

## Cocoa Beach Chamber caters to nonprofit needs with new 'Wish List' feature on website

MERRITT ISLAND — The Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced a new "Wish List" feature on its website, [CocoaBeachChamber.com](http://CocoaBeachChamber.com).

Nonprofit partners of the Chamber now have access to this feature to post the needs of their organizations, or schools, to the Chamber's website. Conversely, organizations or for-profit entities can post excess items they have to provide to those in need.

"The new Wish List feature on our website was created in direct response to working with our expansive list of nonprofit Chamber partners," said Jennifer Sugarman, president and CEO of the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"As a nonprofit itself, the Chamber and its 501(c)(3) Institute understand firsthand the struggle to keep up with the constant needs and demands of running a business. The Wish List will provide a platform for our community to come together and fill each other's needs."

Interested organizations should visit [www.CocoaBeachChamber.com](http://www.CocoaBeachChamber.com) and register with a username and password under the "resources" tab.

Once a business is registered, they can post both their excess items and Wish List needs into the database. In order to remove the items as they're filled, contact Darlene Montano, director of communications, directly. Her office number is 454-2027.

"With 1,500 business partners and over 160 nonprofits currently active in the Cocoa Beach Chamber, we are thrilled to offer this new service to a community in need," said Sugarman.

## Supervisor of Elections Lori Scott announces the winners from 'Launch the Vote' contest

VIERA — Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Lori Scott recently recognized the winners of the fifth annual "Launch the Vote Student Art Contest" during an awards reception. The winners were presented with a resolution, sponsored by Commissioner Rita Pritchett, during the County Commission meeting.

"I am always amazed to see the level of creativity in the artwork submitted by the students showcasing their interest in the electoral process," said Scott. "There was a high level of excitement during the reception when the winners were presented with medals, ribbons, their certificate, and prizes from our wonderful community partners, including Chick-fil-A."

Col. Westanna Bobbit, Judge Kelly McKibben, and Malak Hammad served as judges for the 262 entries from 12 elementary schools.

The winners are: first place, Ashley Nicole Rogers of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy; second place, London Olivia Thomas of Longleaf Elementary School; and third place, Anna Livengood of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy. Honorable mentions went to Emmeline Carpenter, Sela Brooke Horgan and Benjamin Pritchett.

The Chick-fil-A Award was presented to Emily Livengood of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy. The Chick-fil-A honorable mention was given to Ansleigh Delaine Friday of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy.

The winning artwork will be displayed in the Supervisor of Elections Office in Viera for the next year. During the month of November, Chick-fil-A establishments throughout Brevard County will display the artwork of the first-, second- and third-place winners and the Chick-fil-A Award winner as well.

## 'Friends and Family' exhibit scheduled to open on Nov. 23 at the Studios of Cocoa Beach

The Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach, will host an opening reception for its annual Members Show and "Friends and Family" Exhibit from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23.

Resident artists will display the best of their current work and compete for awards. The show will be judged by event sponsor Dan Striby of Sterling Photography in Melbourne. Visitors can also vote for their favorite piece. The winner will be presented with the People's Choice Award, also sponsored by Sterling Photography.

In addition to entering a piece in the exhibit, the artists of the Studios of Cocoa Beach can invite a friend to share their studio space. Attendees will have the opportunity to view a mix of creative arts from more than 40 local artists.

You can meet the artists and enjoy wine and food bites donated by ODDesigns of Cocoa Beach. There will also be a free drawing for "Dancer Dolly," a funky art doll created by Linda Geiger of the Studios of Cocoa Beach. The winner will be notified by Nov. 30.

The Studios Holiday Shoppe will also be open with a variety of "reasonably" priced art for holiday gift-giving.

The exhibit will be on display from Nov. 20 to Jan. 21. For more information on this event, call 613-3480 or visit [www.StudiosOfCocoaBeach.org](http://www.StudiosOfCocoaBeach.org).



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