



The Caring Times

Giving Hearts, Lending A Hand...Making A Difference!

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2021... A Year of 'Virtual' Events and the Promise of a 'New Normal'

As we rang in 2021 many of us found ourselves gathering in outside venues, 'socially distanced', with a small group of friends and family whom we included in our 'COVID-19 POD. We watched 'spectacular fireworks displays' broadcast from major cities across the world and welcomed the start of a new decade. By year-end 2020 we all had gotten accustomed to scaled back gatherings and virtually celebrating milestone events with loved ones on ZOOM – a 'virtual' venue that often resembled the set of 'Hollywood Squares'! While not the same, gathering virtually for Birthdays, Graduations, Weddings, Births, and Lives Well Spent, kept us focused on who and what was really important in our lives!

As in times past, when faced with a challenge, people throughout the world tried to make the best of it, adapting to the situation and showing 'solidarity in solitude'. Whether it was residents in lockdown throughout Europe singing and entertaining each other from apartment balconies, images of people throughout the U.S. doing grocery shopping for their elderly neighbors, or crowds across the world banging pots, pans or whatever they could find, to show gratitude and support for front-line workers. Hopefully, in some small way, the pandemic helped bring us together by recognizing our commonalities: we are all human, we get sick, we get hungry,

we care for our children, and we worry about our loved ones - in these defining moments, in our own ways, we find ourselves reaching out to help one another when bad things happen!

As 2021 draws to a close we are beginning to experience the benefits of 'modern medicine' and the collective work of so many who dedicate their lives to scientific research - new vaccines, new medicines, new treatment protocols, and new tests. Airports are busy again, football stadiums have 'live' fans, schools have students in the classrooms, and people are returning to their workplaces. These are all positive steps forward, giving us hope that as we move into 2022, we will be able to enjoy a return to a 'new normal.'

In recognition of all the good works done, we would like to dedicate this *Silver Anniversary Edition of The JL Caring Times* to **All JL Cares Volunteers, who over the past 25 years dedicated thousands of hours**, and gave of themselves to lend a helping hand to someone else in the greater Jupiter area—your efforts help to make our community a great place to live! **Also**, a special **SHOUT OUT** to Our Health Care Professionals, First Responders and Front-Line Workers, who every day, risked their own safety to serve others: – **THANK YOU!**

Week of Giving 2021

Over the top, fantastic, incredible – these words just begin to describe the support provided by the members and residents of Jonathan’s Landing during the Week of Giving Campaign.

Throughout 2021, the demand for charitable services in our community significantly increased while the traditional ways of addressing these needs - live fundraising events and volunteerism were significantly restricted. In January 2021, faced with growing demand and shortage of funds, The Board of JL Cares responded, sponsoring “**The JL Cares Week of Giving**” - April 1st thru April 8th with the goal of raising **\$100,000**. Through the generosity of over 300 families throughout the JL community we were able to raise more than **\$210,000**. Realizing that we **more than doubled our initial goal** is truly amazing!



Week of Giving Committee: Pictured left to right: Corky Hogan, Vince Tarduogno, Stacey Stack, Linda Gilmore (Chairwoman), Teresa Price, Sharyn Buyers, Nancy Heichemer, and Susan Heher

Week of Giving Raffle Awards

Our generous Community helped us recognize Week of Giving Campaign donors, providing a wide range of raffle prizes. Anyone donating \$250 or was given an entry into a ‘Thank You’ Prize Drawing. Awards included: Disney World Passes, Wine Tastings, Golf Lessons, Tennis Lessons, Fine Wines, Spa Days, Tito’s Vodka, Tiffany Jewelry, and Retail Store and Restaurant Gift Certificates.



Week of Giving Reception Area and Raffle Drawing: Stacey Stack, Linda Gilmore and Nancy Heichemer

A Big Thank You to Each and Every Person Who Contributed!

JL Cares Lends a Helping Hand!

JL Cares supports approximately 25 social service agencies which serve the local area by coordinating volunteer opportunities for members of the JL Community and providing grants, gifts, and donations. Throughout the past 20 months, JL Cares has had to quickly adapt to the changes and demands brought about by the Covid-19 health crisis and carefully direct resources toward those organizations serving members in our community who faced critical needs in the areas of food, shelter, education and wellness. Thanks to the generosity of the JL Community, JL Cares was able to address several critical needs providing additional grant support to local agencies who experienced increased demand for their services!

Your support and generosity helped:

- Feed hundreds of people in Northern Palm Beach County who otherwise may have gone hungry, many of whom faced food insecurity during 2020 and 2021 for the first time in their lives.
- Assist day workers, serving the Jupiter area, find a job with fair pay and good working conditions.
- Provide Jupiter area students of all ages with before and after school care and tutoring.
- Support students in Jupiter develop their English language skills so that they could pursue higher education and successfully find employment in a field of their choice.
- Provide mentors to young persons in Northern Palm Beach County who could use a helping hand.
- Provide needed equipment to the Jupiter Medical Center.
- Help families facing homelessness in Northern Palm Beach County find shelter and build new lives for themselves through counseling and skill development.
- Assist a local Veteran handle the challenges of 'returning to civilian life'.

During the 2020-2021 season, JL Cares was able to share distributions and gifts-in-kind to our various agencies and programs that totaled \$260,700.



*Palm Beach Harvest
Tom Dwyer, Deborah Morgan*



*Edna Runner Tutorial Center
Anna Poulin, Edna Runner,
Vince Tarduogno, Karen Peterson*



*El Sol
Ellen Halligan, Georgia Anderson, Peg Erdlen*



*Sunset House
Michael Gordon, Bill Deskin,
and Vince Tarduogno*



*St. Vincent De Paul
Norman Gallagher and
Don Behrig*



*Wounded Veterans Relief Fund
Mike Durkee and Jack Addams*



*Big Brothers Big Sisters
Yvette Flores and
John Hutchinson*



Grants & Gifts

Support of Donations and Gifts to the Jupiter Community May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021

Cash Gifts & Grants

<i>Agency Funding</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Edna Runner Tutorial Center	30,000	Provides a safe and nurturing environment for at-risk Students and families so they may pursue academic excellence.
Palm Beach Harvest	30,000	Provides food 365 days to thousands who would otherwise go without eating.
El Sol	30,000	Improves the quality of life by providing services to those in need, especially day laborers & their families.
Sunset House	20,000	Treatment program for men who wish to recover from chemical dependency.
St. Vincent de Paul	20,000	Helps working poor, elderly and homeless facing temporary monetary crisis.
Family Promise	15,000	Partners with churches to help homeless children by empowering their families to regain self-sufficiency.
Thelma Pittman Pre-School	15,000	Early childhood education and development program – age birth to five.
Jupiter Elementary School	15,000	Provides an after school tutoring program for low income students.
Jupiter Community HS	10,000	English as a second language tutorial program
Junior Achievement	5,000	Educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy
Education Foundation of	5,000	One-time gift to provide support to students needing technology equipment for virtual learning environment
Wounded Veterans Relief Fund	7,500	Provides emergency financial support to qualified disabled veterans living in Florida.
Big Brothers Big Sisters	7,500	Creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.
Jupiter Medical Foundation	5,000	Provides wheelchairs.
Rebuilding the Palm Beaches	5,000	Painting projects to revitalize houses for low-income families
Forgotten Soldiers	5,000	Ships care packages and letters to military serving overseas.
<i>Total 2020/2021 Grants</i>	<i>\$225,000</i>	

Special Programs:

Thanksgiving Baskets	18,000	Funding food baskets for Jupiter families.in need
Angel Tree	11,100	Funding Holiday packages for children and seniors
Scholarship Funding	5,000	Provide need-based scholarships for students at Edna Runner Tutorial Center
Easter Baskets	1,600	Funding Easter Baskets for children in local community

Grand total of donations and gifts to the community \$260,700

JL Cares Sponsored Events 2020/2021

Your generous donations made a huge difference throughout our community and, as you will see on the following pages, so many people in our area were positively impacted by the work of the charitable organizations we support, both financially and through the work of JL Cares Volunteers.

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach

JL Cares appreciates our servicemen and women stationed overseas and sponsored a packing day at **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach** in Lake Worth. Supplies had been severely diminished as the schools and business groups that support them could not do events. Even sponsored packing days were suspended which were also a source of supplies and donations. The JL Community responded with 65 bags of much needed supplies and 6 volunteers packed 40 boxes and presented the FSO with a \$2,500 check from JL Cares as well as an additional \$3,000 in donations from JL members and residents to support future mailings and operations.



Pantry Purge

On Monday May 10th JL residents leaving for the summer were able to participate in JL Cares 'Pantry Purge' - an end of season collection of nonperishable food items. JL Cares volunteers, Nancy Heichemer and Susan Heher, stationed at the JLGC valet stand organized the collection and placing of donated goods into the back of 2 SUVs. By early afternoon they had collected enough items to fill nearly 4 SUVs! Palm Beach Harvest quickly responded, sending a truck to pick up the donations.



Nancy Heichemer and Susan Heher loading donations into the Pam Beach Harvest truck

Thanksgiving Baskets

We are honored each year to serve the community at Thanksgiving. During past years JL members and residents generously supported our mission of serving our community by putting together and donating Thanksgiving food baskets for local families served by several of the agencies we support.



In 2020, we recognized that many families were relying on food banks and agencies to find their next meal, thus, we felt it was imperative to continue the Thanksgiving Basket Program. The leaders at the agencies along with the JL Cares Board sought to keep everyone as safe as possible while providing those in need with a Thanksgiving meal. JL Cares reached out to the residents and members of JL requesting donations of Wal-Mart gift cards, checks, or a charge to their JL Golf Club account. More than \$18,000 was raised providing Thanksgiving meals to several hundred families served by **Palm Beach Harvest and Edna Runner Tutorial Center**.



In 2021 taking the same approach JL members and residents again contributed more than \$18,000 which was distributed to families served Palm Beach Harvest and Edna Runner and provided funding for 10,800 meals through the Meals of Hope project. We are so thankful for your generosity and help in providing a Happy Thanksgiving to so many families in the community.

Christmas Angel Tree

JL Cares' Angel Tree is a blessing for all involved! Each year, JL members and residents provided gifts to over 200 children and Seniors served by agencies supported by JL Cares. For our **2020 & 2021 Angel Tree Project** we used an approach similar to the one used for the Thanksgiving Basket program. Through the generosity of the JL Community \$11,000 in 2020 and over \$22,000 in 2021 was provided to purchase gifts for the children at **Edna Runner Tutorial Center** and Seniors at the Courtyard Gardens.



l-r Karen Peterson, Teresa Price, Edna Runner, Nancy Heichemer

We are so thankful for your participation and your help in providing a Merry Christmas to others in need!

Rebuilding the Palm Beaches & JL Cares Helping Homeowners

Volunteers of JL Cares worked with **Rebuilding the Palm Beaches** to freshen a couple of local homes by repainting the home's exterior, cleaning up the property and providing landscape plantings. Homes are revitalized for individuals that are low income, elderly or disabled, turning their home into a place of pride for the homeowner and the community.



Meals of Hope

On Monday, November 15th, between 3 and 5 pm, the ballroom of the JL Golf Club served as the staging area for 50 plus JL Volunteers to pack 10,000 fortified Macaroni and Cheese meals to be donated to Palm Beach Harvest, an organization supported by JL Cares. Palm Beach Harvest provides food 365 days to thousands who would otherwise go without eating.



Chari-Tea Volunteer Fair

SAVE THE DATE

On January 10, 2022, JL Cares will host the Chari-Tea Volunteer Fair. JL members and residents are invited to join us at 4 pm in the Dickinson Room and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Five local agency representatives will present and explain the mission of the organizations they represent and available volunteer opportunities. Following the formal presentations guests will have the opportunity to visit the agency booths and sign up to volunteer! For agencies not present, JL members familiar with those agencies that JL Cares supports, will share information with attendees and offer you the opportunity to sign up if interested.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Marlins Program

The Florida Marlins organization reached out to the JL POA regarding the Marlins tickets donation program. The POA in turn reached out to JL Cares which support many charitable organizations in the Jupiter community including The Big Brothers Big Sister Organization. Ellen Halligan of JL Cares helped coordinate the program with Katie Knapfel, Vice President of Programs for the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization and on July 5th 35 young fans and their chaperones had a great time at a Marlins game.

JL Cares and The Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization are very grateful to the Marlins Organization! Also, Big Brothers Big Sisters offers rewarding mentoring opportunities for JL residents. For more information, please call 561-727-3450 or visit mentorbig.org.

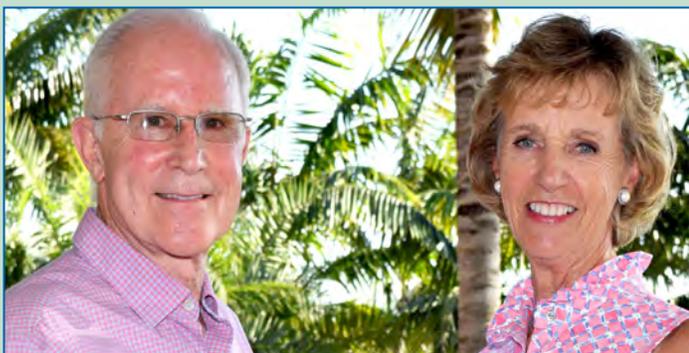


Young fans with The Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization enjoying a Marlins game!

A Changing of the Guard at the JL Cares Board

April is a bittersweet time for the JL Cares Board of Directors.

This year we said goodbye to **Susan Heher**, **Tom Dwyer**, and **Peggy Erdlen** who each served 6 years as Board Members and to **Bernie Halligan**, recently elected to the JLPOA Board. Susan, served as Board Secretary, coordinated volunteer activities, chaired several fundraising events, and restarted the Pantry Purge at the end of last season. Tom served as chair of the Gifts and Grants Committee, instituted a biennial review process of agency financial statements to better evaluate funding requests, and proposed and organized the November Meals of Hope 10,000 meal packing event. Peggy worked on the volunteer fair committee, chaired the Easter Basket Program, supported the Thanksgiving Basket drives and co-chaired the Ball Drop event along with Bernie Halligan. Bernie also served as Board Treasurer. A big thank you to each of these remarkable and dedicated individuals.



*Departing Board Members
Tom Dwyer, Susan Heher, not pictured: Peg Erdlen*

Welcome New Board Members; they bring extensive career and community service backgrounds, and share in the JL Cares mission.



*New Board Members
Jack Addams, Donna Prybyl, Ellen Halligan, John Hutchinson*

Jack Addams is a four-year resident of Jonathan's Landing. After a brief time at Proctor and Gamble, he joined Merrill Lynch in Atlanta as a bond trader and subsequently managed the SW Municipal Bond Region in Dallas. He moved into investment banking and finished his career as Vice Chairman of Hilltop Securities. He is the past President of the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas and is currently a member of the Georgia Tech Advisory Board which advises the President of Georgia Tech on various issues. Jack graduated with an Industrial Management degree from Georgia Tech.

Ellen Halligan is a twenty-year resident of JL and has been actively involved for years with JL Cares. Ellen had a diverse career during her thirty-two years with Mobil Oil/Exxon Corporation holding positions in marketing, supply chain, accounting and IT, where as a project manager, she and her team played an integral role, converting programs using the SAP (Standard Application Process) during the merger of Mobil Oil and Exxon Oil. Post retirement Ellen has been a consultant for SAP. Ellen attended the Philadelphia Community College and Rutgers University for Business Management.

John Hutchinson is a ten-year resident of JL. John brings over 32 years of management experience in the telecommunications industry to the JL Cares Board. During his career with Verizon Communications, John held positions in engineering, technology, and operations including President - Verizon Connected Solutions. John served on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Fort McHenry, is an active member in Leadership Maryland, and was a big brother in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Philadelphia. John earned an engineering degree from Rutgers University and his MBA from George Washington University.

Donna Prybyl is an eight-year resident of JL. Donna brings over 24 years of experience in special events and community relations to the JL Cares Board. She was Vice President of Community Relations at the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and held executive positions at Rich Products Corporation, New England Council, Boston YWCA and Independent Health. Most recently Donna has been an event consultant for ADOBE Corp. Philanthropic volunteering has always been at the core of who Donna and her family are including hands-on involvement in the Friends of Loggerhead Marine Life Center, The Sciencenter, El Portal de Belen Foundation and Notre Dame High School. Donna graduated with a communications degree from Simmons College in Boston.

SAVE THE DATE!

Jonathan's Landing Cares to Celebrate 25th Anniversary January 28, 2022!

For over 25 years JL Cares has helped support local charitable organization which serve individuals and families in our area, who need a helping hand with Food, Shelter, Education and Wellness. JL Cares identifies and coordinates, for members of the JL Community, volunteer opportunities through these organizations, and, raises funds to provide grants, gifts, and donations to help them continue the great work they do for our community. On January 28, 2022 we will celebrate all of the people who have supported JL Cares through gifts and volunteerism during the past 25 years.

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Watch for more information

Thank You!

We are extremely grateful to everyone who supports Jonathan's Landing Cares through your donations, volunteerism, participation in fundraising efforts and memorial gifts.

We simply could not do all that we do for the underserved without your help. We are thankful for you and for the many lives that you bless on behalf of JL CARES!

Happy 25th Anniversary

Your 2021/2022 JL Cares Board

Teresa Price, *Chairperson*
Vince Tarduogno, *Vice Chairperson & Gifts and Grants Committee*
Karen Peterson, *Treasurer*
Ellen Halligan, *Secretary*
Jack Addams, *Assistant Treasurer*
Nancy Heichemer, *Volunteer Coordination Committee*
John Hutchinson, *Communications Committee*
Donna Prybyl, *Volunteer Coordination & Technology Committee*



Nancy Heichemer, Ellen Halligan, John Hutchinson, Vince Tarduogno,
Teresa Price, Donna Prybyl, Corky Hogan, Jack Addams, Karen Peterson
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Jonathan's Landing Cares

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