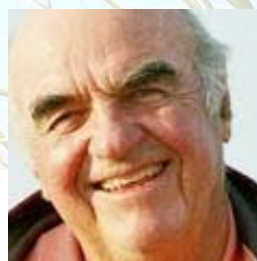


# CHIP4HEALTH

Five Years of Progress and Partnership: 2002 • 2007



**CHIP**  
Community Health  
Improvement Partnership 

# CHIP *Big Ideas. Bold Action. Bright Future.*

Last year, the National Civics League recognized Sarasota County as an All-American County. This award recognizes citizen-led efforts in communities that strive to improve the quality of life for all of their constituents. It also gives recognition for civic excellence in communities that engage citizens, governments, businesses, and nonprofits and demonstrate positive response to critical community issues.

The Community Health Improvement Partnership illustrates how effective self-organizing citizen-led efforts can address pressing health issues at the community level. CHIP also demonstrates how collaborations can make a difference and impact the health of the community.

Sarasota County is a place that offers so much to its residents and visitors. I am proud to represent a community that is so civic-minded and engaged in addressing such important issues as community health, and I am pleased to be working with CHIP to improve the health of our community.

*Shannon Staub, Sarasota County Commissioner  
Chair, CHIP Leadership Council*



## CHIP Funders

*Visionary Sponsors Committed to Making Health Happen*

**Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice**

**Sarasota County Health Department**

Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System

Englewood Community Hospital

Venice Regional Medical Center

Fawcett Memorial Hospital

Peace River Regional Medical Center

Doctors Hospital of Sarasota

Sarasota County Government

Charlotte County Health Department

Community Foundation of Sarasota County

DeSoto County Health Department

*It seems like only yesterday that Mike Bigner, Tim Dutton, Bill Little and I were brainstorming ideas to engage community members in assessing and improving local health issues. Could it be done? How would we do it? Should we call the groups Community Health Action Teams – CHATs (Mike's idea)? These ideas, roughly based on ideas from other communities that have impacted health from the ground up, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice's commitment to improving health, SCOPE's work in community engagement, and the mission of the Health Department, seemed to hold great promise for change; for active democracy ~ for citizens to speak up, act and make their communities healthier.*

*Little did we know that in fewer than 5 years the CHATs would be leading city visioning sessions, obtaining space in city hall to coordinate health planning and efforts to build a hospital in North Port; creating a video to educate residents about health care challenges in a city that straddles two counties; assisting efforts to build a collaborative one-stop facility in Englewood; producing healthcare directories or CHIP Centers to link those in need to local health and human services or holding forums to engage youth in improving youth services; or developing pilot programs to improve the delivery of services and education to diabetic seniors.*

*And little did we envision engaging hospital and health department CEOs from the three-county region to create a collaborative to improve employee, patient and community health through wellness and tobacco-free campuses. Little did we anticipate the energy created by linking grass-roots efforts to county and regional leaders and funders. Little did we anticipate how many hundreds of wonderful, committed, hard-working volunteers and agency staff we would meet.*

*To me, CHIP is not a project. CHIP is possibilities. Possibilities for partnerships. Possibilities for linking people, ideas, passion and resources. Possibilities to create something that doesn't currently exist. Possibilities to network existing assets to create a net of services that helps someone in need. CHIP is about believing in the best of all of us coming together to create something much larger than the sum of our hearts and minds.*

*It has been a pleasure and gift to work with every citizen, agency and partner to co-create this web of possibilities and partnership we all call CHIP. I can't wait to see the progress over the next five years.*



*Leslie L. Clarke*

*Leslie Clarke, Ph.D.*

*CHIP Director*

# A Short History of CHIP: 2002–2007

## *Key Events Which Paved the Way for Key Accomplishments*

### Year 1 (2002 - 2003)

- CHIP created with funding from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice and local hospitals and health departments and managed by SCOPE
- Citizens engaged through **Community Health Action Teams – CHATs** – in the Venice area, Englewood and North Port
- Local leaders engaged through a **Leadership Council**
- Data collected and analyzed for the *Health Profile of Sarasota and Charlotte Counties*

### Year 2 (2003 - 2004)

- First **community health survey** conducted, resulting in *Community Voices: Results from the CHIP Household Survey*
- Health System Collaboration Committee completed the *Health System Assessment Report for Sarasota and Charlotte Counties*
- CHATs continued to meet and identify priority health issues and develop strategic plans
- CHATs published first directories of local health and human services

### Year 3 (2004 - 2005)

- CHIP relocated to the Sarasota County Health Department
- Sarasota County **Health Scorecard** developed as a way to track and guide local health improvement efforts
- **Health Provocateur Project** launched, convening local hospital CEOs and health department administrators
- **LOVN Care Team Diabetes Project** initiated to bring clinical, education and social support to high-risk diabetic seniors

### Year 4 (2005 - 2006)

- First **CHIP Center**, providing health and wellness information and referrals in the Venice area, opened as a pilot project
- A CHAT Coordinator and CHIP Centers Coordinator were hired
- CHIP brought **national experts in healthcare and community health** to speak to leadership and citizens
- Health Insurance Forums co-sponsored by the Community Alliance and CHIP
- CHIP planned expansion of CHATs for North Sarasota County

### Year 5 (2006 - 2007)

- Second community health survey conducted
- A total of seven CHIP Centers were operating and the CHIP Centers newsletter, *HealthNews*, was being widely distributed in South Sarasota County
- CHIP staff supported the Charlotte County Health Department in creating **CHIP Charlotte**
- Regional alliances expanded -- more hospitals and health department leaders involved in the Health Provocateur Project
- **CSI: Health** created to address the issue of the uninsured in Sarasota



*The **Community Health Improvement Partnership**, or **CHIP**, brings together a dynamic collaboration of individuals, not-for-profit organizations, hospitals, and other agencies dedicated to building better health and wellness. **CHIP** empowers these groups to create tangible, positive change and improve the health of the community.*

**Our Vision:**

A region where citizens, agencies and communities work together to improve the physical, mental, social and environmental health of all.

**Our Mission:**

To engage and support citizens and agencies to positively impact the physical, mental, social and environmental health of their community through research, planning, implementation and evaluation.

**Our Values:**

- Respect for diversity of opinions and ideas
- Team-based decision-making and leadership
- Equitable partnerships
- Empirically driven programs

# CHIP...

- Empowers citizens to improve the health of their community
- Promotes health across the region
- Develops broad partnerships
- Collects community-specific data on important issues
- Brings optimism to communities to create the future they want



## CHIP Staff

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**Interim Director**

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**CHAT Coordinator**

Diane Ramseyer

**CHIP Centers**

**Coordinator**

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Catherine

Martin-Trujillo

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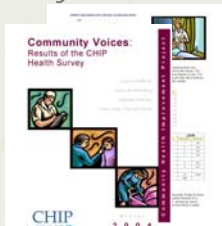
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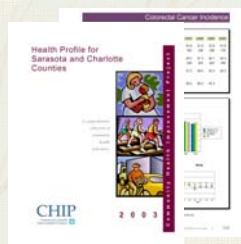
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## CHIP Publications

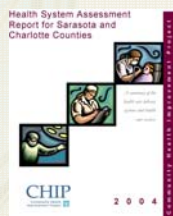
*Community Voices: Results from the CHIP Household Survey*



*Health Profile for Sarasota and Charlotte Counties*



*Health Systems Assessment for Sarasota and Charlotte Counties*



## Film

*Uncovered: Health and the Uninsured in Sarasota County*



# Local Research Informing Local Action

Community health improvement thrives on the passion people have for their community. But it is also understood that the best community solutions emerge when passion is paired with informed decision-making.

Data have always been a driver of CHIP processes and provide an objective lens through which to view local issues.

**Making health data and other research tools accessible to the community is a fundamental function of CHIP.**

To inform community solution-building, CHIP gathers data and best practices, distills this information and presents it in a meaningful way. But CHIP also has the capacity to *collect and analyze* health data - fulfilling a unique role in the community. CHIP staff have even presented on CHIP research and projects at state and national conferences.

## The LOVN Care Team Diabetes Project: An Example of Community-Based Participatory Research



When data from CHIP's 2003 Community Health Survey revealed diabetes among the elderly as a priority health issue, the LOVN CHAT responded. The CHAT's Senior Issues Committee brought together community members and local service providers. Maximizing on a partnership approach, they developed an integrated, in-home intervention which provided clinical assessment, education and social support to high-risk diabetic seniors. *But would the program be effective improving diabetes outcomes?*

To answer this question, the Seniors Issues Committee, with support from CHIP research staff and the University of South Florida, designed and implemented a six-month, randomized, controlled pilot study.

At the end of the pilot period, results showed that those receiving the intervention saw greater improvements in diabetes outcomes. Full results of this community-based research can be found on the web at [www.chip4health.org/publications.htm](http://www.chip4health.org/publications.htm).

### LOVN Care Team Partners

*Senior Friendship Centers, Sarasota County Health Department, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Jewish Children and Family Services, and the University of South Florida*

*The LOVN Care Team Diabetes Project was funded by the University of South Florida's Center for Research on Health Systems and Policies and the Sarasota County Health Department.*



# What Makes a Community Healthy?

...Sarasota County Residents Respond

While Community Health Action Teams provide a mechanism for individuals to become involved in community health improvement efforts, CHIP's health surveys allow for many more community voices to be heard. Survey data help us assess the health of the community and understand what matters to local residents.



The 2006 Community Health Survey represents the second community health survey conducted by CHIP. Thousands of residents from all parts of Sarasota County participated in the survey. What matters in Sarasota County? More than 2,000 local residents responded to the question below.

## What items do you believe are most important for a healthy community?

	<b>Sarasota County</b>
	<i>Percent</i>
Low crime/safe neighborhoods	<b>47.4</b>
Access to healthcare & other services	<b>40.7</b>
Good schools	<b>33.2</b>
Good jobs and healthy economy	<b>31.1</b>
Strong family life	<b>29.5</b>
Affordable housing	<b>28.5</b>
Healthy behaviors and lifestyles	<b>25.8</b>
Religious or spiritual values	<b>21.8</b>
Clean environment	<b>21.2</b>
Community involvement	<b>20.2</b>
Parks and recreation	<b>8.3</b>
Tolerance for diversity	<b>6.6</b>
Low level of child abuse	<b>6.3</b>
Arts and cultural events	<b>4.6</b>
Low death and disease rates	<b>2.1</b>

*Percentages do not sum to 100 because individuals had the option of selecting more than one response.*

## Englewood CHAT Members

*Past and present*

### *CHAT Chairs \**

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Christine Banks  
Larry Bebee  
Patricia Black \*  
Aimee Brainard  
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Connie Ellis  
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Paul Ringenberger  
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Donovan Thompson  
Tim Thompson  
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Brandie Whitaker  
Barbara Wood  
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Chris Ziegler \*

# Englewood CHAT

*Englewood's Community Health Action Team*

The Englewood CHAT aims to increase awareness, access and availability of health and human services in the Englewood area. The challenges of achieving these goals are unique given that Englewood straddles both Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. For years, the Englewood CHAT has been working to make it easier for local residents to access services in both counties.



## Accomplishments

- Created a video on the health and human service needs and challenges in Englewood
- Presented the video and led discussion to hundreds of residents through local associations and organizations
- Helped support Dollars for Mammograms program with Englewood Community Hospital
- Supporting Englewood Inter-Agency Council efforts to build a One-Stop Health and Human Services Center
- Held a community forum on information needs in the community, highlighting 2-1-1 services

*"Know the assets of your community. Build connections. Then transform your community for positive change."*

*John McKnight  
Expert on Asset-Based  
Community Development*



# LOVN CHAT

Laurel • Osprey • Venice • Nokomis ... 'LOVN'

The Laurel/Osprey/Venice/Nokomis CHAT envisions a community in which all citizens have an opportunity to enjoy the best health possible. Individual health is important for quality of life and for a vibrant and productive community. The CHAT believes that health status is the result of individual health behavior, access to and utilization of prevention information and wellness activities, access to needed primary care and tertiary care services for all citizens, a clean environment and a supportive social environment.

## Accomplishments

- Developed in 2005 and updated in 2006 the *LOVN Health and Human Services Directory*, distributed to 40,000 residents each printing
- Created the LOVN Care Team Diabetes project, which reached 65 seniors with in-home clinical, social and educational support
- Created the Family Advocacy Committee to address issues of healthy activities for teens and opportunities for inter-generational activities in Venice
- Created the CHIP Centers concept, obtained funding for a CHIP Center pilot
- Created the Senior Focus Committee to advocate for increased physical activity in seniors



*"We came up with practical applications to address a specific community need and had to work together with agencies to make it happen."*

*Janis Fawn  
Former Chair  
LOVN CHAT*

## LOVN CHAT Members

*Past and present*

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## North Port CHAT Members

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# North Port CHAT

## *Community Health Action in North Port*

The North Port CHAT strives to achieve a safe, healthy community where individuals and agencies collaborate to assure the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all residents.



*"It was just amazing to me how dialogue and community involvement would precipitate such partnerships, and then ultimately, to have the outcomes of those partnerships manifest themselves in such tangible, measurable ways."*

*Jack Donoghue  
Former Chair,  
North Port CHAT*

## Accomplishments

- Advocated for the development of more primary care services for the uninsured, which led to the creation of the North Port Health and Family Services Center
- Created and updated the *North Port Health and Human Services Guide* – each addition was distributed to more than 10,000 residents
- Sponsored four *Visioning for a Healthy Community* public forums
- Facilitated meetings to discuss the possibilities of building a hospital in North Port
- Created the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention subcommittee to reduce substance abuse among teens and support a local teen center
- Held a community forum on the need for mental health services in North Port, which led to collaboration with County agencies to expand services and funding



# CHIP Centers

Providing Easy Access to Health and Wellness Information

CHIP Centers  
Collaboration  
Council  
Members

CHIP Health and Wellness Information Centers started as a project of the LOVN CHAT. When CHIP's first community health survey revealed that many people were unaware of community services, the LOVN CHAT responded. A directory of local health and human services was created and CHIP Centers were opened in locations where people were likely to visit. CHIP Centers serve as a place to distribute the directories and other health information and provide a venue to inform the public about upcoming activities that promote health and wellness.

Goodwill  
Industries  
Manasota

Sarasota County  
Health  
Department

Sarasota County  
Library System

Senior  
Friendship  
Centers

South County  
Family YMCA

Laurel Civic  
Association

LOVN CHAT

Venice Regional  
Medical Center

## Accomplishments

- Opened seven CHIP Centers in South Sarasota County with a grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
- Published and distributed *HealthNews*, a monthly newsletter of health information for South County communities
- Promoted nearly 400 community health and wellness activities
- Created partnerships among key community stakeholders
- Coordinated with the Sarasota County Health Department's Pathways to Health program to open walking trails at Centers to promote outdoor exercise and social connection
- Promoted monthly health observances at each Center
- Created a sustainable CHIP Center model





# CHIP Leadership Council

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Shannon Staub

### Past Council Chairs\*

## CHIP Leadership Council

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Bill Coy  
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Judy Egan  
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Loring Wood  
Jim Woods \*  
Marcia Wyman

CHIP's Leadership Council serves as a planning body for long-range health improvement efforts, increases visibility and advocacy around key health issues in the community, and informs and advises policy makers on local and regional health policy issues. The Council includes representation from key healthcare provider agencies, CHAT leaders, the business community, the school system and other community leaders.

## Organizational Structure

The Leadership Council is led by a chairperson who serves a term of one year. The Council has convened multiple subcommittees and ad hoc committees, as needed. Current committees include:

**Health Provocateur Project:** Focused on system change and collaboration through quarterly meetings with hospital and health department CEOs.

**Health System Collaboration Committee:** Supporting the development and promotion of health indicators

**CSI: Health:** Focused on addressing the issues of the uninsured

**CHIP Centers:** Focused on access to health and wellness information through CHIP Centers located throughout the County

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*"I think the real impact will always be the importance and the involvement of the community – combining community leadership and people in key positions in the healthcare industry. CHIP pulled them all together. It allowed the community to identify issues and has allowed the healthcare industry to respond to those."*

**Jim Woods**

*Former Chair, CHIP Leadership Council  
Member, Venice City Council*

# Health Provocateur Project

*Engaging local health leadership. Thinking Big.*

CHIP's Health Provocateur Project was created to promote collaboration among healthcare leaders in the region. Hospital CEOs and health department administrators from Sarasota, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties meet regularly, sharing ideas and collaborating to address local health issues. Three national healthcare and community health experts — Leanne Kaiser Carlson, Tyler Norris and Leland Kaiser — have met with these leaders to educate and “provoke” new ways of looking at health and healthcare. These experts have urged this unique public-private partnership to be a nationally recognized and innovative model for fostering and improving health in the region.

## Accomplishments

- Tobacco-Free Campus Project - signed proclamation by all partners to be tobacco-free by the end of 2007, impacting more than 10,000 employees, patients and medical staff
- Wellness committees and programs have been created by many partners, including innovative nutrition and walking programs at Venice Regional Medical Center
- Creation of the Health Provocateur Design Team which helped to design and collaboratively implement Sarasota Healthcare Access and Charlotte County Indigent Care Program
- Creation of the Sarasota Low-Income Pharmacy Team, which designed the Sarasota Community Pharmacy business plan and is raising funds to open a volunteer-run community pharmacy in partnership with St. Vincent De Paul of Charlotte County

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*“We brought them together and got a commitment from them at that time, in June of 2005, that they would meet together quarterly for a year and talk about improving the health of the region – not healthcare.”*

*Margaret Kennedy  
Coordinator,  
Health Provocateur Project*

## Project Coordinator

Margaret Kennedy

## Project Facilitators

Tim Dutton  
Leslie Clarke

## Participants

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Health Department*

Bill Little  
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Hospital*

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Medical Center*

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Medical Center*



## Chair

Del Borgsdorf

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# CSI: Health

## *Working to Provide Equity in Healthcare Access*

In November 2005, the Community Alliance Subcommittee on Health Coverage for Uninsured Children co-sponsored a forum on the issues of the uninsured. Invited speakers from across the country spoke to 100 community leaders about different options for covering the uninsured. Dozens of attendees made a commitment that day to work on developing local solutions to this issue. Community Solutions Initiative: Health, or CSI: Health, is an active committee with three workgroups addressing issues of health promotion, public policy and health insurance.



## Accomplishments

- Launched [www.GetSarasotaInsured.com](http://www.GetSarasotaInsured.com), a website which aims to build awareness of and access to health insurance options for Sarasota County residents
- Two forums on affordable health insurance options for small businesses were co-sponsored by the Greater Sarasota Area Chamber of Commerce and the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce in April 2007
- The Health Promotions workgroup is working with the Wellness Coalition of Sarasota County to support the expansion of wellness opportunities to residents across the community
- Working with the Economic Development Corporation to do more outreach and education to local businesses about health insurance options



# Health System Collaboration Committee

**Chair**  
Loring Wood

**Past Chair**  
Bill Little

**Committee Members**  
*Past and present*

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- Jay Bushell
- Richard Beebe
- Mike Bigner
- Liz Bumpus
- Susan Calkins
- Christine Cauffield
- Bob Carter
- Leslie Clarke
- Bill Coy
- Catherine Clouse
- Jack Donoghue
- Kari Ellingstad
- Tim Dutton
- Sarah Gorman
- Cathy Emmett
- Kate Irwin
- Irwin Katz
- Francis Kendrick
- Maggie Kennedy
- John Kontor
- Jamie Mahadeo
- Ken Modzelewski
- Don Ottinger
- Gail Quinn
- Marguerite Rappoport
- Pauline Tracy
- Jennifer Tucker
- Jim Woods

The Health System Collaboration Committee (HSCC) was developed by CHIP to provide a mechanism for incubating new ideas and improving communication about healthcare across the community. The HSCC includes representatives from local agencies and organizations, the health department, local hospitals, as well as community volunteers and CHIP staff.

## Accomplishments

- Guided the development of CHIP's *Health Systems Assessment for Sarasota and Charlotte Counties*
- Adopted the Evans and Stoddart conceptual model of health as a framework for the identification of key health measures in the community
- Developed the Sarasota County Health Scorecard which captures and tracks 34 priority health indicators
- Created the *Health Scorecard Action Guide* to encourage collaborative action in health improvement efforts



## Embracing a Broad Definition of Health

Health is a state of well-being and the capability to function in the face of changing circumstances.

Health is, therefore, a positive concept emphasizing social and personal resources as well as physical capabilities.

*From the Institute of Medicine Committee on Using Performance Monitoring to Improve Community Health (1997)*

CHIP's web hub keeps the community connected

- Learn how to get involved and connect with your community
- Download CHIP publications
- View CHIP's documentary on the uninsured in Sarasota County
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## Partner Organizations

*Working Collaboratively to Improve the Health of the Community*

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Florida Suncoast  
Charlotte County Human Services  
City of North Port  
City of Sarasota  
City of Venice  
Coastal Behavioral Health Care  
Comfort Keepers  
Community Youth Development  
Department of Children and Family Services  
DeSoto County Health Department  
DeSoto Memorial Hospital  
Doctor's Hospital of Sarasota  
Englewood Area Roundtable of Services  
Englewood Community Hospital  
Englewood Helping Hand  
Englewood United Methodist Church  
Fawcett Memorial Hospital  
Florida Center for Children  
Florida Department of Children and Families  
Friends of Shamrock Park

Goodwill Industries of Manasota  
Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce  
Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice  
Hispanic Latino Coalition  
Jewish Family and Children's Services  
Laurel Civic Association  
Lemon Bay League  
Manatee Community College  
Newtown Front Porch  
North Port Chamber of Commerce  
North Port Counseling & Wellness Center  
North Port Sun  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
Peace River Health Care Park  
Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse  
Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT)  
Sarasota County Economic Development Corp.  
Sarasota County Health Department  
Sarasota County Libraries  
Sarasota County Parks & Recreation

Sarasota County Neighborhood Services  
Sarasota Herald-Tribune  
SCOPE  
Senior Friendship Centers  
Sarasota Memorial Hospital  
South County Family YMCA  
SPARCC  
St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
The Warehouse Teen Center  
The Women's Resource Center  
Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care  
Tri-County Counseling Center  
United Way 2-1-1  
University of Florida Extension Service  
University of South Florida  
Venice and Englewood Lions Club  
Venice Area Chamber of Commerce  
Venice Gondolier Sun  
Venice Regional Medical Center