

2016 GUIDE TO GIVING

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Volunteer, Give Back,
Love Our City

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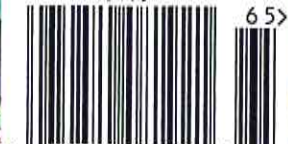
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THIS TOWN?**

The 25
Most Influential
People



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ACTS of KINDNESS

Finding friends for the mentally ill.

You may have seen Ann Hartka sitting behind a pamphlet-laden table at Publix, or heard her cheerful spiel in your doctor's office. At 98, Hartka is not just the co-founder of Compeer Sarasota; she's also its leading volunteer recruiter.

For more than 70 years, Compeer offices throughout the country have paired volunteer companions with adults living with mental illness. Hartka, who moved to Sarasota in 1957 to operate the Miramar Hotel with her husband, helped initiate the local Compeer chapter in 2011. She was inspired by her cousin who was diagnosed with schizophrenia at 17 and benefited from a Philadelphia-based Compeer program. "They encouraged him in so many ways," Hartka says. "He graduated college and became a journalist and a public speaker. He's so grateful."

Now partnered with Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Compeer Sarasota serves more than 40 clients. Hartka, who was honored as the 2015 Compeer board member of the year in the United States, assures her recruits, "It's only an hour a week. But that seems to be enough to start a friendship." —HANNAH WALLACE



ANN HARTKA

Sertoma Club of Venice Florida

Venice, (941) 412-4307

MISSION: Serves children needing speech therapy in south Sarasota County.

Sertoma Kids

Sarasota, (941) 228-1062

MISSION: Provides speech and language therapy to children with communication disorders, regardless of their families' ability to pay.

Servants Outreach and Redevelopment Ministries

Palmetto, (941) 981-9391

MISSION: Committed to community restoration, reconciliation and revitalization, as well as other hands-on, healing-focused endeavors.

Singles Reaching Singles In Christ

Sarasota, (941) 925-0987

MISSION: To minister to single adults.

SixFinger Foundation

Sarasota, (508) 441-8801

MISSION: To develop projects that provide families new op-

portunities to learn and grow together.

SOLVE Maternity Homes

Bradenton, (941) 748-0094

MISSION: Provides housing and specialized services to pregnant women and teens who have chosen life.

Southeastern Guide Dogs

Palmetto, (941) 729-5665

MISSION: To create and nurture a partnership between a visually impaired individual and a guide dog, facilitating life's journey with mobility, independence and dignity.

Special Olympics Florida - Manatee County

Bradenton, (941) 751-0049

MISSION: To provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics Florida - Sarasota County

Venice, (941) 412-0402

MISSION: To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of

Olympic-type sports for persons eight years of age and older with intellectual disabilities.

Stillpoint House of Prayer

Bradenton, (941) 748-6835

MISSION: To reach out to the disadvantaged in our community by restoring or leading them to a life-changing encounter with God through both spiritual and material assistance.

Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Associates (SANCA)

Sarasota, (941) 358-7275

MISSION: To manage Nathan Benderson Park, a community/public asset and world-class, multi-use sports venue.

Suncoast Center for Independent Living

Sarasota, (941) 351-9545

MISSION: Empowering people with disabilities to independence.

Suncoast Charities for Children

Sarasota, (941) 706-3795

MISSION: Provides funding support to the Suncoast Foundation for Handicapped Children to assist local children, teens and adults with special needs and their families.

Suncoast Community Capital

Bradenton, (941) 744-2666

MISSION: Works with people of low income to achieve financial stability.

Suncoast Partnership To End Homelessness

Sarasota, (941) 955-8987

MISSION: To prevent and end homelessness in Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Tallevast Community Center

Tallevast, (941) 355-2337

MISSION: Dedicated to improving the health, educational attainment, human welfare and opportunities for youth and families throughout Manatee and Sarasota.

The Team Tony Foundation

Sarasota, (941) 320-3366

MISSION: Pairs cancer survi-

vors with a cancer fighter to ensure those impacted get the support they need.

Teen Court

Sarasota, (941) 861-8460

MISSION: Changes teen lives and reduces juvenile crime through unique intervention services and opportunities for teen volunteers to learn about and work in the legal system.

Timothy Mark Ministries

Elfrida, (941) 445-3288

MISSION: To equip the Church to be renewed through a return to the basics of loving God with utter abandon and selflessly loving others.

Turning Points

Bradenton, (941) 747-1509

MISSION: To provide, coordinate and facilitate services to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in Manatee County.

U.S. Masters Swimming

Sarasota, (941) 556-6270

MISSION: Encourages adults to swim.

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN BUY



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Purchases a picnic table for the Sarasota Military Academy Prep middle school campus. (They need five in all.) sarasotamilitaryacademy.org, (941) 877-7737 or (941) 926-1700

\$1,000



Helps keep a roof over the heads of a family in crisis through Season of Sharing. Your investment helps a family avoid losing a home; it costs much more to get them back into a house after it's been taken away. cfsarasota.org, (941) 955-3000

\$1,400

Pays for teaching one adult to overcome fear and swim safely in deep water. MiracleSwimming.com, (941) 921-6420

Mote Marine Laboratory
Sarasota, (941) 388-4441
MISSION: To advance marine and environmental sciences through scientific research, education and public outreach, leading to new discoveries, revitalization and sustainability of the oceans.

Nature's Academy
Bradenton, (941) 538-6829
MISSION: To enhance science literacy and foster environmental stewardship.

Palma Sola Botanical Park
Bradenton, (941) 761-2866
MISSION: To preserve and foster an appreciation of nature and landscaping in an interactive learning environment.

Reef Medics
Lakewood Ranch, (941) 961-4131
MISSION: To provide therapy and education through SCUBA diving while protecting the reefs.

Sarasota Audubon Society
Sarasota, (941) 312-6533
MISSION: Dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of birds, wildlife and the environment.

Sarasota Garden Club
Sarasota, (941) 955-0875
MISSION: Preserving botanical gardens and historical landmarks while fostering appreciation and promotion of Florida gardening principals, floral design and civic beautification.

SOSS2 (Save Our Siesta Sand)
Sarasota, (941) 952-7000
MISSION: To ensure that no harm comes to Siesta Key beaches, waterfront property or navigation in Big Pass.

Selby Gardens
Sarasota, (941) 366-5731
MISSION: To provide an oasis of inspiration and tranquility while furthering the understanding and appreciation of plants, especially epiphytes.

SUSiE (Science Under Sail Institute for Exploration)
Sarasota, (941) 350-0900
MISSION: Dedicated to the advancement of coral reef research and the advancement of early career scientists and explorers.

Southwest Florida Fossil Society
Venice, (941) 769-2725
MISSION: To promote and foster the science of paleontology

through the collection, identification and preservation of fossil remains and provide a regional forum for training and experience in the scientific field.

Suncoast Waterkeeper
Sarasota, (941) 275-2922
MISSION: To protect and restore the Suncoast's waterways through enforcement, fieldwork, advocacy and environmental education.

This Spaceship Earth
Sarasota, (773) 991-5199
MISSION: To overcome the challenges of climate change by creating crew consciousness.

Venice Area Beautification
Venice, (941) 207-8224
MISSION: To make the Venice area a more beautiful place to live, work and play.

HEALTH CARE

All Children's Hospital Guild
St. Petersburg, (727) 767-3879
MISSION: To advocate, volunteer and fund raise for children and families of Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital.

Alzheimer's Association
Sarasota, (941) 365-8883
MISSION: To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

American Association of Kidney Patients
Tampa, (813) 636-8100
MISSION: Dedicated to improving the quality of life of kidney patients through education, advocacy and the fostering of patient communities.

American Cancer Society
Sarasota, (800) 227-2345
MISSION: Dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

American Diabetes Association Southwest Florida
Tampa, (813) 885-5007
MISSION: To prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the

lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Bioscent K9
Myakka City, (941) 225-5042
MISSION: To use canine scent detection to develop a noninvasive way of screening for cancer and other life-threatening diseases in their primary stages.

Breast Health Sarasota
Sarasota, (941) 927-2226
MISSION: Dedicated to a communitywide effort promoting breast health awareness and education to the underserved Sarasota County residents.

Cares Outreach Services
Sarasota, (941) 365-5925
MISSION: Moving forward to put health disparities behind us.

Center for Mindful Grieving
Sarasota, (941) 306-1232
MISSION: To provide in-depth, one-of-a-kind, creative, specialized grief healing, recovery and life transformation services to the disenfranchised.

Centerstone of Florida
Bradenton, (941) 782-4299
MISSION: Specializing in mental health and addictions so that health and wellness are possible for every family.

The Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association
Glenolden, Pennsylvania, (610) 499-9264
MISSION: To support the development of new drugs to treat CMT (the most commonly inherited peripheral neuropathy); to improve the quality of life for people with CMT and ultimately, to find a cure for CMT.

Circuelle Foundation
Sarasota, (855) 523-7465
MISSION: To educate, engage and empower young adults to be come self-advocates for breast health and awareness.

Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Sarasota, (941) 927-8900
MISSION: To provide quality care with compassion, respect and dignity.

Community AIDS Network (CAN)
Sarasota, (941) 366-0461
MISSION: To provide a continuum of medical, social and education services essential to the health and well-being



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