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Tutor Corps students lead STEM lessons for children at summer program

By Sheila Oxx

Director of School Age Programs, Guadalupe Center

A typical complaint many teenagers have about school is that it's boring. They just sit there and listen to a teacher lecture from a textbook.

Rather than let the cycle repeat, an enthusiastic group of 12 students from Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers decided to create their own classes, a series of interactive, hands-on activities centered around Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Judging by the smiles on children's faces and classrooms buzzing with activity, these classes were anything but boring.

Bishop Verot students spent two weeks in June working with children in Guadalupe Center's Summer Enrichment Program, coordinating and presenting lessons that covered extreme weather (meteorology), earthquake towers (civil engineering and geometry), dinosaurs (science), egg drop (physical science), bridge building (engineering) and more. Students in Guadalupe Center's college preparatory Tutor Corps

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Lipman 7th Annual Backpack Giveaway Event has another successful year

By Lewis Perkins

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Saturday, August 4, Lipman Family Farms, the largest tomato grower in North America, hosted their 7th Annual Backpack Give Away. The event took place at Gary Bates Stadium at Immokalee High School.

Hundreds of people lined up, before the vendors arrived, in order to participate in the activities. Dozens of vendors, dedicated to enhancing the Immokalee community, offered information on continuing education, job enhancement, health education, free diabetes and blood pressure screenings, various community services, and programs, such as 4H and Boys and Girls Club, for children. Also, the Harry Chapin Food Bank gave free food to the over 2,000 participants.

Besides vendors offering free information and services, the event encouraged students to be physically active by offering several games, such as roller board races, and giant cup stacking to name a few.

Also, besides giving away backpacks and school supplies, they gave away gift certificates, free haircuts to elementary and middle school children, and had drawings to give away 200 bicycles and helmets. Although this event is only in its seventh year, it has grown to become a much anticipated event in the community.

Thanks to all of those who participated in the 5k walk/run, held last April, which raised the money to make this possible.



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As well as backpacks, 200 bicycles and helmets were given away. The picture below shows the dozens of vendors who offered information on various issues.



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Program worked side-by-side with the Bishop Verot students to deliver a memorable two weeks of hands-on learning.

After a presentation about boats and the principles of buoyancy and wind direction, for example, children built their own sailboats using their newfound engineering skills. They had to choose a material that would float and select the best sail size. Children then held a race to see whose vessel was the fastest, using handheld fans to replicate the wind and propel their crafts. They also built rollercoasters out of pretzels during a lesson on static and kinetic energy, and used their creativity to bend straws into a series of trapezoid shapes.

How old were the children participating

in the STEM lessons? First- and second-graders.

The concepts were advanced, yet children weren't overwhelmed or lost in high-level terminology. They simply were absorbing knowledge, and their facial expressions told the real story – they were engaged, excited and intrigued at every turn.

Students in Bishop Verot's Scholars Academy created the "STEM 4 Students" program in 2017 as a means of providing STEM education and inspiration to children in rural and low socioeconomic communities. After a four-day pilot last year, the program expanded to serve twice as many children in 2018 over the course of two weeks.

"Our children thoroughly enjoyed every minute of their STEM classes, and the best part was that high school students – not professional teachers or college professors – designed the curriculum," said Dawn Montecalvo, Guadalupe Center president. "They

created an academic program they knew would be educational, but also fun."

Bishop Verot senior Claire Sattler, one of STEM 4 Students' founders, said plans already are in the works for next summer, and the group hopes to expand to a second location.

"It's really great watching kids get excited about STEM," said Sattler, 16. "Science, math and engineering are subjects I was always good at, and we're showing other kids just how cool STEM can be."

Guadalupe Center, a nonprofit organization focused on breaking the cycle of poverty through education for the children of Immokalee, partners with a multitude of area individuals, businesses and organizations to deliver high-quality educational and enrichment programs. The center operates an Early Childhood Education Program, After-School and Summer Enrichment Program, and the Tutor Corps Program.

From the Superintendent of Schools

School doors will be locked for safety

In April, Collier County Public Schools announced that we will be locking the front doors of schools during the day as an additional later of security beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. As of August 10, 2018, the front doors at all 50 CCPS campuses will be LOCKED and visitors must show a valid photo ID in order to enter. This is an enhancement to the existing visitor screening procedures currently in place.

- Guests arriving on campus will request access using the access control device next to the school front door.

- When the front office staff answers, the guest will be asked for their name, and



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Schools

the reason for their visit, which may include their child's name.

- All visitors will be asked to display photo

to identification to the camera.

- Once approved and granted access, our guests will again present photo identification and will receive a visitor's pass using the existing visitor screening system.

- Guests should plan to arrive at our schools earlier to expedite their visit.

Prioritizing student and staff safety is a commitment we all share. There have been many challenges this year and we continue to meet them together. Please contact your child's principal with any questions. Thank you again for your continued support in keeping our students and staff members safe and secure.

Back to School Health Fair scheduled for this Friday

Receive vaccinations, nutrition information, learn more about Florida Department of Health services and more.

Naples — The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) will be hosting a "Back-To-School Health Fair" on Friday, August 10, 2018 to encourage parents to bring their children in to receive immunizations for school. Collier County students will start school next Wednesday, August 15, 2018. To avoid the long lines and extended waiting periods, DOH-Collier en-

courages parents and caregivers to check the immunization status and school requirements for their children, and visit your local health department or private health-care provider as soon as possible.

Reminder - All students entering 7th grade must have a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) booster vaccine prior to the first day of school.

Free immunizations for children birth through 18 years of age are available at the following DOH-Collier locations:

- Naples Site: Building H, 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Appointments are not necessary. For questions, please call (239) 252-8595. Parents are asked to bring their child's shot record when they come for immunizations.

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CCSO cautions residents about blackmail scam

Deputies are cautioning residents about a scam that seeks to blackmail victims with pornography allegations.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has received six telephone calls to the agency's "Call Before You Pay" hotline in recent days from residents who said they were contacted anonymously by someone claiming to have evidence that their computer was being used to access pornography and threatening to publicly reveal the information unless demands are met.

The scam begins when the scammer sends an anonymous letter claiming to have found pornography or evidence of some crime on the letter recipient's computer.

The scammer then threatens to reveal the evidence to the victim's family, friends or spouse. To avoid detection, the scammer insists on being paid in Bitcoin, a virtual currency. In exchange for the one-time fee, the scammer promises to make the evidence disappear.

CCSO encourages residents to be vigilant against letter, phone and e-mail scams. If you come across this scam, please report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov.

August is Child Safety Awareness Month

TALLAHASSEE – This month, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is reminding motorists to focus on child safety on and around Florida roads and ensure all children are correctly buckled into a vehicle, every time. DHSMV is partnering with the Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Department of Education, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Sheriffs Association, and the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) to recognize August 2018 as Child Safety Awareness Month.

"From properly buckling a child into a vehicle, to making sure they safely arrive at their destination, motorists are reminded to keep child safety in mind at every turn," said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "DHSMV is committed to serving as a resource for parents, guardians, children and all motorists to increase everyone's child safety awareness. This August, as children head back to school, we urge all Floridians to join us in protecting our most precious cargo."

DHSMV's Division of the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) offers free car seat installation and safety checks at major FHP troop stations throughout the state. Parents and guardians can call any local FHP office to schedule an appointment with a certified car seat technician.

"It is critically important to ensure the safety of our children in vehicles as they

travel our state's roadways. That means properly restraining children in a vehicle, every time," said Colonel Gene S. Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "FHP encourages everyone in the vehicle to buckle up, including passengers in the back seat. Remember, it's your responsibility to ensure they are safe."

Almost 50 percent of child passengers that died in a crash were not wearing any type of restraint in 2017. Preliminarily in 2017, there were 132,366 crashes in Florida involving children under the age of 18, resulting in 1,681 serious bodily injuries and 134 fatalities. Crashes involving children have gone up 14 percent since 2014. Drivers will also be charged with a seat belt violation if any passenger under the age of 18 is not restrained with a seat belt or child restraint device. There were 8,574 citations given for no or improper child restraint device.

Throughout the month of August, the department will be educating the public regarding all aspects of child safety on Florida roads, including: occupant protection and proper seat restraints, safety in and around school zones and school buses and never leaving children in hot cars.

Motorists must never leave a child unattended or unsupervised in a motor vehicle. It is extremely hot, especially in Florida, and leaving a child in a car can result in the child's injury or death. The inside of a vehicle can heat up by 20 degrees in just

10 minutes. A child's body temperature can rise three to five times faster than an adult's and heatstroke in a closed vehicle can occur when the temperature is as low as 57 degrees outside.

"It is up to all of us to take a role in protecting our children, and that is why DCF is working with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles during Child Safety Awareness Month to educate Floridians about the steps each of us can take to make sure the next generation of Floridians are safe and healthy," said Florida Department of Children and Families Secretary Mike Carroll. "We will continue to work with our partners across the state to educate families and bring awareness to this important issue."

"Every student deserves to arrive safely to school," said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. "With the school year quickly approaching, it is a great time to remind students, parents, educators, and the public to be diligent about safety, particularly around school buses and in school zones. We are pleased to join the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to promote Child Safety Awareness Month in Florida."

"Each and every day, police officers protect our state's youngest visitors and residents," said Miami Shores Police Chief Kevin Lystad, president of the Florida Police

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Chiefs Association. “We encourage adults to make responsible decisions and pay attention to the safety of children traveling by car, bus, bicycle or on foot. Avoiding distractions like texting while driving, exercising caution in school zones, and using proper restraints in vehicles can help keep children safe.”

“The mission of our Florida sheriffs is protecting the citizens that we proudly serve. Accordingly, the foremost goal is the protection of our youth. On behalf of our sheriffs, I fully endorse the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle’s Child Safety Awareness Month campaign,” said Florida Sheriffs Association President, Sheriff Mike Adkinson.

“FCAAP is committed to promoting the safety of children and adolescents in Florida. We are looking forward to continuing to work on common goals with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to protect children from preventable injuries and deaths. We will accomplish this mission together by working collaboratively to raise awareness regarding the use of age appropriate child safety restraints, implementation of safety measures in and around school zones and school buses and

prevention of child heatstroke in cars,” said Madeline M. Joseph, MD, and President of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

“As families get ready for a new school year, it’s important to be vigilant about safety both inside and outside the car,” said Matt Nasworthy, Florida Public Affairs Director for AAA – The Auto Club Group. “This includes making sure that everyone is safely buckled up and cell phones are put away.”

DHSMV offers additional safety tips for parents and all motorists to keep kids safe in and around vehicles:

- Children under age four must be in a car seat and, as of January 1, 2015, children age four and five must be in a car seat or booster seat. Drivers will be charged if any passenger under 18 is not properly buckled in.
- Read the car seat’s instruction manual and the portion of your vehicle’s owner manual when you install a car seat.
- In passenger vehicles, children under the age of 13 should be secured in the rear seat; airbags can injure or kill young children in the front seat. Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an airbag.
- Be alert and watch for children especially near schools, bus stops, school buses and in school parking lots. Always watch for and obey signals from school crossing guards.

• Never sit on the roadway or the curb while waiting for the school bus; wait in a safe place away from the road.

• Children on bicycles can be unpredictable and can make sudden changes in direction. Be especially careful when children are present in school zones and residential areas.

• Be alert while backing up and designate safe play areas away from vehicles.

Visit the DHSMV’s website <https://www.flhsmv.gov/child-safety> for more information and use the hashtag #ChildSafetyFL throughout the month to add and share important child safety information.

The Florida Department of Highway

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Collier County Road Watch

US 41 from Habitat Drive to SR 951/Collier Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during daytime hours weekdays, while crews perform underground utility work, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 29 from South 7th Street to South 2nd Street: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound lane closures during daytime hours, while crews make water main connections, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

Airport Pulling Road South at Calusa Avenue/Great Blue Drive: Construction project: Crews make median modifications at the intersection of Calusa Avenue/Great Blue Drive. The directional left-turn median

openings for both northbound and southbound traffic on Airport Pulling Road S. will be modified to align the turn lanes with the side streets. Left turns will be adjusted to improve line of sight for motorists. The median at Great Blue Drive will be shortened to allow for the crosswalk alignment to be straightened. No lane closures are permitted during the peak hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. or from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Estimated completion is summer 2018, weather permitting. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

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Naples - Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida (HCN) has received a \$10,000 grant from the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation to support the expansion of its Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a mobile pediatric office that travels to schools and neighborhoods to deliver dental care and medical screenings to the most underserved children in our community while giving them access to continuing care through HCN's land based dental sites. Since 2004, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM) has provided medical and dental care to more than 32,000 undeserved children in Collier County.

The RMCM provides dental screenings and sealants in coordination with Collier County Schools, to first and second grade children in 13 Title One Schools. The program currently serves 13 Title One Schools in Collier County, and the funding from Suncoast Credit Union Foundation HCN will increase the number of children served by adding an additional school for the 2018-2019 school year. CEO Mike Ellis noted that "Our goal is to create a dental home for every child in our community, and often the first point of access is at these school based visits on board the Care Mobile. The support from Suncoast Credit Union Foundation will ensure that we continue to reach as many underserved children in need as possible".

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- Update Critical Communication Technology



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Community Briefs

VPK positions available

Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee formerly known as Immokalee Child Care Center is ex-panding for the 2018-2019 school year! A few additional VPK enrollment spaces are available for three hrs or wrap-around care. Tuition Assistance is available. Please contact Diana; our Family Enrollment & Recruit-ment Specialist; for information at 239-657-4130 or visit the cen-

ter at 415 Colorado Avenue, Immokalee.

Collier Senior Resources

Collier Senior Resources at the Golden Gate Senior Center has launched a new program for low income elderly Collier County residents who need financial assistance and who have exhausted all other resources. This one-time financial assistance can be used for: Prescriptions, Utility Shut Off No-

tice, Rent or Mortgage Payments, Durable Medical Equipment, Small Appliances, Gas Cards, Eye Glasses and Other Items.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 60 years and older
- Collier County Resident
- Within 175 percent of federal poverty level
- Exhausted all other resources

To speak to a case worker and for more information about the Direct Assistance Program for Needy Seniors, please call 239-252-4550 and ask for Maritza.

Collier Senior Resources Programa De Asistencia Directa Para Ancianos Necesitados Collier Senior Resources en el Centro de Ancianos de Golden Gate comenzó un programa de ayuda financiera para ancianos con escasos recursos económicos y que están en necesidad de ayuda monetaria.

La asistencia se puede usar para:

Medicinas, Desconexión de Utilidades, Tarjeta de Gasolina, Pagos atrasados de Renta o Hipoteca, Equipo Médico Durable, Pequeños Electrodomésticos, Anteojos, Otras Necesidades.

Requisitos de Elegibilidad:

- 60 años o más
- Residentes del Condado de Collier
- Dentro del 175% nivel de pobreza
- Hayan agotado otros recursos en la comunidad

Llamar al 239-252-4550 para más información del Programa Directo de Asistencia. Pregunte por Maritza.

Training and support group

This support group is for families of children with special needs of any kind. It provides the ability for parent training and for families to connect and establish supportive relationships. When: The last Wednesday of every month from 9 a. m.-11 a.m. Where: Florida State University College of Medicine, Immokalee Health Education Site, 1441 Heritage Boulevard, Immokalee. Cost: Free to families. Snacks and beverages will be provided for free. For more information or to register to attend, call Tara Tallaksen at (239) 254-4279 or Rosa Martinez (239) 658-3129.

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- ACROSS**
- One is featured in the 1962 Ventures instrumental "The 2,000 Pound Bee"
 - Bass output
 - He played the bandit Calvera in "The Magnificent Seven"
 - Maar, mistress of Picasso
 - Qualified for
 - "The Enemy Below" setting, briefly
 - Zap
 - Kid's cry
 - Overpower with noise
 - Airline created by an Act of Parliament
 - Take away
 - "The Love Machine" author
 - Place to stretch
 - In abeyance
 - "Michael" co-screenwriter Ephron
 - Expected
 - Tie
 - "Hot House" Grammy-winning pianist
 - Philadelphia tourist attraction
 - DJIA part: Abbr.
 - Massenet opera
 - Heraklion's island
 - Chimney repair job
 - 14-Down, for one
 - Some property safeguards
 - "Alice in Wonderland" bird
 - They may be frozen or liquid
 - Ideal figure
 - School with the mascot Big Al
 - Quill parts
 - Food chain group

- Greek letters
 - Gourmands
 - Erato's instrument
 - South side
- DOWN**
- Sense
 - Radius neighbor
 - Unpopular spots
 - Literally, "twice-baked"
 - Rod
 - "Tracey Takes On" author
 - Intestinal
 - Cry of achievement
 - Routine
 - Botswana
 - Some October campaigns
 - Fare reduction option
 - Sandusky locale
 - Keys holder in a Rubens portrait
 - Singer James
 - Person
 - Strikes out
 - Power source

- Brown, e.g.
- Business where lines are short?
- Equip anew
- Pain relief pill brand
- Greenside stroke
- 1983 Styx hit that begins in Japanese
- Flanged fastener
- Rogue
- Existing: Lat.
- Francs and beans?
- Winger of "Black Widow"
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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

There will be a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 5:05 p.m., at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee, Florida 34142.

BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of Budget Assumptions and Proposed Budget
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: If you require special aid or services as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the District office at (239) 658-3630, no less than five (5) days prior to the above stated meeting date. The District is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 278818 IB 8/9/2018

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NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 4:00 P.M., at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Employee Recognition
 1. June 2018-Veronica Garcia
 - E. Public Concerns
 - F. Staff Good Cause Items
 - G. Board Concerns
 - H. Old Business
 1. USDA Documents
 - I. New Business
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Adoption of Minutes
 - B. June 20, 2018 Board Meeting
 - C. Civil Rights June and July Compliance Report
 - D. June and July Budget Review
 - E. Fixed Assets Acquisitions-Disposals
 - F. Various Reports
 - G. Project Change Orders
 - H. Engineer's Report - Greeley and Hansen
 - I. Director's Report June and July
4. Action Agenda
 - A. Engineering Invoice - FDEP Letter
 - B. FDEP Consent Order
 - C. Bad Debt Write-off
5. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

"Public discussion will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless additional information is requested, and additional time is granted by the Board Members."

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: If you require special aid or services as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the District office at (239) 658-3630, no less than five (5) days prior to the above stated date. 278806 IB 8/9/2018

Looking for volunteers

One of the best investments we can make in the life of a child is in their early education experiences. We are looking for volunteers. The goal of the Literacy Buddy Program is to put books into the hands of 3, 4 and 5-year old children. Once you volunteer, you are matched with a child in a preschool contracted by the coalition. Your child writes to you and tells you what they are interested in and then you write back and include a book about those interests. These exchanges happen three times during the school year. It's a great way to start a young child on the path to literacy and the love of learning. For more information visit www.ELCofSWFL.org and click on the Big Buddy Button.

County Meetings

• Notice is hereby given that the Productivity Committee will meet at 10 a.m., Thursday, August 9, in the County Manager's Office Front Conference Room, Second Floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, Florida 34112.

About the public meeting: Two or more members of the Board of County Commissioners may be present and may participate at the meeting. The subject matter of this meeting may be an item for discussion and action at a future meeting of that board.

All interested parties are invited to attend, and to register to speak. All registered public speakers will be limited to three minutes unless permission for additional time is granted by the chairman.

Collier County Organizations to share \$2.7 million gift for hurricane relief

As part of its commitment to help communities in Florida recover from Hurricane Irma, officials from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), The United Way of Collier County, Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) and Grace Place for Children and Families today announced the disbursement of \$2.7 million in funds to help rehabilitate and improve areas affected by Hurricane Irma. Each organization will receive a portion of the gift from the UAE, which is part of a larger relief pledge to the state of Florida of \$10 million for Hurricane Irma relief efforts.

"The UAE is excited to be working with the United Way and Collier County to directly help families in this community," said Dana Al Marashi, Head of Heritage and Social Affairs at the UAE Embassy in Washington, DC. "This is what friends do for each other in times of need. As a friend of the United States, as a friend of the residents of Florida, and now as a friend of people across Collier County, the UAE is delighted to be able to help in some small way."

The United Way of Collier County will receive a portion of the gift to fund its continuing Irma relief programming and assistance, including projects that assist the most affected members of the Collier County community and help them become more economically stable in the long term.

"We are honored to work Dana and the Embassy as a trusted partner", said Steve Sanderson, President & CEO of The United Way of Collier County. "This donation is truly transformative and game changing providing immediate and longer-term relief for thousands of asset limited hard working families still plagued by this devastating hurricane. We are so thankful. This collaboration has been outstanding."

The United Way of Collier County will also oversee, manage and distribute the grant to Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) and Grace Place for Children and Families for specific projects.

When Hurricane Irma hit Collier County, Florida, on September 10, 2017, it damaged, and in some circumstances decimated, the technology infrastructure in many schools across the county.

CCPS will receive over \$1 million to help the school district overcome the debilitating effects of the hurricane and provide students in Immokalee and Everglades City with internet access, which will be essential for

their future success. Specifically, the grant will fund the installation of internet access points on top of towers at eight local public schools in Immokalee and Everglades City. These points will also provide Wi-Fi hot spots to students throughout these communities. The schools that will receive Wi-Fi transmitters include:

- Immokalee High School
- Bethune Education Center
- Highlands Elementary School
- Lake Trafford Elementary School
- Village Oaks Elementary School
- Eden Park
- Everglades City

• Pinecrest Elementary School
"Connection to the Internet and digital resources are important educational advantages and can provide equity to all students, said Greg Turchetta, Executive Director of Communications and Community Engagement for the Collier County Public Schools. "This wonderful humanitarian gift will provide this equity for the students of Immokalee and Everglades City and reduce the digital divide for these communities. For these children, access helps to ensure academic growth and access beyond their own communities and will broaden their world academically, personally and socially. Collier County public school is thankful to the UAE

and the embassy for providing this opportunity."

In addition to funding for the United Way of Collier County and CCPS, a portion of the grant has been awarded to Grace Place for Children and Families, which provided relief to the Golden Gate community after the hurricane.

Over \$1 million of the grant will help restore the organization's playgrounds, hard court and soccer field, and improve its technology infrastructure and food pantry. The funds will also help with needed repairs to 30 homes of disadvantaged families throughout the Golden Gate community that were damaged by Hurricane Irma.



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