Fun Month together is to do things to give back to the community. Helping others as a family always creates fond memories that will last a lifetime and instill the spirit of giving in your children.

According to WE.org Here are some great ways to celebrate Family Fun Month and give back at the same time:

1. **Spend a Day in Nature:** Pack a picnic and a Frisbee and head to your local park for a day of fun in the sun. As your day winds down, have every family member pick up—or fish out—five pieces of trash to help keep the area clean and beautiful for the next pack of picnickers to enjoy.
2. **Collect Items for a Shelter:** Inspire your kids to start the new school year off with a clean slate by donating their gently used clothes and toys to a local shelter. Drop off the donations as a family to teach kids how their treasured wares can bring happiness to other children when shared. Be sure to check with each individual shelter to see what items they're most in need of.
3. **Set up a Lemonade Stand:** The tried-and-true summer staple is a great way to meet your neighbors and spend some time in the sunshine. Pick a cause that's important to your family and donate the proceeds of your sweet sales to charity! Remember to let your customers know where their money is going with a homemade sign!
4. **Write a Card:** Make summer a little brighter for children or seniors stuck in the hospital by writing letters or sending stuffed animals to your local hospital. Fact: spreading kindness releases serotonin, improving any back-to-school woes.
5. **Host a Talent Show:** Host a charity talent show in your own backyard to let kids (and adults!) show off their skills for a good cause. Charge friends, family and neighbors \$1 for admission and donate the proceeds to a cause close to your family's heart.

6. **Host a Charity Sports Event:** If you'd rather pick up a hockey stick than a microphone, host a neighborhood sports day! Whether your crew is more into road hockey, baseball or basketball, charge teams \$5 to sign up, then create a schedule so everyone has a chance to play. At the end of the day, the winning team gets to choose where to donate the funds raised.
7. **Volunteer:** Use your family's individual skills to make a difference in your community! If you're bilingual, spend a Saturday teaching English to new citizens. Or, if you're a savvy cook, ask family members to don aprons with you and head to your local community center to help serve up nourishing fare for those in need. For parents with high schoolers glued to their phones, redirect your teen's attention from their Instagram to a local non-profit in need of volunteers to run their social channels. Not only will this get them their required volunteer hours, it'll teach them the value of using social media for good.

No matter what you and your family do to celebrate Family Fun Month, just remember to be safe, have fun, and enjoy your time together!!!

We LOVE our community!!!!

ThankYou

Thank you to Under Siege Enterprises LLC , Two Pence Productions, and attendees to Janet's birthday celebration for these much needed diapers, cleaning supplies, and food for the CASA shelter. After producing a play at the Valerie theatre in which a character was a victim of domestic violence played by Melanie Burkhardt, Charles Niski was moved to collect donations for the shelter. Janet Torcello asked friends and family to bring a needed item for the shelter in lieu of a birthday gift for her this year.



Pictured left to right are Mike Shier, Janet Torcello, John Koch, Charles Niski, and Melanie Burkhardt.

Uncaged Life



Mr. Hawk and Robin Hawk (Left to Right) with Uncaged Life delivered 25 Pack the Purse bags from the Ladies Bike & Jeep Night event for our survivors. The bags were filled with new purses, brushes, journals, personal hygiene items, and toiletries. In total the items donated is \$1100.

We appreciate you Mr. and Mrs. Hawk!

Sunflower Springs

Director of Sales, Ashleigh Blackwell presented CASA CEO, Sunshine Arnold with a donation from Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Community employees. The donation drive was organized by Susanne Niethammer, a student at USF and family member of a Sunflower Springs resident. Ashleigh also presented CASA with a \$500 check from SRI Management, LLC.



Thank you for supporting our cause!

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We LOVE us some JM Gibson Mechanical!!! They have been supporting CASA in so many ways over the last 6 years, they are like family to us. So blessed to have their support for back to school, too!

Very thankful for your support!



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William and Roxana Kavanagh, Mary Tisza, Ronald Vaughan, Vincent Wojteczko, Angela Loggins, Floral City United Methodist Women, Pandora's Box Smoke Shope of Homosassa, SRI Management LLC.

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