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March 2026

You don't want to miss this event!!



Glitz and Gallop Gala

Presented by

 **HCA Florida**
West Hospital

Join us to watch
the LIVE
running of the
152nd Kentucky
Derby

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Sanders Beach
Corrine Jones
Resource Center

Tickets: \$125



BUY MY TICKET

United Way of West Florida invites you to an unforgettable evening of style, celebration, and community impact at the **Glitz & Gallop Gala** on **May 2**, from **4-7 p.m.** at **Sanders Beach Corrine Jones Resource Center**.

Join us as we come together to support ALICE families—hardworking individuals and families in Escambia and Santa Rosa County who are one unexpected expense away from crisis. Your support helps create meaningful change right here in our community.

We are honored to welcome **Chief Jennifer Frank, Chief of Police for the City of Milton**, as our Honorary Chair for this special event.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible sponsors who make this event possible:

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March Employee SPOTLIGHT

At United Way of West Florida, every 211 call is answered with empathy and a commitment to helping others. In this month's spotlight, we're highlighting Susie Burr, a 211 operator whose compassion and lived experience make a meaningful impact when it matters most.

[Learn more about Susie](#)



DJ Kint: Veteran Highlight

We're proud to share that DJ Kint, our FVSL Coordinator, has been selected for the Veterans Making a Difference segment on WEAR-TV! He was recently interviewed and will be featured in a story airing at the end of the month—so be sure to keep an eye out.

DJ's mission is simple: to help people. From supporting fellow veterans through the Florida Veteran Support Line to educating our community through QPR training, his impact is both meaningful and far-reaching. This recognition is a true reflection of his service—and we couldn't be prouder!

Partner of The Year

We're honored! United Way of West Florida was named Partner of the Year by the Gulf Coast Minority Chamber of Commerce. A big thank you to our community and partners for making this achievement possible!



We're proud to share that United Way of West Florida has received accreditation from the Better Business Bureau! This recognition reflects our commitment to transparency, accountability, and trust, so you can feel confident that your support is making a meaningful impact in our community.

Mini Grant Applications Closing Soon!



The 2026 Mini Grant Application from United Way of West Florida is still open, but it closes on April 5!

Grants up to \$5,000 are available for grassroots nonprofits in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to support capacity-building efforts like accounting, professional development, and consulting.

Learn more [here](#).

Who is ALICE?

UNITED WAY
West Florida

UNITED FOR
ALICE®

MEET ALICE

(Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)

VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS

The graphic features a blue circle on the left containing the United Way logo and the text 'MEET ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS'. To the right, the 'UNITED FOR ALICE' logo is displayed against a light background with yellow and blue circular accents.

Join United Way of West Florida for a **one-hour virtual session** exploring ALICE households —the hardworking families who struggle to make ends meet in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Learn about ALICE’s history, local impact, and ways you can support and advocate for these families.

When: Last Wednesday of each month, Mar–Oct, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Register [here](#).

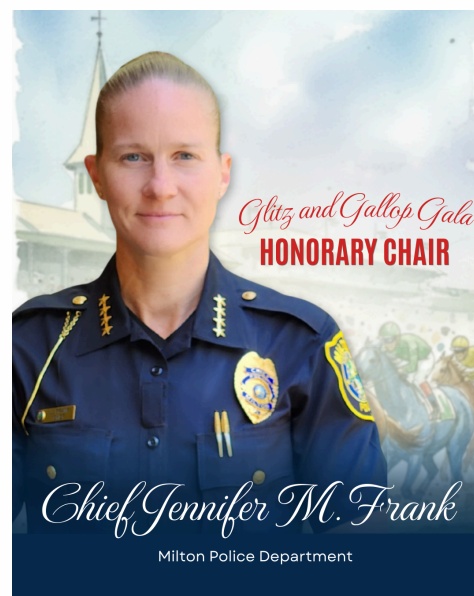
Upcoming Events

Glitz and Gallop Gala

Dust off your biggest hats and sharpest bow ties! Our annual **Glitz & Gallop Gala** returns on **May 2, 2026**, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the **Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones Resource Center**.

Early interest is already high, so mark your calendars and **get your tickets now**; you won’t want to miss the event of the season!

[Learn More](#)





Battle of the Barristers

Event Date: Thursday, Jun 4, 5-8 p.m.

Bringing together the legal community for an evening of friendly competition, networking, and impact. This lively trivia event challenges attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals to put their knowledge to the test while supporting the **United Way of West Florida's** mission.

Teams of legal professionals will face off in a spirited trivia showdown covering everything from law and pop culture to history and current events. Whether you're a seasoned litigator, a rising associate, or simply someone who enjoys a good challenge, Battle of the Barristers offers a fun and engaging way to connect with colleagues outside the courtroom.

🏆 Last year's champions, "Torts Illustrated" from the Levin Papantonio Law Firm, took home the title after an intense battle of legal minds. This year, the question is—who will claim the crown?

This isn't your average trivia night.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact [Mirella](#).

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Stamp Out Hunger: May 9th, 2026

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, led by the National Association of Letter Carriers, is the largest one-day food drive in the country—and all donations collected in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties stay local to support neighbors facing food insecurity.

Participating is easy: leave non-perishable food by your mailbox on Saturday, May 9, or drop donations at a nearby United States Postal Service location.



SAVE THE DATE: Stuff the Bus 2026 is July 23

Join us as we come together to equip local students with the supplies they need for a strong start to the school year. More details coming soon—get ready to help us make an even bigger impact this year! 🚌📚

[More Information](#)

Get Involved

Need Volunteer Hours?

United Way of West Florida can help individuals fulfill volunteer requirements by connecting them with local volunteer opportunities through our

Get Connected platform—a fun and easy way to give back to the community. Start making a difference today!

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)



[Make a Difference](#)

Every day, hardworking families in our community struggle to make ends meet. These are your neighbors, your coworkers, your friends—people doing everything they can to provide for their families.

United Way of West Florida is here to help. With your support, we fund local programs that lift families out of crisis, support children's education, and provide critical services for those in need. But we can't do it alone. Undesignated donations give us the flexibility to put resources where they're needed most, responding quickly to the most urgent needs in our community.

Your gift, no matter the size, changes lives. It provides hope, stability, and opportunity for the families who need it most. Donate today and be part of the solution—together, we can build a stronger, more resilient West Florida.

[Check Out Our Latest Blog](#)



Connecting Compassion to Need: United Way of West Florida Mobilizes Support for Mr. Johnny

After years of service and resilience, Mr. Johnny found himself in need of support—and our community showed up. Through the help of local partners and generous donors, he's now resting easier and feeling the impact of a community that cares. His story is a powerful reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

[Read more to see how lives
are being changed every day.](#)



SAVE THE DATE: MAY 9th



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Food - Splash pad - Playground - Giveaways

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-next to Legion Field-
1301 W Gregory St
Pensacola FL 32501

**11:00AM -
2:00PM**

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