

# Community Benefits Specialist



## Making Benefits More Accessible

Many of our neighbors most in need of critical survival services lack the knowledge or technology to apply for them, and many of the nonprofits that support them don't have the resources to provide each person with individual support.

**Caring Collective's Community Benefits Specialists** work with partner nonprofits to help their clients apply for benefits and assistance. The result is greater efficiency for nonprofits and more opportunities for our neighbors in need to thrive.

*"I don't know what I would have done without your support, honestly! Today is a good day for me. You are the best and everyone in your office is so kind as well. Please let everyone know how nice it is to go somewhere and feel welcome and that we all matter."*

**Pam H.**, Local Resident

## 2025 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

**#264**

**Individuals or families we worked with** to provide benefits assistance or answers

**#191**

**Individuals or families who received benefits** or resolved an issue because of our assistance

**#137**

**Benefits applications** we filed on behalf of an individual or family

**#116**

**Individuals or families who we advocated for** or helped understand benefit systems and their responsibilities

## Navigating Complex Benefits Systems

Our Community Benefits Specialists work with local nonprofits and their clients to provide:

- **Education and empowerment:** We explain how complex programs like SNAP, Medicaid or Social Security Disability work so neighbors better understand their eligibility, responsibilities and next steps.
- **Completing applications:** We offer step-by-step help completing applications for benefits.
- **Advocating on clients' behalf:** We step in when clients need extra help navigating these complex systems.

**Caring Collective** is a nonprofit dedicated to achieving better lives and livelihoods for all our neighbors across the Greater Sarasota-Manatee region. With an innovative campus that houses 17 nonprofits, we break down barriers to make it easier for nonprofits to operate, bring changemakers together across organizations to collaborate, and serve as a trusted nonprofit voice and advocate.

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