



A Community #ForAllAges

December 2019

The Kindness Boomerang

It's the time of year when many are motivated toward random acts of kindness. Watch as this inspiring video tracks an act of kindness as it's passed from one individual to the next and manages to boomerang back to the person who set it into motion [total time: 6 minutes].



[Life Vest Inside - Kindness Boomerang - "One Day"](#)

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Paying it Forward: 20 Years of Season of Sharing

Imagine having to choose between rent, a car payment or medicine. Season of Sharing raises money to support people and families one paycheck away from the threat of homelessness.

Did you know it costs upward of \$8 to get a family back into housing, yet only costs \$1 to prevent a family from losing their home? Let Season of Sharing pull on your heartstrings; then listen to your wise-strings and consider making a donation via the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.



Each year, we hear how [Season of Sharing](#) has made a tangible difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors living on the verge of homelessness. Over 19 years, Season of Sharing has harnessed the community's generous spirit during the holiday season to raise more than \$21 million for those less fortunate. By giving these funds to people before they lose their home, Season of Sharing has the ability to alter the narrative and keep trying circumstances from becoming a chronic challenge.

Regionally, more than 20,000 individuals and families have retained the dignity, comfort, and security their home provides, and, with only 15 percent of those who receive Season of Sharing funding needing more assistance the following year, [the impact Season of Sharing generates each year is sustainable](#).

To catalyze additional giving, The Patterson Foundation will make additional \$100,000 contributions each time the community raises \$500,000 between now and Jan 31, 2020.

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Get Crafty with the Kiddos!





[7 DIY Christmas Decorations Made From Pasta By Crafty Panda](#)

The holidays are here, and we bet your kiddos are SUPER EXCITED! Even if you don't celebrate with a tree, these low-cost holiday crafts are still fun to make, and share! What colors will you choose?

Happy
Holidays

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