

# FGCU RESOURCE GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

DIRECTORY OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,  
FOOD INSECURITY, AND OTHER FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

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## Statewide Programs

To apply for food stamps, refer to the website of the **Florida Department of Children and Families** at <http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/> or call (850) 487-1111 for more information.

**The National Clearinghouse of Families and Youth** provides recommendations for college students who may be homeless. Visit: <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/the-beat/2011/03/homeless-fafsa>

**The National Center for Homeless Education** lists resources for college students who may be dealing with homelessness. Visit: [http://center.serve.org/nche/ibt/higher\\_ed.php](http://center.serve.org/nche/ibt/higher_ed.php)

## Countywide Programs

### **Lee County Department of Human Services**

2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901

(239) 533-7900

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

Provide prevention and intervention programs due to unexpected financial crisis. Services include: one time financial intervention due to unexpected financial situation, utility assistance, homeless assistance (rent), and skills training through Fort Myers Technical Institute.

### **Community Cooperative**

(239) 332-7687

## Community Resources

### Clothing

#### All Souls Episcopal Church

14640 N. Cleveland Ave., N. Fort Myers

239-997-7685

[www.allsoulsftmyers.org](http://www.allsoulsftmyers.org)

Services: For N. Ft. Myers residents only, bring ID.

Open: Wednesdays; Clothing, 9:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min.

#### Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry:

Messiah Lutheran Church 2691 NE Pine Island Road Cape Coral, FL 33909

239-898-2331

[www.bootstraphomelessministry.com](http://www.bootstraphomelessministry.com)

Services: Food, clothing, toiletries, referrals, haircuts,

Clothes: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month; Haircuts: 3rd Monday

Food: Every Monday (Doors open at 4pm, Salad served at 5pm, Meal served at 5:15pm).

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 35-40 min.

#### First Assembly Cornerstone (Ministries)

3220 Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers 33916

239-337-4140 Fax 337-7054 Contact Marjorie Ford

[www.firstassemblycornerstone.com](http://www.firstassemblycornerstone.com)

Services: Food or clothing available, bring ID. Available to all.

Food pantry open: 1st and 3rd Saturday 7:00-9:30 a.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min

#### Grace Community Center

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy., North Fort Myers 33903

239-574-7161

[cjackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:cjackson@egracechurch.com)

[www.egracechurch.com](http://www.egracechurch.com)

Services: Free clothing vouchers once a month or as needed. Free haircuts to those in need; free haircuts also available. Lee County residents only, bring ID.

Open: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 8:00 am – noon

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 33 min.

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## **Counseling**

### Abuse Counseling & Treatment

24 Hour Hotline 239-939-3112 or Fax 239-939-4741

[www.actabuse.com](http://www.actabuse.com)

Services: Shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault/rape.

### Catholic Charities Community Services

5597 Sunrise Dr., Fort Myers 33919

239-334-2234 Contact Administration

gmombrun@ccs.org [www.catholiccharities.dov.org](http://www.catholiccharities.dov.org)

Services: Infant/toddler clothes and equipment; after school program; family counseling; human trafficking program; citizenship assistance

Open: By appointment. Please call regarding offices on Michigan Avenue in Fort Myers and in Bonita.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 28 min.

### Children's Advocacy Center

3830 Evans Ave., Fort Myers

239-939-2808

Services: Assists with parent education, child outpatient counseling, and after school programs.

Open: Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 23 min.

### Children's Home Society

1940 Maravilla Ave., Fort Myers

239-334-0222 / 239-687-9995

Services: Adoption and pregnancy counseling, health and family program, Developmental disabilities program.

Open: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 27 min.

#### Elijah's Coat

3580 Fowler St., Fort Myers

239-940-5466 Contact: Rev. Sharyl Carlson

Services: Pastoral counseling; recovery support; case management; court advocacy; life skills; employment coaching; family support; linkage and referral.

Open: By appointment only

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 24 min.

#### Fort Myers Vet Center

4110 Center Pointe Dr., Unit 204, Fort Myers

239-652-1861 Contact: Jeanna Troia

Services: Counseling for veterans and families.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

After hours appointments scheduled by request.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 22 min.

#### Hope Biblical Counseling Center

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers

239-481-0777 Contact: Chris Minott

Services: Biblical counseling for all ages and counselor training.

[www.hopebiblicalcounseling.org](http://www.hopebiblicalcounseling.org)

Open: By appointment only.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 23 min

#### Lee County Veteran's Service Office

2440 Thompson St, Fort Myers 33901

239-533-8381 Fax 239-533-8382 Contact: Rich Beck

Services: Help veterans or dependents apply for benefits through Vet Administration.

Open: Monday – Friday; by appointment only

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 24 min.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Lee County, Inc.

7275 Concourse Dr., Suite 300, Fort Myers

239-337-9024 info@namilee.org

<http://namilee.org>

Services: Support groups, education and advocacy for individuals with MH diagnosis and their families.

Open: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 17 min

One Way Out Ministries

1413 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers 33907

239-628-1774 Contact: Pastor Jeanie Turner

Services: Emergency food assistance,

For Women: counseling, life coach, employment training, mentoring, Life skills.

Women Support Group- Thursday at 5:30 p.m. 12 Step class Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Open: 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 26 min.

SalusCare, Inc.

10140 Deer Run Farms Rd. Fort Myers

239-275-3222 The Access Center

[www.saluscareflorida.org](http://www.saluscareflorida.org)

Services: Emergency and non-emergency mental health assessments and referral services for children and adults.

Open: Monday – Friday, Walk in from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Initial assessment is free.Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min.

The Salvation Army - Bonita Springs Office

28331 S. Tamiami Trail B8, Bonita Springs, FL 34134 Contact Joanne Herrada (both Spanish/English bilingual)

Call for appt. first: 239-948-5200 Fax: 948-5200

Services: Counseling (domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse).

Financial assistance with rent and utilities.

Open: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 23 min

## **Dental**

### Family Health Center

19701 South Tamiami Trail, Estero, FL 33908

Dental: 239-314-1630

Services: Dental assistance, sliding pay scale based on need.

Open: Mon- Fri 8:00-5:00.

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 10 min.**

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## **Emergency Financial Aid**

### Department of Children & Families

2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers 33901

866-762-2237

[www.myflorida.com/access/florida](http://www.myflorida.com/access/florida)

Services: Electronically submit application for assistance to.

**Distance from FGCU: 25-30 min**

### Lee County Department of Human Services

2440 Thompson St., Fort Myers 33901

239-533-7900 Fax: 239-533-7976

[www.dhs.lee-county.com](http://www.dhs.lee-county.com)

Services: Emergency rent and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. LIFT, and HOPWA for those already experiencing homelessness and are ready for permanent housing. Intake hours vary by program. Call for telephone screening and office hours.

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25-30 min**

### Nations Association

4625 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, 33905

(239) 332-7575 Fax (239) 332-4343 Contact: Ruth E. Suarez

[nationscharities@juno.com](mailto:nationscharities@juno.com)

Services: Emergency food programs



Open: Monday- Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m  
Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20-32 min

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## **Emergency Housing**

### Abuse Counseling & Treatment

239-939-3112 Crisis Line open 24/7

Fax: 239- 939-4741

[www.actabuse.com](http://www.actabuse.com)

Services: Shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault/rape counseling.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 22 min.

### Fort Myers Rescue Mission

6900 Mission Ln., Ft. Myers, 33916

239-334-7365 Contact: Phil Ledger Fax: 239-334-8402

[www.fortmyersrescuemission.org](http://www.fortmyersrescuemission.org)

Services: Christian based for men counseling, life skills and food services. All are welcome.

Open: Breakfast 4:45 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. and Dinner 5:00 p.m. Open 7 days a week.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. Approx. 20-27 min

### The Salvation Army

2400 Edison Ave., Ft. Myers 33901

239-334-3745 Fax: 239-334-1473

Services: Single women and children only or intact family (male included). Shelter for up to 90 days, bring ID.

Open: Monday – Friday, 9-11 a.m.; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25-30 min.

### Lee County Housing Authority

14170 Warner Circle, N. Ft. Myers

239-997-6688

<http://leecountyha.org/web/>

Service: Offer two services that include the Public Housing and the Section 8 program. Both provide safe and affordable rental-housing that is geared towards individuals, low-income families, and persons with disabilities. Specific eligibility requirements (See website for more information).

Open: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Distance from FGCU: Approx. 33-37 min

### The Friendship House

602 W Main St, Immokalee, FL 34142  
(239) 657-4090

<http://stmatthewshouse.org/programs/immokalee-friendship-house/>

Services: Provides temporary shelter at a pro-rated cost based on income. Call for space.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 43 min

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## **Employment/Training**

### CareerSource Southwest Florida

4150 Ford Street Extension, Fort Myers 33916  
239-931-8200

[www.careersourcessouthwestflorida.com](http://www.careersourcessouthwestflorida.com)

Services: One Stop Career Centers assist employers/ job seekers by connecting employment, education, and training services into an integrated network of resources.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min.

### Dr. Piper Center for Social Services, Inc.

2607 Dr. Ella Piper Way Fort Myers, FL 33916  
239-332-5346 Fax: 239-332-7815

[nida@drpipercenter.org](mailto:nida@drpipercenter.org)

Services: Employment program for Seniors 55+

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 23 min.

### Florida Division of Blind Services

2830 Winkler Ave., #207, Fort Myers 33916  
239-278-7130 Fax 239-278-7351

[carla.craver@dbs.fldoe.org](mailto:carla.craver@dbs.fldoe.org)

Services: Blind and visually impaired have tools, support, and opportunity to achieve success.

Open: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Distance from FGCU: Approx. 26 min.

Goodwill Industries

5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers 33916  
239-995-2106 Fax 239-995-5868 Contact Alice  
[www.goodwillswfl.org](http://www.goodwillswfl.org)

Services: Workforce Readiness Training, Retail Training, Resume Preparation, assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment. APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ONLINE

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 28 min.

Grace Community Center

4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway, North Fort Myers, FL 33903  
239-574-7161 Fax 239-574-9513  
[cjackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:cjackson@egracechurch.com)

[www.egracechurch.org](http://www.egracechurch.org)

Services: Free GED classes and training. All materials are free, except for the County required testing fee at the end of the training.

Open: Wednesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 34 min.

High Tech Central

3800 Michigan Ave., Fort Myers 33916  
239-334-4544 Fax 239-332-4839 Contact Carmen  
[www.hightechcentral.org](http://www.hightechcentral.org)

Services: Occupational, technical training, job preparation, Adult Education.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min.

Labor Finders

3814 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers 33916  
239-334-1964 / Fax 239-334-0589 Contact: Paul Touchstone  
Open: Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 24 min.

Labor Ready

4555 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33905

(239) 461-008

Services: puts people to work in good jobs with great companies across the United States and Canada

Open: Monday – Friday 5:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 21 min.

### Southwest Florida Works

4150 Ford Street Extension, Fort Myers, FL 33916

239-931-8200

[www.careersourcesouthwestflorida.com](http://www.careersourcesouthwestflorida.com)

Services: One stop career centers assist employers and job seekers by connecting employment, education, and training services into an integrated

Open: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min.

### Vocational Rehabilitation

5264 Summerlin Commons Way, Ste. 404, Ft. Myers/239-278-7150

1031 SE 9th Place, Suite 1, Cape Coral /239-772-6983

Services: Workforce and employment opportunities

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 26 min.

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## **Healthcare**

### Blind Services – State of Florida

2830 Winkler Ave., #207, Fort Myers

239-278-7130

Services: Counseling, employment training, and rehabilitation for blind or low-vision individuals.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

### Community Pregnancy Clinic

8660 College Parkway, Suite 200, Fort Myers

239-689-1543

Services: free pregnancy testing, options information, counseling, referrals, some material assistance (diapers, clothing, baby items)

Open: Monday and Wednesday- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min

Easter Seals Lily Academy

First Presbyterian Church

2438 Second Street Fort Myers, FL 33901

239-337-9328 Fax: 239-337-9329

[mbotero@fl.easterseals.com](mailto:mbotero@fl.easterseals.com)

Services: Therapeutic rehabilitation services for children with disabilities and special needs, including Speech, Occupational, and Clinical Massage Therapies.

Full and partial scholarships may be available. Accept Medicaid, Medicare.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

Epilepsy Services of SWFL

4040 Palm Beach Blvd. Suite D Fort Myers, FL 33916

239-275-4838

Services: Medical services for individuals with epilepsy and no insurance. Provides prevention and education training regarding epilepsy for residents of Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, & Glades counties.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida

Soup Kitchen – Ft. Myers

Rescue Mission – Ft. Myers

All Souls Episcopal Church – N. Ft. Myers

Café of Life and Catholic Charities – Bonita

Chapel by the Sea – Ft. Myers Beach

First Baptist Church – Ft. Myers

Outreach sites: Call for hours of operation 239-334-2510/ 239-332-0417

Services: Healthcare for the homeless. No charge once criteria are met for homeless eligibility, certification is for one year; sliding scale for everyone else;

Health Planning Council of SW Florida, Inc.

8961 Daniels Center Dr., #401, Fort Myers 33912

239-433-6700 Fax 239-433-6706 (main)

239-433-6703 (early step)

[www.hpcswf.com](http://www.hpcswf.com)

Services: Lead agency for Ryan White Part B; Housing ops for Persons with AIDS; AIDS Insurance Continuation Program; Early Steps of SWFL Part C.  
Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.  
Distance from FGCU: Approx. 15 min.

Hope HealthCare Services

9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers  
239-482-4673  
www.hopehcs.org

Services: Medical care, pain control, symptom management, counseling and other services for people of all ages with a life-threatening illness or who are chronically ill or frail elderly. Open 24/7  
Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

ICAN

McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers  
239-337-2391 2231

Services: HIV positive persons, housing, case food pantries for family, management, mentor, education prevention, support group.  
Open: By Appointment Only  
Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min.

Lee County Health Department

3920 Michigan Ave., Fort Myers  
239-332-9501

Services: Sliding scale for some fees. Must show IDs and birth certificates for each child.  
Open: Immunizations Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

Lee Memorial Health Systems

P.O. Box 2218 Fort Myers  
Cape Coral Hospital: 239-242-2000  
Health Park Hospital: 239-343-5000  
Lee Memorial Hospital: 239-343-2000  
Gulf Coast Hospital: 239-343-1000  
Golisano Children’s Hospital: 239-343-5000  
[www.leememorial.org](http://www.leememorial.org)

The Bob Rauschenberg Center for Living

3677 Central Ave. Suite C, Fort Myers 33901  
239-278-4272

Services: Free or Paid HIV tests, post-test counseling, food pantry for patients and the public, community education.

Open: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:30pm.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

### The Salvation Army/Family Health Centers

Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic

2400 Edison Ave., Fort Myers 33901

239-334-2510 Call for an appointment

Services: Free primary care clinic, by appointment only, for uninsured homeless adults for 1 year once homeless criteria is met.

Open: Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri., 1:00 p.m. 100-4:00 p.m.  
and every other Tuesday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min

Bonita Springs Office- (Psych Clinic only)

28331 S. Tamiami Trail B8, Bonita 34134

Call First office and fax : 239-948-5200

Contact: Joanne Herrada

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min.

### Verity Pregnancy Medical Resource Center

8890 Salrose Ln #104, Fort Myers 33912

239-433-1929 Fax 239-433-1039

[contact@veritypmc.com](mailto:contact@veritypmc.com) [www.veritypmc.com](http://www.veritypmc.com)

Services: Free pregnancy tests, options counseling, childbirth & parenting classes, referral services & some material services.

Open: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 15 min.

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## **Legal Services**

### Catholic Charities Community Services

5597 Sunrise Dr., Fort Myers 33919

239-334-2234 Fax 334-2707 Contact Administration

gmombrun@ccs.org www.catholiccharities.dov.org

Services: refugee program; immigration/legal.

Open: By appointment

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 28 min.

### Florida Rural Legal Services

3210 Cleveland Ave. Suite 101, Fort Myers

239-334-4554 / 1-800-476-8937

Services: Attorney advice and representation for low-income individual; farmworkers; the elderly, and foreclosure defendants

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 28 min.

### Lee County Legal Aid Society, Inc.

2211 Widman Way, Suite 600, Fort Myers

239-334-6118

Services: legal representation in dissolution of marriage, paternity, parenting plan and step parent adoption matters for individuals with minor children that financially qualify.

Open: M-F 10:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

### Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.

3661 Central Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33901

239-217-4454 Fax: 239-217-3427

Comprehensive Refugee Services for Refugees/Asylees

Services: Case management, employment, child care, legal (immigration), adult education (ESOL & Vocational), and youth services.

Open: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Walk-ins must arrive between 8:30-9:00 a.m. to register. Friday is by appointment only

Monday to Thursday 1:00-4:30 p.m. is by appt. only

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

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## **Meals**

All Souls Episcopal Church



14640 N. Cleveland Ave., N. Fort Myers  
239-997-7685

[www.allsoulsftmyers.org](http://www.allsoulsftmyers.org)

Services: Free Meal Wednesday's 10:30-11:30 a.m. Fort Myers residents only (bring ID)

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30-35 min.

Cape Coral Bootstrap Homeless Ministry:

Messiah Lutheran Church

2691 NE Pine Island Road

Cape Coral, FL 33909

239-898-2331

[www.bootstraphomelessministry.com](http://www.bootstraphomelessministry.com)

Services: Food, clothing, toiletries, referrals, haircuts,

Clothes:2nd and 4th Monday of the month;Haircuts:3rd Monday

Food:Every Monday (Doors open at 4pm, Salad served at 5pm, Meal served at 5:30pm).

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 35-40 min.

Come As You Are Ministries

Lions Park, (north of Lee Memorial Hospital)

Tonya 239-770-8947

van180@aol.com

Services: Hot meal, prayers, clothing, blankets Saturday 5:00 p.m. Available to all.

**(Clothing and blanket availability depend on donations)**

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min.

Community Cooperative – Fort Myers Campus

3429 Dr. MLK Blvd Fort Myers 33916

Services: Emergency food assistance, ACCESS Kiosk for Medicaid and Food Stamp Applications, Limited Financial Assistance based on eligibility, general mail delivery for people without an address. Life Coaching, Café Education

Classes Goodwill JobLink services M-F 1-5 p.m. limited hygiene supplies.

Groceries available in Everyday Marketplace M-Tu-Tr-F. Intake begins 8:30 a.m. for shopping the first 15 households.

Services: Social Services M-F 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Everyday Café: Continental Breakfast and Lunch Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Homeless Services: M-F 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and by appointment after 1:00

p.m., [kaitlin@communitycooperative.com](mailto:kaitlin@communitycooperative.com)

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20-30 min

Community Cooperative- Fort Myers Beach Campus (GOD'S TABLE) located at Chapel By The Sea

100 Chapel Street, FMB 33931  
239-810-8504

Services: Continental Breakfast and Bag Lunch.

ACCESS Kiosk for Medicaid and Food Stamp Applications, general mail delivery for people without an address. Café Education Classes and Referral. Limited Outreach by human service providers (The Salvation Army, Family Health Centers, Goodwill Joblink, etc.), limited clothing and showers, limited personal hygiene supplies.

Open: Mon-Fri 7:00-8:30 a.m. – by appt. until noon

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 40-45 min

Eternal Home -We Care

4231 Desoto Ave., Fort Myers 33905  
239-693-7911

Services: Emergency food bank. Must have photo ID.

Open: Monday – Friday

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min

First Christian Church

Location 1: 2132 Tournament St., Fort Myers, 33901

Location 2: 2061 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901

239-334-0316 Fax: (239) 334-2929 Contact: Becky

[church@fccfm.org](mailto:church@fccfm.org) [www.fccfm.org](http://www.fccfm.org)

Open: Food pantry MWF 8:30-10:00 packaged lunches can be picked up at Location 1. Mondays at 6:00 p.m. dinner is served at Location 2 (Organization advises MWF morning times for students).

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min (both locations)

First Assembly Cornerstone (Ministries)

3220 Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers 33916

337-4140 Fax 337-7054 Contact Marjorie Ford

[www.firstassemblycornerstone.com](http://www.firstassemblycornerstone.com)

Services: food or clothing available, bring ID. Available to all.

Food pantry open: 1st and 3rd Saturday 7:00-9:30 a.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min

Grace Community Center

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy, North Ft. Myers 33903

239-574-7161 Fax 239-574-9513

[cjackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:cjackson@egracechurch.com)

[www.egracechurch.org](http://www.egracechurch.org)

Services: Food distribution, available once a month.

Must have photo ID.

Open: Third Sat. of the month, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., every other Wednesday.

4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min.**

Harlem Heights Improvement Association/Gladiolus Food Pantry

10511 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908

239-454-5030

[harlemheightsia@gmail.com](mailto:harlemheightsia@gmail.com)

Services:

Daily: Free bread and sweets; Friday: Bags of food

Open: Monday – Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm; Friday 12:00pm to 6:30pm

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.**

Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee, Inc.

Estero/San Carlos United Way House

17592 Rockefeller Cir Ft Myers 33967

239-267-3510 Fax: 239-267-0895 Contact: Nancy

[office@icslee.org](mailto:office@icslee.org) [www.icslee.org](http://www.icslee.org)

Services: Must show social security card, photo ID, and proof of address for the following: Island Park, San Carlos, or Estero. Homeless individuals do not need proof of address or social security card. **Available for anyone living between**

**Gladiolus and Coconut Point Grove.**

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AND summer lunch for kids Monday – Friday 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 15 min.**

Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte

9701 Commerce Center Ct., Fort Myers 33908

239-481-4449 Fax 239-481-0139

Services: Call after 12:00 p.m. for appointments. Students bring your FGCU ID.

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.**

Lehigh Community Services

201 Plaza Dr., Suite103 Lehigh 33936  
239-369-5818 Contact: Rae Nicely  
[Lehighcommunityservice@embark.com](mailto:Lehighcommunityservice@embark.com)  
[www.lehighcommunityservice.com](http://www.lehighcommunityservice.com)

Services: Need to call for appointment first. Must show photo ID, proof of income, social security card, and current bill showing a Lehigh address.

Open: Mon., Wed. & Fri, 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min.

#### McGregor Baptist

3131 East Riverside Dr. Fort Myers, 33905  
239-936-1754 Fax 239-936-6545

[www.mcgregor.net](http://www.mcgregor.net)

Services: Call for location food pantry/groceries. Must show photo ID and social security card. Eligible 3X a year. For Lee County residents only.

Open: Monday and Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min.

#### New Life Assembly of God

5146 Leonard Blvd. South, Lehigh Acres 33973  
239-369-6147 Fax 368-0704 Contact: Regina Barnett

[www.newlifelehigh.com](http://www.newlifelehigh.com)

Services: Food/grocery items for Lehigh residents. Must show photo ID. Must call for an appointment.

Open: Tuesdays and Thursdays -11:00 am

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min.

#### The Salvation Army

2400 Edison Ave., Ft. Myers 33901  
239-334-3745 Fax: 239-334-1473

Services: Food assistance, available to all. Food includes portion-appropriate canned and dried food, perishables such as meat, bread, produce and pastries. Clients may come in Monday through Friday during open hours to help themselves to any bread and produce that is available.

Open: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bonita Springs office: Call First Contact Joann Office and fax : 239-948-5200  
28331 S. Tamiami Trail, # B8, Bonita 34134

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min. (Bonita – 35 min.)

#### Suncoast Community Center

2241 Case Ln., N. Ft. Myers  
239-731-9838

Services: Non for profit group that serves in the Lee County area. Food pantry offered to Lee Co. residents only. They offer medical and dental assistance, support services, and health coverage. Help in the application process for those in need of food stamps, jobs, unemployment, etc.

Open: Bi-Monthly on Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Duration of services depends on amount of food available).

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (bread and pastries)

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 35 min.**

### St. Vincent de Paul

2073 Lafayette Ave., Fort Myers  
239-334-9225

Services: Groceries for Lee County residents. Must show photo ID.

Open: Fri 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Call for utility and prescription help.

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min.**

### St. Vincent de Paul of Our Lady of Light

(239) 690-6685

Services: food, rental and utility assistance, bus passes, prescriptions. Boundaries include area between Alico Rd. and Coconut Point Mall.

Open: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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## **Substance Abuse Treatment**

### Grace Church- Celebrate Recovery

Services: 12 step Christian recovery program for men and women. Open: Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy., N. Fort Myers or

Friday- 6:45 p.m. at 13 SE 21st Place, Cape Coral.

239-574-7161 Contact: Greg Mulkey

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 35 min.**

### Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.

3615 Central Ave., Suite 4, Fort Myers

3634 Central Ave., Ft. Myers 33901

239-278-5400 Fax: 278-7965, Contact: Lori Iacobbo

239-278-1030 Oasis Shelter, Contact: Lauren Swindle

www.lfsnet.org

liacobbo@lfsnet.org lswindle@lfsnet.org

Services: Adolescent Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program, family counseling, OASIS youth shelter for ages 10-17

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 24 min.

### SalusCare, Inc.

Ortiz Campus: 2789 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers 33905

Welcome Center at 239-275-3222

www.saluscareflorida.org

239-332-6937 3763 Evans Ave., Fort Myers

Services: Variety of substance abuse related family service programs, inpatient and outpatient.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 18 min

### Teen Challenge

5646 Seventh Ave - 5424 Seventh Ave., Fort Myers

239-275-1974 Men Center/ 239-939-7705 Women Center

Services: Provides residential recovery support for people 18+ years old.

Open: M-F 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for interview.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25 min.

### The Salvation Army Crossroads

2400 Edison Ave., Fort Myers 33901

239-334-3745 Fax 239-334-1473

Contact: Central Intake

Services: Free 6-month rehab program for men.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 26 min.

### Word of Life Church – New Life Dream Center

2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33901

274-88891 (x247 men; x243 women)

Contact Pastor Lucie Williams

[lucie@wolm.net](mailto:lucie@wolm.net)

[newlifedreamcenters.com](http://newlifedreamcenters.com)

Services: Individual & group prayer counseling, Bible classes, life skill training and mentoring along with conferences and workshops

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 27 min

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## **Transitional Housing**

### Ann's Restoration House

599 Carolina Ave., Ft. Myers

239-694-0877 Fax 239-694-3698

Contact: Annmarie Cardinale

[restorehouse@yahoo.com](mailto:restorehouse@yahoo.com)

[www.recoverythruchrist.com](http://www.recoverythruchrist.com)

Services: A residential program of redemption, rehabilitation and restoration from substance abuse; for men only.

Open: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 21 min.

### Eternal Homes

4231 Desoto Ave., Fort Myers

239-693-7911 contact: Tanya Johnson

Services: Transitional & emergency housing for men only. Family support/parenting/recovery support coach, individual services outreach case management, transportation, support groups, support counseling, employment coaching, linkage referrals, pastoral counseling. Shower house available to the public.

Open: Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 23-30 min.

### Hanna House

239-693-7911 Contact: Tanya Johnson

Services: Transitional & emergency housing for females only. Family support/parenting/recovery support coach, individual services outreach case management, transportation, support groups, support counseling, employment coaching, linkage referrals, pastoral counseling.

(Branch of “Eternal Homes and We Care Outreach”)

Harmony/ Transitional Housing of SWFL

16065 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers, 33908

239-245-8696 Office; 631-662-4440 cell

Services: transitional housing for women and men – life skills and substance abuse recovery.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 28-33 min.

Healthy Choice

4231 Desoto Ave., Fort Myers

239-693-7911 Contact: Tanya Johnson

Services: Transitional & emergency housing for coed. Family support/parenting/recovery support coach, individual services outreach case management, transportation, support groups, support counseling, employment coaching, linkage referrals, pastoral counseling.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20-30 min.

Job's House

27 Alameda Ave, Fort Myers 33905

239-896-2947

Services: Men's faith-based 12 step recovery program. Life skills, employment assistance, and transportation to and from appointments. Rent TBD

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20-28 min

Joshua House

2621 Central Ave., Fort Myers

239-565-6173 Contact: Pastor Judy Lee

Services: Transitional/stepping stone housing for four men who are homeless for a variety of reasons, supportive services and counseling, faith based. A service of Good Shepard Ministries.

Open: Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. apply in person for in-take interview.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 27 min.

New Life Dream Center

2150 Collier Ave., Fort Myers

239-274-8881

Services: 150 beds for men and women- substance abuse recovery.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 25-30 min



Serenity Center/Shelter

4231 Desoto Ave., Fort Myers, 33905

239-693-7911 Contact: Tanya Johnson

Services: 12 bed transitional housing, recovery support facility for men.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 23-30 min.

The Thureos Group

1247 Bacon Ave., Fort Myers, 33913

239-440-4426 or 239-303-0350

Services: Outpatient services for substance abuse, mental illness, disaster relief, and counseling.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30-36 min

SalusCare - Transitional Living Center

2516 Grand Ave., Fort Myers

239-338-2977

Services: Transitional and permanent supportive housing and treatment for Individuals wanting recovery from alcohol and or drugs.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 30 min

We Care Outreach

4231 Desoto Ave., Fort Myers 33905

239-693-7911 Contact: Tanya Johnson

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 22-30 min

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**Transportation**

Good Wheels

10075 Bavaria Rd., Ft. Myers

239-768-7190 Contact: Glenda Redding

Services: Transportation for the disabled and disadvantaged.

Open: Monday – Friday, by appointment. Call for weekends and holidays.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 13 min.

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## **Veterans Services**

### American Red Cross

7051 Cypress Terrace #110, Fort Myers, FL 33907

239-278-3401 Contact: Jeremy Gentile ext. 116

Jeremy.gentile@redcross.org

Services: Supportive Services to Veterans and their families. Rental & utilities assistance for homeless and at risk Veterans with evictions

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 20 min.**

### Department of Veterans Affairs

2489 Diplomat Parkway, East – Cape Coral, FL 33909

Healthcare Center: 239-652-1800

Benefits Info: 1-800-827-1000

Contact: Cody Neeley 239-223-4718

Gilbert- 239-470-1729

Services: Homeless Program Services for Veterans who qualify for VA

Healthcare: Enrollment for health benefits, request discharge paperwork-drug and alcohol treatment referrals and emergency housing and domiciliary referrals.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 34 min.**

### Fort Myers Vet Center

4110 Center Pointe Dr., Unit 204, Fort Myers

239-652-1861 Contact: Jeanna Troia

www.vetscenter.va.gov

Services: Counseling for veterans and families.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

After hours appointments scheduled by request.

**Distance from FGCU: Approx. 22 min.**

### God's table at Chapel by the Sea

2500 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach

463-3173 Fax 463-0256 Contact Barbara Steffey

[chapel@chapelbts.org](mailto:chapel@chapelbts.org)

[www.chapelbts.org](http://www.chapelbts.org)

Services: Veteran Services

Open: Friday 8:30 a.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 45 min.

Lee County Veterans' Service Office

2440 Thompson St., Fort Myers

239-533-8381 Contact: Rich Beck

Services: Help veterans or dependents apply for benefits through Vet Administration.

Open: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Distance from FGCU: Approx. 24 min.