

Luminaries

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Martin Co., St. Lucie Co., Indian River Co.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY



Staff, board members and volunteers gather at the Women's Refuge of Vero Beach 26th Annual Golf Tournament in 2025. This year's fundraising event will be Sept. 28 at Vero Beach Country Club. PROVIDED BY MARYANN KETCHAM

Women's Refuge of Vero Beach announces golf tournament

Judy Graziosi
Women's Refuge of Vero Beach

VERO BEACH — The Women's Refuge of Vero Beach invites golfers, sponsors, and friends of the ministry to take part in its 27th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Sept. 28, at Vero Beach Country Club.

The tournament will begin with registration at 8 a.m., followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

This annual event brings the community together for a meaningful day of golf, fellowship, and fundraising in support of the Women's Refuge mission to offer hope, healing, and restoration to people in need.

The tournament will be played in a scramble format and is open to men, women, and teams.

Foursomes are \$700, or \$175 per player, and include green fees, golf cart, a registration gift, and lunch.

Following tournament play, guests will gather for a lunch ceremony and awards reception, including foursome flight prizes, additional prizes, drawings, raffles, and sponsor recognition. Additional lunch tickets are available for \$40 per person, with a registration deadline of Sept. 22.

The Women's Refuge is also seeking business and community sponsors for this important fundraising event.

Sponsorship opportunities include Platinum Sponsor at \$5,000, Gold Sponsor at \$2,500, Silver Sponsor at \$1,500, and Tee Sign Sponsor at \$250. In-kind donations are also welcome. Sponsorship benefits vary by level and may in-

clude foursomes, tee signs, print and digital promotional advertising, logo placement in golf carts, welcome signage at the club, recognition during the banquet presentation, press releases, social media promotion, and reserved clubhouse seating at the awards ceremony.

The 2026 Premier Sponsor is Guy Faillace.

Participants may register by emailing judy.graziosi@womensrefugevb.org or mailing payment to Women's Refuge, 1850 Lemon Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960. You may also pay online at womensrefugevb.org/Golf_Tournament, or by phone at 772-236-6659.

For more information about playing, sponsoring, donating, or attending the luncheon, contact Judy Graziosi at 772-236-6659 or email judy.graziosi@womensrefugevb.org.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Guardians for New Futures to host 2026 Treasure Coast Child Summit

Debbie Butler
Guardians for New Futures

FORT PIERCE — Guardians for New Futures (GFNF4Kids) will host the 2026 Treasure Coast Child Summit on Sept. 23-24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Indian River State College Public Safety Training Complex's Bailey Auditorium, located at 4600 Kirby Loop Road in Fort Pierce.

Recognized as one of the Treasure Coast's premier child protection conferences, the summit will bring together approximately 300 professionals, community leaders, and advocates to address current issues impacting children and youth. Thanks to community sponsors, attendance is free, including lunch, and eligible participants will receive free Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates of completion.

This year's program features nationally recognized experts presenting information on child exploitation, autism spectrum disorder, youth mental health, artificial intelligence, gaming, online pornography, digital safety, and emerging threats affecting children. Featured speakers include Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods, who will discuss "Operation Fool Around and Find Out," the operation that led to the arrest of 58 child predators, along with a Sheriff's Panel addressing current



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trends in child exploitation and community safety.

The summit is designed for professionals and community members who work with or advocate for children,

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MARTIN COUNTY



Top Fundraiser Andrew Leace (center) with Top Fundraising Team members Jordon Shepard, A'nai Sheppard and Eboni Shepard. PROVIDED BY COASTAL CLICK PHOTOGRAPHY

BBBS annual fundraiser celebrates community champions, mentorship

Jennifer Sardone-Shiner
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties

GREENACRES — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties celebrated another landmark Bowl for Kids' Sake on Friday, June 5 at Greenacres Bowl, bringing together community members, cor-

porate partners, and supporters for a night of friendly competition, laughter, and meaningful impact.

The annual fundraiser generated critical dollars to support mentorship programs connecting young people with caring adult role models across Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

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