

OUTSTANDING
Unsung Hero - Martin County

Sponsored by **United Way of St Lucie County**

Doris Christensen

Nominated by Samaritan Center for Young Boys & Families

A hero is defined as a person admired for outstanding qualities or achievements. An unsung hero does it without expectation of accolades or reward. They do what they do from the heart. Doris Christensen is an Unsung Hero.



Doris is not a person with “significant financial capacity” or “a deep pocket prospect”. She is, however, rich with other things....heart, caring, time, effort and talents. Fortunately for area non-profits, Doris is very generous. Over the past 20+ years, Doris has volunteered with Martin Memorial Health Systems, the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, the Historical Society of Martin County and Samaritan Center for Young Boys & Families. For each, Doris has done more than show up for a volunteer shift or an event. Each agency has benefitted by her leadership, organizational and motivational skills. Whether volunteering as the Volunteer Coordinator to recruit, train and manage other volunteers, initiating new programs, helping with fundraising efforts, or assisting in the coordination of special events, Doris succeeds!

It's the challenge as well as making a difference that excites and motivates Doris. Each challenge provides an opportunity to make an organization or program better, have it work more smoothly or to increase revenue and awareness. She ignores the words “impossible” or “it can't be done”. Doris believes there is always a solution. Whatever the answer to the problem might be, Doris finds it and gets it done.

The most interesting, and admirable, part of her volunteering is that Doris does not seek accolades. In fact, she's uncomfortable when singled out for praise or notoriety. Her reward is when the organization shines or more qualified volunteers join or more money is raised. Knowing she makes a positive difference is reward enough for Doris.