

United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee tops annual goal by \$100,000

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Robert Shearman and Linda Doggett announce Friday morning that the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee exceeded its goal by \$100,000. (Photo: Stacey Henson/The News-Press)

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee exceeded its annual goal by more than \$100,000, the organization announced Friday morning, making the 26th consecutive year that the goal has been met or exceeded.

"What we raised this year is unbelievable," said campaign co-chairwoman Linda Doggett, Lee County clerk of courts.

The campaign raised a record \$10,438,361. The original goal was \$10,301,386.

"When we started and looked at the \$10.3 million goal, it seemed insurmountable," campaign co-chairman Robert Shearman, with Henderson Franklin Attorneys at Law, told the crowd at United Way headquarters in south Fort Myers.



The Publix team helped the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee exceeded its campaign goal (Photo: Louise Hawthorne/United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee)

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