

Bonita Springs United Way House/ Goodwill Job-Link Center

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida: Lead agency for the Bonita Springs United Way House

Description of Goodwill Job-Link Services provided at the Bonita Springs United Way House

Our Goodwill Job-Link center helps people with employment, skills training, and family strengthening. Our trained employment consultants can assist with resume preparation, interviewing skills, and access to online employment opportunities. The Job-Link center also provides computer access so that our clients can look for a job and submit online resumes and job applications. Many of our computers are equipped with adaptive technology to assist people with disabilities. Finally, the Job-Link center provides referrals to family strengthening services in the community. We partner with numerous agencies across Southwest Florida with the common goal of helping people become more independent.

Description of Programs Offered at the Bonita Springs United Way House/ Goodwill Job-Link Center

Free HIV Testing

Partner: ICAN

This program is for anyone in the community who would like to check their HIV status and/or receive assistance if they are HIV positive.

Alzheimer & Dementia Assistance & Memory Screenings

Partner: Alvin Dubin Alzheimers Center

This program provides local support for coping with dementia. This center offers individualized assistance for families and caregivers, support group meetings, training and education programs for professionals.

Therapy For Abused Adults

Partner: Abuse Counseling Treatment Center

This agency offers assistance and therapy to victims of abuse and domestic violence.

Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop

Partners: Susan G. Komen Foundation

At this event the community learns the importance of breast screening, treatments, and services for those suffering from breast cancer.

Community Baby Shower

Partners: Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida

This is a program hosted by Healthy Start in order to provide baby products and education to new and expecting mothers in the community. The mothers receive workshops that address topics such as child safety, new mother fitness, and the benefits of cloth diapers. At the event gifts such as diapers, cribs, strollers and toys are given away and raffled.

Building Strong Families Program

Partner: CCM

This program is designed for families with children that require case management and goal setting resources.

Therapy For Abused Children

Partner: Children's Advocacy Center

This agency provides clinical assistance to clients in overcoming abuse related behavioral and emotional difficulties and to develop effective coping skills, healthy socialization skills, and safety planning skills.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program)

Partners: CredAbility and IRS

VITA is a free tax preparation program for low and moderate income persons. Preparation is done by IRS certified volunteers.

Food Pantry

Partner: Catholic Charities

Every Tuesday donated food is distributed to needy families in the community. The amount of food given to each individual is determined by their household size. Clients are allowed to shop at the pantry up to 4 times a month if they do not receive food stamps and up to 2 times a month if they do receive food assistance.

Bonita Fire Department Christmas Toy Drive

Partner: Bonita Springs Fire Department

We (The Bonita Springs United Way House/ Goodwill Job- Link Center) lend our time and resources to assist the fire department with translation for Spanish speaking clients and to distribute toys during their annual Christmas Toy Drive.

Halloween in the Park

Partner: The City of Bonita Springs and Bonita-Estero Association of Realtors (B.E.A.R.)

We (The Bonita Springs United Way House/ Goodwill Job-Link Center) offer our help at the annual Halloween in the Park event by distributing candy, donations and giveaways to the children in the Bonita Springs community.

Access

Partner: Department of Children and Families

Assistance is provided to those who wish to apply for benefits such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Temporary Cash Assistance.

Florida KidCare

Application assistance is provided to those who wish to apply for health insurance programs for their children through Florida KidCare.

Unemployment

Application assistance is provided to those who wish to file an unemployment compensation claim, as well as those who wish to input their job search data and claim weeks.

**** We also provide meeting space for community organizations****