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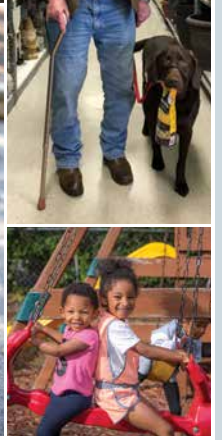
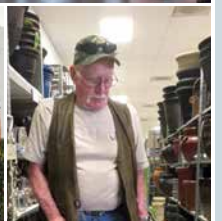
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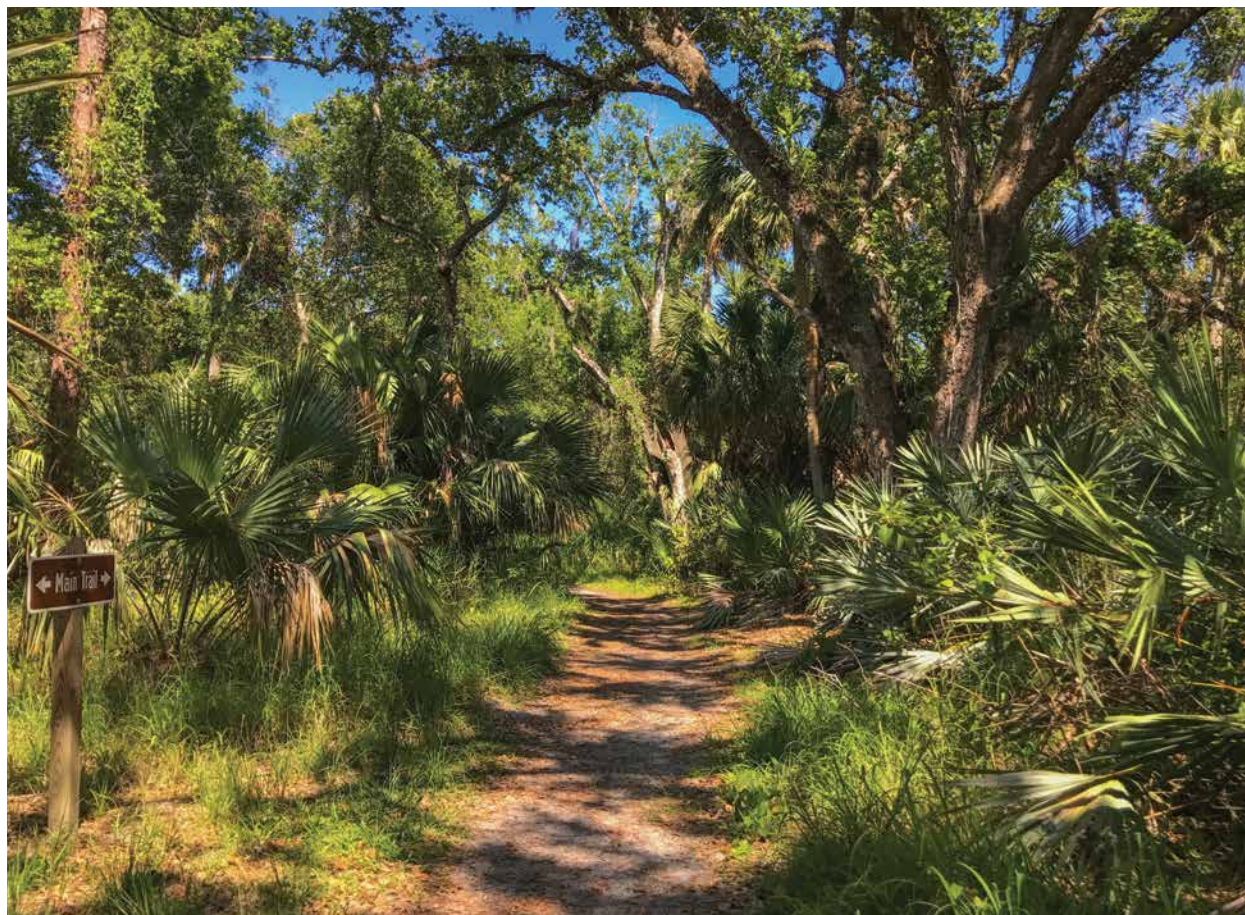
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The Lagoon Greenway is one of the properties owned by the Indian River Land Trust. Dick and Sally Brickman are strong proponents of IRLT's mission of "protecting the land that protects the lagoon."

## What Sparks Your Generosity?

by Ann Taylor

AT LAST COUNT, THERE ARE more than 600 charitable organizations in Indian River County. While their missions may vary, they all strive to fill a humanitarian or environmental need. Most importantly, they all depend on financial support and helping hands to accomplish their goals.

Fortunately, our community is blessed with a large number of caring individuals whose generous nature often stems from a family tradition coupled with the desire to support a cause they care deeply about. They are an inspiration to those around them, encouraging others to give however and whatever they can.

*"The most generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward."*

— CAROL RYRIE BRINK

When you ask Dick Brickman why he is so passionate about supporting the Indian River Land Trust and its efforts to preserve the county's natural resources and special places, his response harkens back to his formative years as a graduate landscape architect working with his father as they grew and expanded the family landscaping business.

It is a passion Brickman shares with his wife, Sally. Over the years, their deep appreciation for nurturing and preserving the land has led to an active commitment to environmental stewardship.

It was a friend who introduced the Brickmans to McKee Botanical Garden (then known as McKee Jungle Gardens) and the Indian River Land Trust, a nonprofit organization that had been formed in 1990 to save the treasured historical site from being developed. Thanks to an outpouring of community support, early restoration work had just begun.

"The energy and spirit that was being built for the Land Trust was magnetic, and over the years has led to the purchase and preservation of over 1,200 acres of environmentally sensitive land, water resources and coastline areas, providing access for public recreation and educational opportunities," Brickman points out.

The latest and perhaps most significant was the Land Trust's purchase of 65 coastline acres north of the Merrill P. Barber

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Ken Grudens, executive director of the Indian River Land Trust

Bridge last December. A third of the land is estuarine wetland, with mangroves and a saltwater pond — a natural wildlife habitat.

"That was a real miracle," Brickman exclaims. "The Trust had been trying to buy what had been known as the Hoffman property for years, in order to keep it from being developed.

"Besides that, the Trust is also working on the 220-acre Coastal Oaks Preserve, where we're partnering with various nonprofits

to create a place for research and education. We've also got a project called the Oyster Bar Trail, which is being constructed right now in partnership with the county. It's scheduled for completion next year," Brickman adds. "The Land Trust has a lot going on."

Land Trust Executive Director Ken Grudens couldn't agree more and credits the couple's commitment and leadership for making good things happen. "The Brickmans have been the backbone





Linda and Gordon Stewart are committed to Camp Haven's mission of helping homeless men rebuild their lives.

*“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.”*

– NATURALIST JOHN MUIR

of this organization for years. Dick's expertise and wisdom along with Sally's strong support have been invaluable.”

Hearing that, Brickman is quick to credit others. “There's a group of people that has a real passion about preservation, and Sally and I are thrilled to be involved with what's happening at the Land Trust. We believe the Lord gave us these resources, and we try to use them in the best way we can.

“It's not about us. It's about the land,” he adds.

When Adam and Sarah Logemann arrived in Vero Beach, they had no idea where Camp Haven was, let alone what went on there. They were about to find out.

“Sarah's parents, Gordon and Linda Stewart, have lived in Vero Beach for years. One day her father, whom I'm close to, asked me to take a drive with him over to Camp Haven, a nonprofit they

supported, so I said sure,” says Adam Logemann, whose introduction to the transitional home for homeless men in Indian River County was an eye-opener.

“I knew homelessness was a problem, but I had no idea how much. I learned that Camp Haven is doing something about it by providing temporary housing as well as psychological and personal counseling to help homeless men rebuild their lives. The success rate is high.

“The most touching thing for me was when we took a tour,” Logemann continues. “Several of the men were outside and we talked with them. They told us about employment opportunities and reconnecting with their families. They took us into their rooms, where everything was clean and neat. They were so proud of what they had. I can relate to the men who live there. They took one

*“When you drop a pebble into a pond, it has a rippling effect. One person can make a difference. By telling another, then another — but better yet, by showing them.”*

– ANONYMOUS

wrong turn that derailed them. It can happen to anybody.”

The Logemanns also learned that Camp Haven receives no federal assistance, instead depending solely on private funding. That's why Executive Director Chuck Bradley counts on people like the Logemanns and the Stewarts.

“They're very generous people. Through giving of their treasure, time and talent, they've enabled us to continue providing program needs for men, teaching them personal financial information, establishing a savings account and taking responsibility for debt, which includes paying child support,” says Bradley.

“The Stewarts and Logemanns were instrumental in getting funding for our new building, which is where we will have our meetings, program-related activities, computer labs and dining.

“We also received a \$100,000 grant from Impact 100 and \$50,000 each from the Community Foundation and John's Island Foundation. The new building is going to make a big difference.”

The Logemanns, who met while attending Syracuse University, are happy they've been able to play a part in making that difference happen. As Adam tells it, it took an act of nature to bring them together.

“There was a tornado that ripped through Syracuse and



Sarah and Adam Logemann follow her parents' lead in supporting Camp Haven.

forced all of the students down into the shelter, where I looked over and standing next to me was this cute little redhead,” he says in a happy voice.

“We've been married for 17 years and blessed with the ability to have a home and three children. Now more than ever we're looking to pass those blessings along. It's a family tradition. Sarah grew up in a family of generous givers who

believe after you have enough, give it to someone who needs it.

“I tell people to take the time to go and investigate any nonprofit you may want to get involved with. Better one person's life or a group of people and you're going to feel better yourself — that's what Camp Haven does for us. Every time we leave there we feel better knowing we had a hand in making it a better place.” ♦