

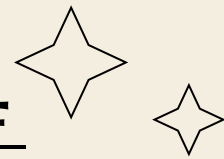
# PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY



February 2024 Edition



## NOTE FROM ADMIN STAFF

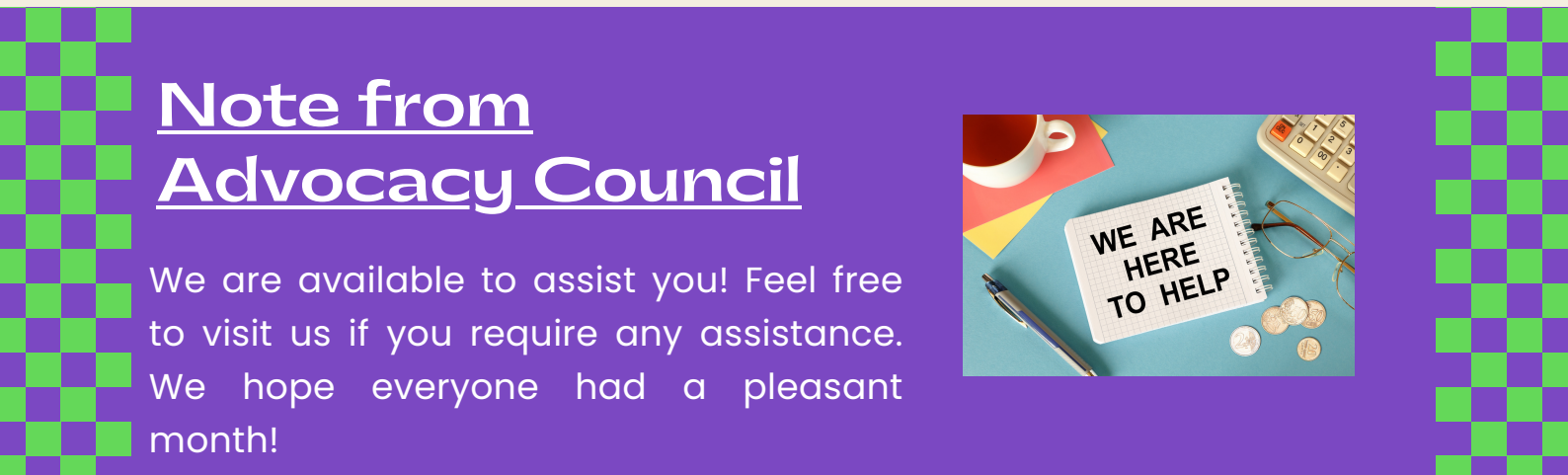


We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to showcase all the incredible new developments on the horizon for PTO! We trust that you will relish in a summary of the events and achievements from the month of January.

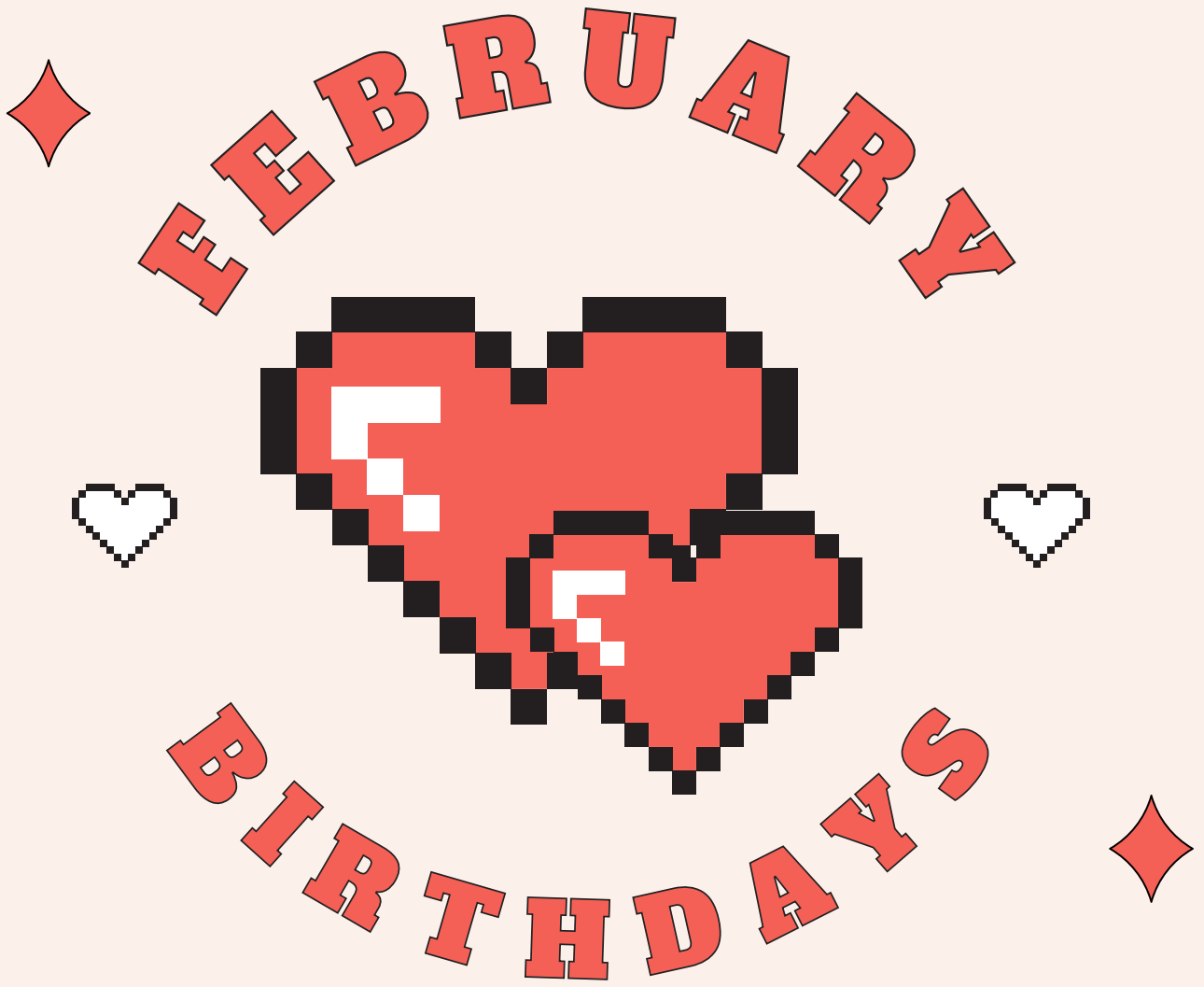


## Note from Advocacy Council

We are available to assist you! Feel free to visit us if you require any assistance. We hope everyone had a pleasant month!



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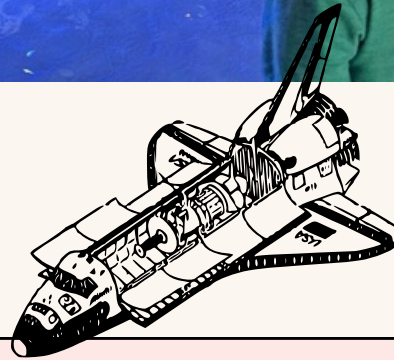
**Frankie**

# OPPORTUNITY EXPLORERS

AWESOME!



good vibes



Exciting times at IMAG History & Science Center with Pathways to Opportunity! Our journey through the incredible exhibits was nothing short of amazing. From interactive displays to mind-blowing experiences, we had a blast exploring the endless possibilities!

Some of us even stepped into the spotlight to try out our weather person skills! It was a hilarious and enlightening experience that added an extra layer of fun to our day.

A huge shoutout to everyone involved in making the Imaginarium an unforgettable adventure. Here's to embracing new opportunities, learning, and creating lasting memories together



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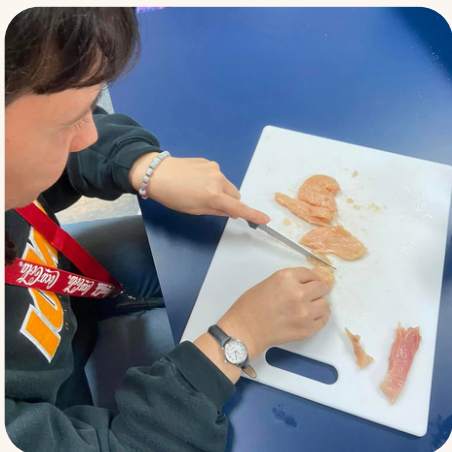
As we reflect on the incredible journey, we can't help but extend our deepest gratitude to Southern Fresh Farms for everything they have contributed to our community and personally to us. Your dedication to nurturing not only the land but also the bonds within our community has left an indelible mark on our hearts. As you turn the page to embark on the beautiful journey of retirement, we just want to say a huge THANK YOU! Enjoy every moment of this new chapter. Your legacy in the community will continue to flourish, just like the seeds you've sown over the years. Here's to new beginnings, endless joy, and the adventures of grandparenting!





# PATHWAYS CHEFS'

Indulge in the culinary delight of Pathways Chefs' delicious chicken pot pie! We've not only crafted this masterpiece but also delved into menu planning, portion control, and budgeting. Drop a comment if you're eager for our recipe!



# STEPPING TO OPPORTUNITY



## THE RANCH



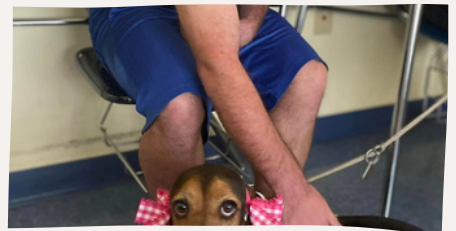
Thank you The Ranch, for a fantastic day filled with dancing and laughter! Hoping you adore your new shirt as much as we adore you! Shirts are also available for sale if anyone is interested!



# ✱ Pet Therapy ✱



Grateful for the incredible impact therapy dogs have on our well-being! Their unconditional love and comforting presence make a world of difference. Today, let's celebrate these furry therapists who bring joy and support to so many.





We had the incredible opportunity to visit Fox 4 and what an enlightening experience it was! Our group received an exclusive tour of the station, diving deep into the world of broadcasting and learning about what it takes to bring the news to our community.

We are grateful for our community partners like FOX-4 who open their doors to our participants, helping us to broaden their horizons and explore new interests.

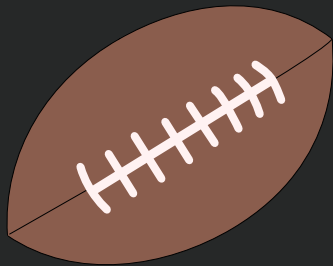
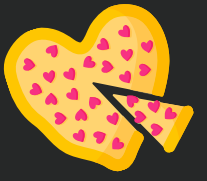


A massive THANK YOU to the entire Fox 4 team, especially Anchor & Reporter Shari Armstrong, for welcoming us with open arms and for leading such an educational and fun tour. The knowledge and insight gained from this visit have left a lasting impression.



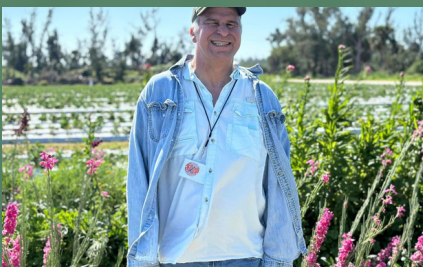
# NATIONAL PIZZA DAY

Happy National Pizza Day!  
Rocking our favorite  
football teams while  
indulging in some delicious  
slices





# Farmer Mike's You Pick



A huge shoutout to Farmer Mikes U Pick of Fort Myers for their incredible hospitality! We had a fantastic time picking the most delicious strawberries you could imagine. The experience was not only fun but also reminded us of the joys of picking your own fresh produce straight from the farm.

We couldn't be more grateful for the warm welcome and the unforgettable experience. If you're looking for a fun day out and some of the freshest, most flavorful strawberries around, we highly recommend paying them a visit. You won't be disappointed!

Thank you again, Farmer Mike's U-Pick, for making our day so special. We can't wait to come back!



# PATHWAYS



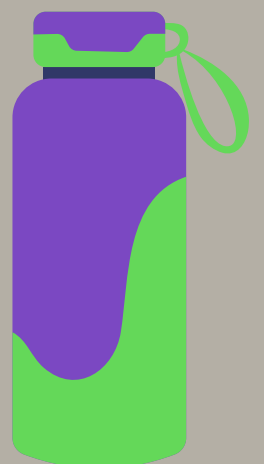
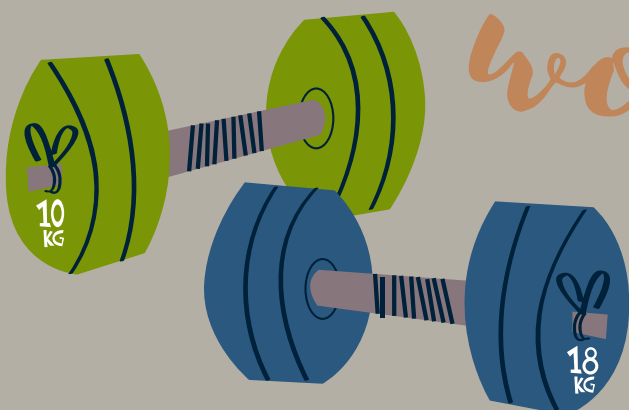
# REC

Pathways Rec got to work out at the Harold Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center in Port Charlotte. If you haven't been there before, make sure to check them out! Their facility is gorgeous!



# WAKE UP AND

*workout*





# MENS CLUB



**The Fort Myers Fire Department Chief, Tracy McMillion, and his staff provided a full tour of the fire stations, fire trucks, engines and equipment. A discussion with the Fire Chief about how important values and goals are for his staff. Participants operated the Jaws of Life and used the fire hose and so much more!**



# WOMEN'S CLUB



QUEEN



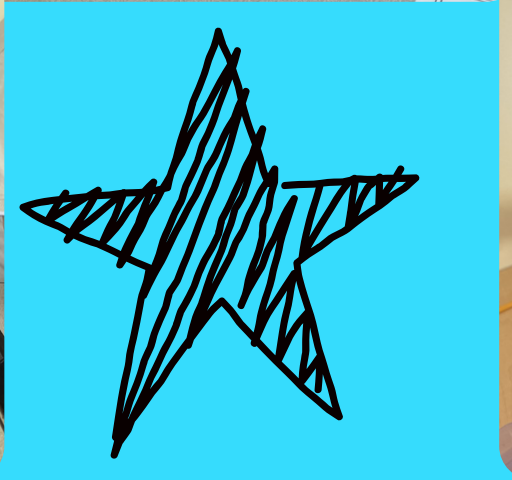
In Queens of Opportunity, the class had an awesome guest speaker, they also journal about their day, and found affirmations that empower themselves & others.

Women support women



# ART HISTORY

In Art History, we created our version of Cubism Art. Which is a form of art that began in the early 1900's

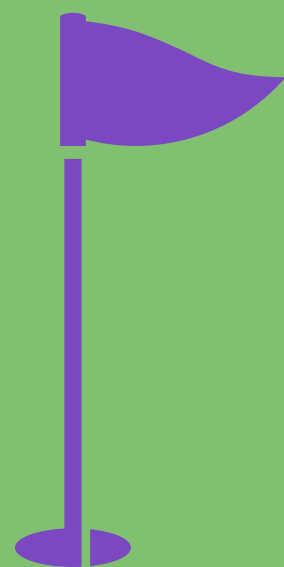




# FAIRWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY



Dive into the magic of our 2nd Annual Fairways to Opportunity event with this latest batch of photos. Each snapshot captures the laughter, concentration, and incredible spirit of all who joined us on this memorable day





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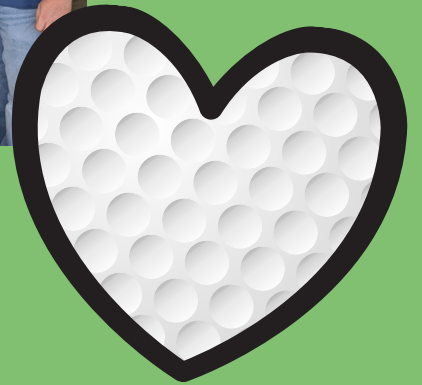


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**Thank you**  
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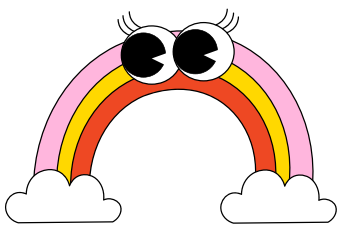
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# Valentine's Day Party



Peace





**PTO is so excited to welcome the  
USL Naples soccer team to the  
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**We cannot wait to be in the stands  
come next year!**

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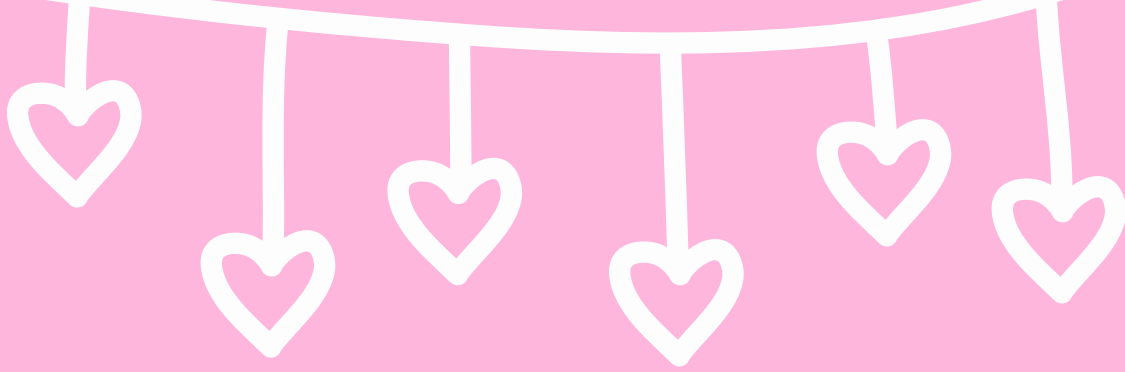




**FEBRUARY**

**HEART AWARENESS MONTH**





# Happy Valentine's Day



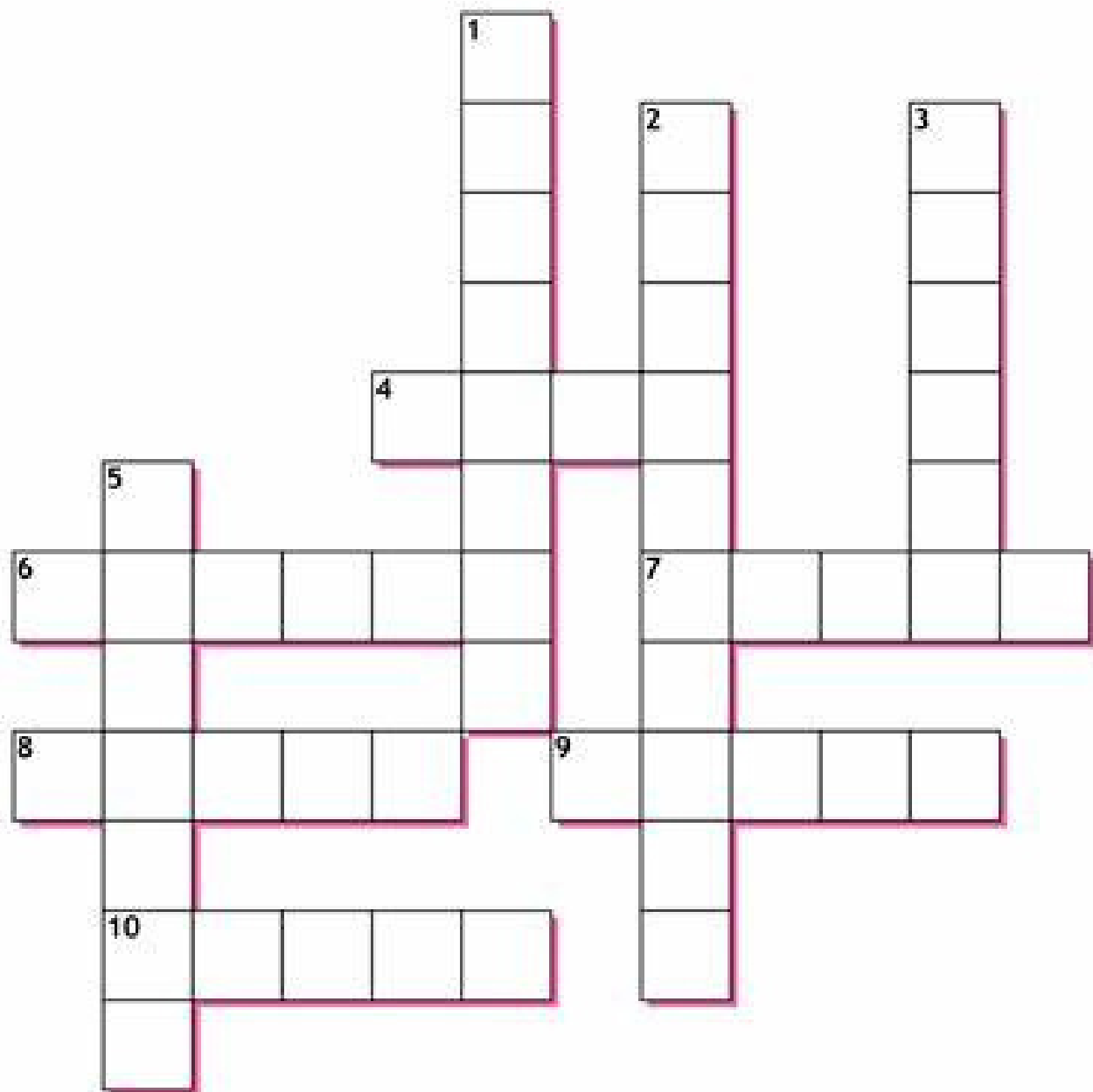
HUGS AND KISSES

XOXOXO



# Valentine's Day

## Crossword Puzzles



### Across

4. it makes the world go around
6. two individuals of the same sort considered together.
7. The organ is the main power to your body
8. move rhythmically to music, typically following a set sequence of steps
9. sweets for the sweets
10. Quivers and bow

### Down

1. make an offer of marriage to someone
2. a person with whom someone is having a romantic relationship
3. The main meal of the day, taken either around midday or in the evening.
5. a book or movie dealing with love in a sentimental or idealized way.





# Register Today!

**SATURDAY APRIL 27th, 2024**

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DECORATE AND BE IN OUR  
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# A.N.A.'S COMFORT CLOSET

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH WE ARE COLLECTING NEW OR LIKE NEW STUFFED ANIMALS FOR A.N.A.'S COMFORT CLOSET. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT PAULINE 239-271-6881

WE ARE GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT GIVES SO MUCH TO US!

- A.N.A.'s Comfort Closet is not just a place filled with essential items for children in need. It is a haven, a refuge where abused, neglected, and abandoned children can seek solace and support during their most vulnerable times. This extraordinary resource goes beyond providing new bedding, clothing, and other necessities; it offers these children something far more precious – a sense of security and belonging.
- Within the comforting walls of A.N.A.'s Comfort Closet, children can find respite from their hardships and experience a compassionate environment that is dedicated to their well-being. The shelves are filled not only with bedtime bags, stuffed animals, diapers, wipes, formula, and hygiene products, but also with warmth, understanding, and hope.
- In the midst of challenging circumstances, these children are surrounded by caring volunteers who not only cater to their immediate physical needs but ensure that they feel valued and cherished. A.N.A.'s Comfort Closet serves as a symbol of compassion in action, providing a glimmer of light and a source of reassurance amidst the darkness. It is no ordinary resource; it is a lifeline where children can find solace, comfort, and the promise of a brighter future.



Pathways to Opportunity expresses gratitude to Bob with John Michael's Diamond and Jewelry Studio! We presented Bob with a Pathways shirt, which he initially said we don't have to do that. We reassured him that his generosity is valued, and we are grateful for everything he does for Pathways to Opportunity.

We appreciate all those who have donated to Pathways. Through these contributions, we have enhanced the daily lives of all program participants. The partnership holds greater significance than words can express.



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