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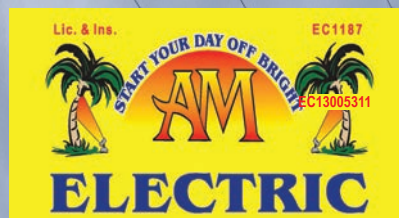
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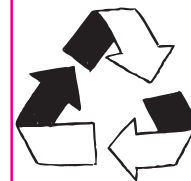
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Now - Sept 25, 2025 – Key West Truman Waterfront Farmers Market Shop with a view every Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Truman Waterfront Farmers Market located on the harbor by the USCG Ingham Museum. Find great food options including ready-to-eat items, fresh Florida produce and other grocery items, along with gifts, home decor, art and more. Located at the corner of Southard Street and Weech Way.

Now - May 18 – Key West Art & Historical Society: Collecting Key West - The Works of Mario Sanchez Mario Sanchez (1908-2005) is among this country's finest and most-recognized folk artists. His bas-relief carvings, or intaglios, are a visual feast filled with the music, smells and passion of Gato's Village, the Cuban-American community of Key West where Sanchez spent much of his life. The exhibit is on display at the Custom House Museum daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 281 Front St.

Now - May 5 – Key West Literary Seminar: Elizabeth Bishop's Postcards, An Exhibition In partnership with the Archives & Special Collections Library at Vassar College, Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 11am-2pm. 624 White St.

Now - May 3 – Red Barn Theatre: Short Attention Span Theatre - 2025 Edition Fresh new, pertinent and funny short plays with several directors and a big handful of favorite Key West actors, this popular and all new show returns to delight audiences. Shows at 7:30 p.m. 319 Duval St.

Now - May 3 – Waterfront Playhouse: Wait Until Dark The final show of the Waterfront Playhouse's Mainstage Series 407 Wall St. at Mallory Square.

Now - May 4 – 29th Annual Key West Songwriters Festival Performances take place at numerous theaters, bars and event spaces around Key West.

Now - May 4 – I.CARE: Trash Derby & Festival sponsored by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in support of Goal: Clean Seas. After two days of trash collecting, there is a free festival Sunday at Founders Park, MM 87 Bayside noon to 6 p.m. The festival is open to the public. Awards ceremony to include cash and other special prizes. Live music, food vendors, games and activities, raffles, a silent auction and exhibitors including local organizations helping to restore Keys coral reefs.

Now - May 29 – Studios of Key West: Isaac Valdes - The Way it Was Experience the historical charm and

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May 2 – FK Contractors Assoc. FREE Luncheon @ KC INN Noon with guest speakers and memberships available too!

May 2 - May 4 – Marathon Offshore Bull and Cow Dolphin Tournament A guaranteed \$18,000 in cash awaits the top anglers who catch the largest bull and cow dolphin fish combined, while other prizes are awarded to anglers for 1st - 3rd place catches of the largest bull dolphin, largest cow dolphin, 3 largest dolphin combined, and the largest wahoo, tuna and tripletail. Tournament rules pick-up and weigh-ins at Two Conchs Bait & Tackle, 11499 Overseas Highway. Sunday evening awards banquet at Florida Keys Aquarium Encounters, 11587 Overseas Highway.

MAY 5th – CINCO De MAYO

May 8 - May 24 – Marathon Community Theater: The Siegel The story follows lovesick Ethan who plans to ask Alice's parents for permission to marry her, but there's one catch. Ethan and Alice broke up two years ago. Alice, reeling from having worked for a failed political candidate, is seeing someone else, but Ethan remains undaunted.

May 9 – Reef Relief 5th Annual Luau 5-8:30pm at Lagerheads Beach Bar & Grill! Groove to Gary Hempsey's beats, savor our signature drink The Shark Bait, and unwind on the beach. Bring the whole family. Limbo competition, sandcastle building contest, and interactive educational activities led by Reef Relief and guest experts! Thousands of dollars of silent auction and raffle prizes up for grabs. 0 Simonton Street, Key West

May 9 – Key West Outdoor Movies at the parade grounds at Fort East Martello, 3501 S. Roosevelt Blvd. Grounds open at 5 p.m. free admission. Food and drink will be available for sale by vendors onsite. Free popcorn and activities for all. Bring low chairs or a blanket. The movie starts at dusk. This is the season finale for Outdoor Movie Night

May 9 - 10 – 19th Annual Mother's Day Dolphin Tournament - Fish for a Cause Cash prizes awarded for the heaviest mahi and to anglers who finish first - third place in this popular, family friendly annual fundraising tournament. Four angler categories for prizes: professional, weekend warrior, lady, and junior angler. Captain's meeting Friday night and one day of fishing on Saturday, followed by an awards banquet Saturday night. Benefits Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys. Detailed information is available at mothersdaydolphintournament.com

May 9 – Key West Theater: Paula Poundstone One night only. Originally scheduled for Jan. 9, was

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May 10 – Isamorada Island Knights Motorcycle & Car Show 9am-1pm

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May 11 – Sheriff's Animal Farm Open House Open the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Free of charge, but donations of cash or fresh produce are always welcomed. Stock Island Detention Center, 5501 College Rd.

May 15 – Walk on White Third Thursday Art Walk 6 to 9 p.m. Take in views of beautiful island architecture, exhibit openings, creative demonstrations, musical, literary and performance offerings and complimentary libations. White Street between Southard and United Streets. In May, there will be a bike parade down White Street for American Bike Month.

May 15 – Key West Theater: Duane Betts & Palmetto Motel Duane Betts, son of Dickey Betts of Allman Brothers Band fame, performs guitar-slinging, story-driven American rock and roll along with Palmetto Motel. Doors open 7 p.m.; show at 8 p.m. 512 Eaton St.

May 16 - 18 – 'Ladies Let's Go Fishing' Screamin' Reels Tournament Participants can join on a professional charter boat or fish on their own boat. This is a casual tournament with prizes for the heaviest offshore fish and longest inshore fish, drawings for prizes for those who caught fish, plus bonus drawings. The Tavernier Elks Club, MM 92 bayside; most Saturday and Sunday charters depart from Whale Harbor Marina, MM 83 Oceanside.

May 17 - 18 – Keys100 Ultramarathon Races 100-mile point-to-point running race from Key Largo to Key West. Teams and individuals compete. There is also a 50-mile option from Marathon to Key West and a 50k individual race from Big Pine Key to Key West. All races finish at Higgs Beach. 100-mile races start at Divers Direct in Key Largo, MM 99.8, and 50-mile races start at Marathon Garden Club.

May 18-21 – Golden Fly Invitational Tarpon Tournament The 3-day, invitation only tournament launches from the Lorelei Restaurant & Marina, 96 Madeira Rd.

May 23rd – Marathon GRACE JONES DAYCARE Spring Open House BIG Prize Drawing 5-6:30pm

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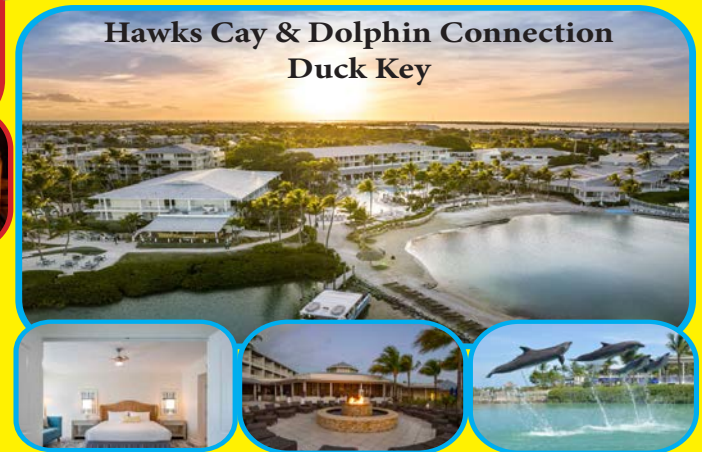
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Monroe Business Community: Investing in the Future

As members of the Monroe County business community, you have the opportunity to positively impact the stability of your workforce by supporting their need for reliable childcare while they work. The [Florida Chamber of Commerce's Untapped Potential](#) report identified a lack of affordable childcare as one of the main drivers behind employee absenteeism, costing Florida's employers \$3.47 billion per year, and the state nearly \$5.4 billion per year in economic value. Investing in early care and education will not only yield a benefit to your business, but to the future workforce of Florida as well.

BACKGROUND

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe serves as the local administrator of the School Readiness program, as designated under [Chapter 1002, Florida Statutes](#). This program provides assistance to low income-working families to ensure that children have access to high-quality early care and education, while allowing parents to remain in the workforce. Many working parents across Monroe County — in retail, hospitality, restaurants, and "essential" jobs — are beneficiaries of child care services through Florida's School Readiness Program.

In order to qualify for the School Readiness program, parents must be working and/or enrolled in an educational institution, with a household income that does not exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$45,000 for a family of 4: 2 children & 2 adults). Currently, the income eligibility threshold does not align with Monroe County's high cost-of-living, creating fiscal cliffs for families who have to decide between accepting a small wage increase and potentially losing critical subsidies, or leaving the workforce altogether, moving further away from self-sufficiency.

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- Provide a grant to the Early Learning Coalition to support child care for low-income working families that do not qualify for the School Readiness Program.
- Local municipalities can include in their legislative priorities the need to increase the income eligibility threshold of the School Readiness program above the current threshold of 150% Federal Poverty Level (\$45,000 for a family of 4).

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- Contribute to the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys Child Care Scholarship Fund, an early education tuition assistance program.

**Childcare access and affordability is the #1 barrier for parents
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- **Employee Recruitment/Retention and Satisfaction:** Child care support can be an attractive perk for potential employees, especially for working parents. Offering child care assistance can enhance employee satisfaction and retention, as parents often struggle to balance work and family responsibilities.
- **Positive Employer Branding:** Offering child care scholarships can enhance an employer's reputation as a family-friendly organization that cares about its employees' well-being. This can improve the company's brand image both internally and externally.
- **Community Impact:** Supporting families through the School Readiness Program strengthens the fabric of our community by investing in the education and future success of our children.
- **Workforce Development:** Investing in early care and education initiatives enhances the future workforce by fostering a strong educational foundation for children, leading to a more skilled and competitive workforce in Monroe.
- **Tax Incentives:** Childcare assistance provided by an employer is a tax-deductible "ordinary and necessary" business expense under Internal Revenue Codes Section 162.



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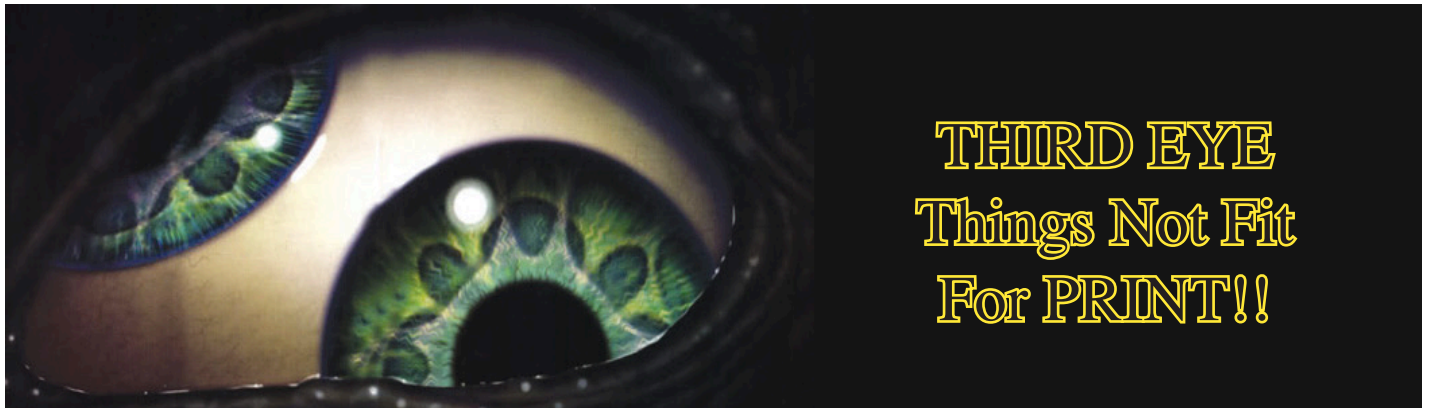
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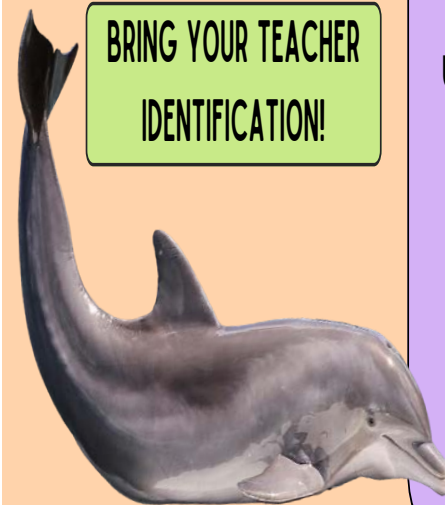
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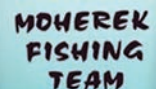
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1 tsp onion powder
1 tsp cumin
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper

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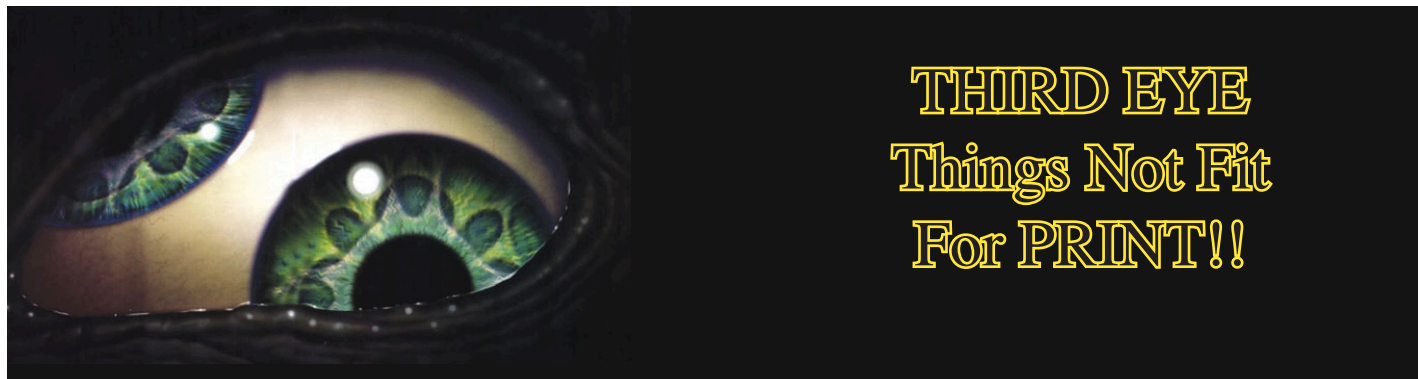
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From the Nurse's Corner

by Stephanie Irwin R.N.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month is a time to put self-care first, to build up strength to overcome hard times, and to extend kindness and support to those around us. It's also a month to educate ourselves, to push for change, and to create communities where mental health is considered and valued.

Many people in the U.S. are affected by mental illness each year. It's important to know how common mental illness is, so we can understand its physical, social and financial impact — and so we can show that no one is alone. These numbers are also powerful tools for raising public awareness, and removing negative thoughts about people with mental illnesses (National Alliance on Mental Illness):

1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year

1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year

1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year

50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-14

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Steps to improve mental health, focus on self-care, healthy habits, and building supportive relationships. Prioritize things like exercise, a balanced diet, and sufficient sleep. Consider practicing mindfulness or meditation, and seek professional help when needed.

1. Prioritize Self-Care: Exercise: Regular physical activity, even a brisk walk, can boost mood and reduce stress.

Healthy Diet: Focus on whole foods, fruits, and vegetables for optimal brain function.

Sleep: Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep per night to improve cognitive

function and emotional regulation.

Mindfulness and Meditation: Practicing mindfulness and meditation can help reduce stress and improve emotional regulation.

Limit Screen Time: Excessive social media use can negatively impact mental health, so consider limiting screen time and engaging in other activities.

2. Build Healthy Habits: Set Goals: Identifying and working towards specific goals can provide a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Practice Gratitude: Regularly reflecting on things you appreciate can shift your focus towards positive emotions.

Take Breaks: Incorporate regular breaks into your day to avoid burnout and allow for rest and reflection.

3. Strengthen Social Connections: Connect with Loved Ones: Maintain strong relationships with family and friends to build a support network.

Volunteer: Helping others can boost your mood and provide a sense of purpose.

Seek Support: Don't hesitate to reach out to friends, family, or mental health professionals for support when needed.

4. Seek Professional Help: Talk to a Therapist: Therapy can provide valuable tools and strategies for managing mental health challenges.

Consider Medication: If appropriate, medication can help manage symptoms of certain mental health conditions.

Don't Be Afraid to Ask for Help: Mental health issues are common, and seeking help is a sign of strength.

Remember, You're not a burden, You are loved!!

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YES, WE RECYCLE: COUNTY STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TOUR REUTER'S RECYCLING FACILITY

MONROE COUNTY, FL – Recently, a group of Monroe County and City of Key West staff, along with local Florida Keys environmental advocates, visited Reuter's Recycling Facility on the mainland in Pembroke Pines. The tour provided valuable insights into the single-stream recycling process used for Monroe County's recyclables.

The visit provided a deeper understanding of the county's recycling system and the challenges involved in processing materials. Attendees were surprised by the complexity of the sorting and processing to prepare recyclable materials for the commodity market. The tour emphasized the importance of proper recycling practices and the detrimental impact of contamination on the system's efficiency.

"I think there is still a large portion of the population that does not understand the process, specifically WHAT can be recycled," said Kacey Hunt, executive assistant for Commissioner Michelle Lincoln. "I left that experience wishing I could take everyone to Reuter's because it is so eye-opening and informative."

DID YOU KNOW: Reuter's is building a new recycling facility expected to open by 2026. The new facility will process materials more efficiently, doubling its capacity from 35 to 70 tons per hour. Additionally, research is underway to expand the types of plastics that can be accepted for processing.



Several members of the community toured the Reuter's facility with Waste Management's Greg Sullivan and Monroe County Recycling Coordinator Melody Tuschel, including Key West Sustainability Advisory Board's Lynsi Wavra, League of Women Voters President Barbara Overton, marine resource capstone student Gracie Sessler, City of Key West Commissioner Lisette Carey, City of Key West Transfer Station's Valmeus Charles, Keely Kessler, and Barbara Erlich, Monroe County's Sue Burke, Chrissy Collins, and Kacey Hunt, Key Largo's Transfer Station's Alan Soto, and Cudjoe Key Transfer Station's Robert Henry.



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United Way Announces 2025-2026 Community Investment Grant Recipients
Nearly \$600,000 Awarded to Support ALICE Families Across Collier and Monroe Counties
United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK) is awarding nearly \$600,000 in Community Investment Grants to nonprofit organizations across Collier and Monroe counties for the 2025–2026 grant cycle. The funding supports programs that align with UWCK’s core impact areas: Community Resilience, Financial Security, Healthy Community, and Youth Opportunity. These areas are designed to meet the needs of ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households—working families who earn above the Federal Poverty Level but still struggle to afford basic needs. “These grants invest in programs that help ALICE families move from crisis to stability and, ultimately, to thriving,” said Tiffani Mensch, UWCK President & CEO. “It’s about creating meaningful, lasting change for the people who are the backbone of our communities.”

2025–2026 Community Investment Grant Recipients:

Collier County: Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL, Baker Senior Center Naples, Beverly’s Angels, Cancer Alliance of Naples, Catholic Charities of Collier County, Children’s Advocacy Center of Collier County, Florida Lions Eye Clinic, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Grace Place for Children & Families, Guadalupe Center, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Help a Diabetic Child, Housing Development Corporation of SW Florida (HELP), Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, The Immokalee Foundation, Legal Aid Service of Collier County, NAMI Collier County, New Horizons of SWFL, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee, Project Build SWFL, Redlands Christian Migrant Association, The Salvation Army Naples, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Sunrise Community of Southwest Florida, YMCA of Collier County

Monroe County: Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, Florida Keys Children’s Shelter, Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Grace Jones Community Center, Hammock House, Heart of the Keys Recreation Center, Independence Cay, Keys AHEC Health Centers, Keys Area Interdenominational Resources, Presents in Paradise, Samuel’s House, Star of the Sea Foundation

This competitive and transparent grant process is driven by community volunteers who evaluate each application based on alignment with impact goals and potential for measurable outcomes. Learn more at uwcollierkeys.org.



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AH Monroe Welcomes Leah Stockton as Director of Development and Engagement to Strengthen Community Impact

Key West, FL (April 2, 2025) — AH Monroe is thrilled to announce the appointment of Leah Stockton as its new Director of Development and Engagement. With more than 15 years of local nonprofit experience, Leah brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the organization.



Leah Stockton, Director of Development and Engagement at AH Monroe.

In her new role, Leah will lead AH Monroe’s philanthropic and community engagement efforts, building strategic partnerships and strengthening the community’s involvement to further the organization’s mission of improving health outcomes and expanding housing opportunities in the Florida Keys.

“We are excited to welcome Leah to our team. Her extensive experience makes her uniquely qualified to lead our development and engagement efforts,” said Scott Pridgen, Executive Director of AH Monroe. “Leah’s deep understanding of our community, combined with her passion for social change, will be critical as we work to address the pressing challenges in our community.”

During her eight-year tenure as Keys Area President for United Way of Collier and the Keys, Leah successfully led a \$3.5 million investment in marine science conservation and coral reef restoration while also driving significant program growth and leading local crisis response initiatives. A 20-year resident of Key West, Leah has also held leadership roles with the Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition and in the hospitality industry.

“I am honored to join AH Monroe and to contribute to such a vital cause,” said Leah Stockton. “The organization’s commitment to improving health and housing aligns perfectly with my passion for creating sustainable, positive change in our community. I look forward



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