

Feeding Indian River County

September is Hunger Action Month, a nationwide campaign to bring awareness to the hunger crisis that exists in our country. **SpirePoint Private Client** would like to highlight just a few of the organizations that exist here in Indian River County that are making a difference, one meal at a time.



Shining Light Garden began in 2008 as a backyard project to feed the hungry. The project quickly evolved into a 20+ acre farm that has grown thousands of bushels of food for the homeless, hungry, and forgotten since its inception.

Shining Light depends solely on volunteers who donate their time to ensure the garden thrives and is plentiful. Once the crop is ready, these volunteers wash and distribute the final products to various food assistance programs throughout Indian River County, including food pantries and homeless shelters. The organization even has a flower garden that produces beautiful flowers that are donated to the VNA hospice.

To learn more about the programs and services provided by Shining Light Garden, please visit www.shininglightgarden.com



United Against Poverty (UP) aims to empower families and individuals to lift themselves to sustainable economic self-sufficiency. The goal is to ensure that members of the community have access to basic needs, nutritious food, crisis care, education, and employment training.



UP IRC has a Member Share Grocery Program (MSGP) that is a dignified food and household assistance program where income qualified members can personally select their grocery items. Membership is free and available to households that fall at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Members contribute a small handling fee and can visit as often as they like, saving up to 70% of their household and food budget. UP Indian River also hosts food drives throughout the year that help stock the emergency food pantry for those in need.

To learn more about the programs and services provided by United Against Poverty, please visit www.upirc.org



The Food Pantry of Indian River County was formed over 23 years ago with the goal of providing food to the disadvantaged, unemployed, and underemployed. This organization provides emergency food supplies to residents and transients in the area. They are a 100% volunteer-based organization that is able to contribute 97% of all monetary donations to food. As of 2023, the Food Pantry has been distributing roughly 150 tons of food annually to our county. Leveraging the Treasure Coast Food Bank and local Scoot grocery chains, The Food Pantry is able to acquire \$3.00 of food for every \$1.00 donated.

To learn more about the programs and services provided by The Food Pantry of Indian River County, please visit www.foodpantryirc.org



All of these charities are looking for your help. Generous donations can be made in the form of money, food, or time. Please consider helping in whichever way you can!

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