

## New Website Lists Non-Profit Needs

A non-profit in the Keys needs patio furniture. Another is looking for frozen corn. And a third could use paper towels. In fact, local non-profit groups have a laundry list of many common items they need, some on a regular basis. At the same time, many local residents have these very things, some of them destined for the trash, but don't know where or to whom to donate them.

Now a new local website has been launched that seeks to match what people might have in storage with what non-profit groups require. The site, Keysreuse.com, lists nearly 200 different things from household cleaning products and office supplies to appliances that cash-strapped groups require. Much of this stuff might be in storage closets, lying unused in drawers, or even in trash bins waiting for pickup.

According to Marathon resident Michael Welber,

who created the website, even people who recycle forget that reuse is a great way to reduce our trash.

"Whether you have old sheets and towels or a discarded computer monitor, a musical instrument your child no longer plays or a bulletin board stored in a box somewhere, there's probably a non-profit group in the Keys that can put it to good use," he says. "Keysreuse.com ensures that your possessions will now be reused and not end up in the landfill or incinerated. Plus, it's a great way to help these organizations during tough times."

Keysreuse.com is updated on a regular basis as additional non-profits are added or those items that are listed are no longer needed. Currently 23 non-profits from all parts of the Keys are listed.

Any local non-profit that wants to be added to the website should contact Welber at michael.welber@gmail.com.



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Allen moved to Key Largo from Rochester, New York to take a temporary position at the Ocean Reef Club Spa. Soon after she applied and was hired at Sundowners where she has been employed for three and a half years.

"I came to the Keys for a temporary job and loved it so much I stayed," says Allen. "No more winter snow and it's so nice here!"

When asked what she likes about her job she happily tells us, "The employees, the customers, the management is great, the regulars and locals, everything, especially the panoramic view of the bay. The

sunsets are awesome and the food is consistently delicious."

The Coconut Telegraph wholeheartedly agrees! One happy customer wrote this review about Sundowners, "Melissa was my server and she could not have been friendlier nor provided me better service. Wish I had found this place earlier in my stay."

When Allen is off she likes to spend time with friends at Cactus Jack's, go fishing, kayaking or take her dog to the dog park.

Sundowners Dining is available inside with air conditioning or outside in a tropical beach like atmosphere. In the month of February if you get there before 6 p.m. you won't miss the famous Key Largo sunset.

For reservations call 305-451-4502. And when you go, tell Melissa the Coconut Telegraph sent you.

