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Happy Holidays Neighbor!

November is one of my favorite times of year. The mornings feel a little cooler, evenings on the lanai become more inviting, and I'm already thinking about Thanksgiving menus and holiday traditions.

If you know me, you know I love hosting. Between Chris, Cane, Aspen, family, and friends, our home is rarely quiet, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I've learned that the most memorable gatherings aren't about perfection. They're about good food, laughter, and being fully present with the people around us.

That's what inspired much of this month's Sarasota Edit.

Inside, I'm sharing some of my favorite entertaining tips, a family-favorite corn casserole, a pumpkin-inspired espresso creation, and our guide to enjoying November around Sarasota.

I'm also excited to introduce Irma: Unfiltered, my new podcast! It's something I've wanted to create for a while: a space to explore motherhood, marriage, business, wellness, and the lessons we're learning along the way. I can't wait to share more with you.

And of course, we're keeping you informed on Sarasota real estate, from local market insights and Florida's property tax proposal to what's been happening across our portfolio as we look toward 2027.

This Thanksgiving, I'm especially grateful for the friendships, trust, and support that make both my personal life and business so meaningful.

Thank you for being part of Sarasota Edit and the community we're building together.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

With gratitude,

Irma Scherer

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Florida's Tax Proposal:

What It Means for Sarasota Homeowners

Florida lawmakers have proposed a significant change to the state's homestead property tax system, an idea that could bring meaningful savings to homeowners and shape the future of real estate in Sarasota and across the state. While the proposal still needs voter approval, it has already sparked important conversations about affordability, growth and what makes our community so special.

$150,000
IN 2027

Proposed increase to the homestead exemption (from $50,000 to $150,000).

$250,000
IN 2028

Proposed increase to the homestead exemption (from $50,000 to $250,000).

10% to 5%
ASSESSMENT CAP

Proposed reduction to the annual cap on non-homestead property assessments (from 10% to 5%).

What Was Proposed?

The plan would increase Florida's homestead property tax exemption from $50,000 to $150,000 in 2027, and to $250,000 in 2028. It also proposes reducing the annual cap on non-homestead property assessments from 10% to 5%. These changes would apply to primary residences and, if approved by voters, could take effect in 2027.

Why Does This Matter in Sarasota?

Sarasota's real estate market has seen steady growth, making property taxes a key part of homeownership. A larger homestead exemption could help reduce annual tax bills for many local homeowners, while the lower assessment can may provide more stability for those who own second homes, investment properties or commercial real estate.

The Bigger Community Picture

Lower property taxes could make Sarasota even more attractive to families, retirees, and businesses. By easing the tax burden, the proposal could support long-term affordability, encourage continued investment, and strengthen our local economy, all of which help preserve the exceptional lifestyle we enjoy on Florida's Gulf Coast.

Looking Ahead to 2027

The proposal still needs approval from Florida voters. In the meantime, it's a good time for Sarasota homeowners to stay informed and consider how potential changes could fit into their long-term plans, whether that means purchasing a new home, investing in property or simply planning for the future.

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November Can't Miss Events

Hansel and Gretel
Nov 1-14 | Sarasota Opera House

A beautiful opportunity to introduce the family to Sarasota's performing arts scene. This beloved fairy tale comes to life through music and storytelling at our historic Sarasota Opera House.

Siesta Key Sandsculpting Festival
Nov 13-16 | Siesta Beach

Enjoy incredible sand sculptures, live music, local vendors, and family activities in one of Sarasota's most beautiful settings.

St. Armands Art Festival
Nov 14-15 | St. Armands Circle

Spend the afternoon strolling St. Armands Circle as talented artists showcase everything from paintings and photography to sculpture and handcrafted jewelry. A lovely excuse to enjoy local art, explore the shops, and stop for lunch along the way.

Santa's Grand Arrival Parade | Nov 14 | University Town Center

The holiday season officially begins at UTC with festive floats, marching bands, fireworks, and Santa's grand arrival. The lighting of the 50-foot Christmas tree makes this an especially magical evening for families.





Cocktails at the Cottage
Nov 19 | Marie Selby Botanical

Enjoy cocktails and light bites overlooking Little Sarasota Bay, along with a special preview of Selby Gardens. Emily Dickinson exhibition. A lovely evening where art, nature, and Sarasota's beautiful waterfront setting come together.

Annual Florida Turkey Trot
Nov 26 | Nathan Benderson Park

Start Thanksgiving morning with a little movement and community connection at Sarsatosa Benderson Park. With a Kids Dash and 5K run or walk, it's a wonderful tradition for families, friends, and neighbors to enjoy together.

Siesta Key Holiday Parade Santa Visit
Nov 28 | Siesta Key Village

Celebrate the start of the holiday season, island style, as Siesta Key Village fills with festive floats from Santa. A charming coastal tradition that brings our community together.

Wellness at The Bay
Multiple Days Weekly | The Bay

Make a little time for yourself this November with complimentary community wellness classes at The Bay. From yoga and Pilates to Tai Chi and dance, it's a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors, recharge, and connect with others.

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How's the Market?

September brought a shifting picture of the Sarasota County housing market. Inventory stood at 4.31 months of supply, down 11.68 percent from August. A total of 1,293 new listings entered the market, with a median list price of $445,900. Meanwhile, 964 homes went under contract, spending approximately 55 days on the market. The median sold price reached $415,000, with homes selling at an average of 95.7 percent of their asking price. Numbers like these tell the story of a market where thoughtful pricing, preparation, and understanding your options continue to make a difference.

👉 Buyers: Opportunities are still there, especially when it comes to negotiating. With homes spending nearly two months on the market and selling below asking price on average, there is room to explore your options and make a thoughtful decision.

👉 Sellers: Pricing and presentation matter more than ever. If a move is on your horizon in the next six to twelve months, now is a wonderful time to start preparing and understanding how your home fits into today's market.

1,293	975	63
NEW LISTINGS - 0.9% MONTH OVER MONTH	SOLD LISTINGS - 1.6% MONTH OVER MONTH	MED DAYS ON MARKET + 16,67% FROM PREV MONTH

Source: RPR October 2026, Market Trends for Sarasota County, Single-Family + Condo/Townhouse/Apt. November 2026 data not published at the time of printing.

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Homes in Motion

A little look at what we've been up to lately. From new listings and price updates to homes under contract, recently closed properties, and seasonal rentals, there's been plenty happening across our Sarasota real estate portfolio.

Thinking about your next chapter? Let's connect.



ON THE MARKET

8232 Summer Night Dr.
$1,899,000
Skye Ranch

Room to grow, space to breathe, and a neighborhood where you embrace lifestyle



ON THE MARKET

1479 Landings Cir.
$656,000
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ON THE MARKET

5320 Moeller Ave.
$375,000
Cedar Grove

Investment opportunity with access to trails, parks and more



RENTAL

9068 Driven Snow St
$5,500/mo
Skye Ranch

Comfortable, well-located and move-in ready for the right tenant.



PENDING

201 Shade Ave
Ringling Park

Modern Sarasota living with elegant finishes, and effortless outdoor entertaining.



PENDING

3324 Big Sky Way
Savanna at
Lakewood Ranch

Elevated living, peaceful views, effortless comfort.



COMING SOON

13274 Drysdale Ave
$299,000
Port Charlotte

Modern finishes, thoughtful details, and easy access to beaches.



OFF-MARKET

Longboat Key
$1,500,000

Panoramic Gulf views and an effortless coastal lifestyle.



RENTAL

8724 Daybreak St
$5,800/mo
Skye Ranch

Furnished Skye Ranch living, resort-style amenities, effortless comfort.



RENTAL

10073 Morning Mist Ln
$3,000/mo
Skye Ranch

Modern Skye Ranch living, resort amenities, effortless comfort.

Thanksgiving Dining Guide 2026

Where to gather, give thanks, and enjoy the holiday around Sarasota.

Thanksgiving is all about gathering with the people we love, and sometimes the nicest way to celebrate is to let someone else take care of the cooking. Whether you're planning a beautiful waterfront dinner, a traditional family feast, or something a little more intimate, Sarasota has wonderful places to come together.



Waterfront Dining

Marina Jack
Downtown Sarasota

Celebrate Thanksgiving overlooking Sarasota Bay with Marina Jack's holiday buffet, seasonal favorites, and welcoming waterfront views.

Chart House
Longboat Key

Chart House pairs beautiful water views with a three-course Thanksgiving menu of traditional favorites, seafood, and steak.

PIER 22
Downtown Bradenton

PIER 22 offers a relaxed waterfront Thanksgiving feast with roasted turkey, homemade sides, and pumpkin pie.

A Special Holiday Experience

The Ritz-Carlton
Downtown Sarasota

The Ritz-Carlton's Grand Ballroom brings elegant holiday dining, refined service, and a memorable Thanksgiving atmosphere.

Mcihael's On East
Sarasota

Experience traditional favorites with an upscale twist at the most exquisite Thanksgiving dining experience with live music and an unforgettable atmosphere.

CW Prime
The St. Regis Longboat Key

CW Prime pairs refined Thanksgiving dining with waterfront views, seasonal specialties, and an elegant Longboat Key setting.

A Sarasota Classic to Consider

GROVE
Lakewood Ranch

GROVE welcomes families with traditional Thanksgiving dishes, a generous holiday buffet, and a relaxed atmosphere for gathering.

Summer House
Siesta Key

Specially crafted multi-course Thanksgiving menu with items like locally sourced turkey from Grove Ladder Farm) alongside their regular steak and seafood menu.

Columbia
St. Armands Circle

Columbia Restaurant brings generations of Spanish-Cuban tradition to Thanksgiving, with family recipes and a lively St. Armands setting.

Jack Dusty
Longboat Key

Jack Dusty offers an intimate Thanksgiving experience with coastal flavors, polished service, and a relaxed setting.

However you choose to celebrate, I hope your Thanksgiving includes wonderful food, meaningful conversation, and time with the people who matter most.







Thankful Finds

A fall-themed word search

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O S C T S E V R A H G T X D B
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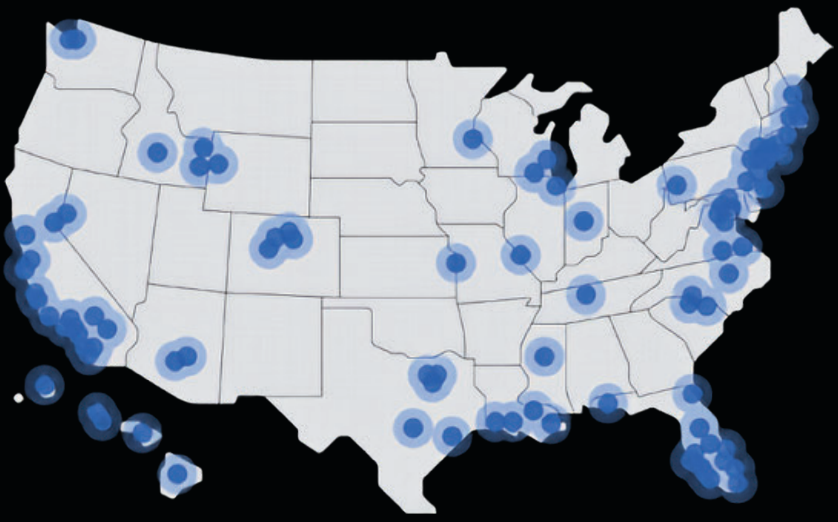
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Latest Around Town

Tralia is planning a Rosemary District location

The Michelin recommended Sarasota favorite is planning a second location on Boulevard of the Arts, with a more pasta forward Italian menu, pizza, lunch service, outdoor seating, and a full bar. It is another sign of how quickly the Rosemary District continues to grow as a dining destination.

Potbelly meet Fruitville Farms

Fruitville Farms is continuing to grow as a quick dining stop for East Sarasota. Potbelly is expected to open a location there later this year, adding another casual lunch option near Fruitville Road and I 75.

Dick's House of Sport

If you have missed the gigantic Dick's sign off the interstate then here is the details. They are bringing an immersive retail concept focused on sports, gear, community events, and interactive ways to practice and play. It is another example of retail becoming more experience driven in Sarasota.

Whitney's Expansion Plans

Whitney's is looking ahead to a larger footprint. A proposed expansion next door would increase seating, add more room for guests, and continue the thoughtful reuse story that helped make the original Whitney's space such a local favorite.



THE ART OF EFFORTLESS HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

A beautiful table, a welcoming home, and more time for the people around it.

If you know me, you know I love hosting. Whether it's Thanksgiving, Christmas, dinner with friends, or a spontaneous gathering, our home has always been a place where people come together.

After hosting more gatherings than I can count, I've learned that memorable evenings aren't about elaborate menus or perfect decorations. They're about thoughtful preparation, making guests feel welcome, and actually enjoying the people you've invited.

If you're hosting for the first time this season, here are five things I always come back to:

START WITH A PLAN, NOT A PERFECT MENU

Before anything else, think about how you want the evening to unfold. A seated dinner? Casual appetizers? Children running through the kitchen and backyard? Once you know the flow, everything else becomes easier.

Choose a menu you can mostly prepare ahead. I usually focus on a few dishes I enjoy making and simplify the rest. There's nothing wrong with ordering dessert or asking someone to bring a favorite dish. Also, catering side dishes is my go-to: when hosting large groups.

Set everything in the area it will go the night before and pull out your serving pieces.

My hosting tip: Write your menu and place a small note inside each serving dish so you know what goes where. It saves so much time when dinner is ready.

SET A TABLE THAT FEELS LIKE YOU

You don't need new dinnerware for every holiday. I start with neutral dishes, linen napkins, simple glassware, and serving pieces I've collected over time. For Thanksgiving, I might add olive branches, citrus, or small pumpkins. At Christmas, fresh greenery, beautiful ribbon, and candlelight give those same pieces an entirely different feeling.

Here in Sarasota, I love natural textures and softer colors that feel festive without being overly formal.

My hosting tip: Keep centerpieces low so everyone can see each other. Leave enough space for glassware and serving dishes. A comfortable table encourages conversation long after dinner is finished.

CHOOSE PIECES YOU'LL USE YEAR AFTER YEAR

I believe entertaining essentials should be beautiful and practical.
A timeless serving platter, wooden board, oven-to-table baking dishes, quality linens, and versatile glassware are pieces you'll use for years.

Many of my favorites work just as beautifully for holiday dinners, birthdays, and casual Sunday meals. Build your collection slowly with things you genuinely enjoy.

My hosting tip: If you're starting from scratch, begin with a large serving board, a versatile platter, and everyday glassware.

BE PRESENT AT YOUR OWN PARTY

Something will always go differently than planned. Guests arrive early, dishes take longer, and the kids inevitably wander through the kitchen. That's part of real life.

I give myself a little time before everyone arrives to turn on music, light the candles, and enjoy the atmosphere we've created. Once guests arrive, I want to be part of the evening, not worrying about every detail.

The gatherings I remember most are ones where conversations continue long after dinner, children play nearby, and nobody feels rushed to leave. Because hosting isn't about impressive people. It's about making them feel comfortable, connected, and welcome. And to me, that's what makes a house feel like home.

MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT ESSENTIALS

I've gathered some of my favorite beautiful but practical hosting pieces, from serving boards and glassware to the thoughtful details I reach for throughout the year.

Classic
Corn Casserole



Some of my favorite holiday recipes are the simplest ones. The dishes that bring everyone back for seconds and somehow become part of the family tradition. This classic corn casserole is one of those comforting Thanksgiving sides that's easy to make and always feels right at home on the holiday table! And because it comes together with just a handful of ingredients, it's one less thing to think about when you're welcoming family and friends.

Serves: 6 to 8

Prep Time: 5 to 10 minutes

Bake Time: 45 to 50 minutes

What You'll Need

- 1 box (8.5 oz) Jiffy corn muffin mix
- 1 can (15 oz) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can (15 oz) creamed corn
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- Butter or cooking spray for the baking dish.

Insider Tips

One of my favorite ways to make holiday entertaining feel easier is to prepare a few dishes ahead of time. This casserole can be baked up to two days in advance, refrigerated, and gently reheated before serving.

How to Make It

1. Preheat your oven to 350°F and lightly grease an 8-inch square baking dish.
2. In a large bowl, combine the slightly cooled melted butter, sour cream, and eggs until smooth.
3. Fold in the drained corn & creamed corn.
4. Pour into your prepared baking dish and bake for 45 to 50 minutes, until golden on top and set in the center.
5. Allow to rest for about 10 minutes before serving warm.

Pumpkin Spice Espresso Cloud

If you know me, you know I love a cozy coffee inspired sip, especially for fall gatherings. And of course, my espresso favorite gets a little pumpkin twist!



INGREDIENTS:

2 oz chilled espresso
2 oz oat milk
1 tbsp pumpkin purée
1 tbsp maple syrup
¾ tsp pumpkin spice

MIX:

Shake everything with ice until frothy. Strain into a chilled coupe glass and dust with cinnamon.

MOCKTAIL:

Enjoy as written! Naturally alcohol-free. Use decaf espresso for a post-dinner dessert.

KICK IT UP AND NOTCH ADULT VARIATIONS:

Captain Morgan Jack-O'Blast: Pumpkin spice-flavored rum, historically offered as a seasonal release.

RumChata Pumpkin Spice: A desert-inspired pumpkin spice cream liqueur.

Cazzabel Coffee Tequila: A desert-based coffee liqueur featuring roasted coffee and chocolate notes.

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If you know me, you know I love a good conversation. The kind that starts over coffee, turns into an hour of catching up, and somehow leaves you thinking about something long after you've said goodbye.

I've always believed we learn so much from sharing our experiences, especially the ones that don't always make it into everyday conversation.

As a wife, mom to Cane and Aspen, entrepreneur, and real estate advisor, my days are full. Between family, business, friendships, and everything in between, I'm constantly learning, adjusting, and discovering new things about myself.

And at 43, I've realized that some of the most interesting conversations happen when we're willing to talk about what life actually looks like, not just the highlights.

That's what inspired *Irma: Unfiltered*, my new podcast.

> *"Some of the most interesting conversations happen when we're willing to talk about what life actually looks like."*



So, What's It About?

Think of it as pulling up a chair and joining a conversation with friends.

We'll talk about the things I'm passionate about and the questions so many of us are navigating. Motherhood, marriage, business, wellness, personal growth, and what it means to keep evolving through different seasons of life.

I'm especially interested in the conversations around reinvention. How our priorities shift as we get older, how we make time for ourselves while caring for everyone else, and how we continue pursuing our goals without losing sight of what matters most.

I'll share my own experiences and invite some wonderful guests to share theirs. From entrepreneurs and inspiring women to wellness professionals and people doing interesting things in our community, I want to hear their stories, the lessons they've learned, and what they'd tell someone walking a similar path.



Some episodes will make you think. Others might make you laugh. Hopefully, they'll all leave you with something worth taking into your own life.

A Little More Personal

If Sarasota Edit is where I share my love for lifestyle, home, and our community, *Irma*: Unfiltered is where you'll get to know a little more of the woman behind it.

I'm excited to see where these conversations take us, and I hope you'll be part of them.



Visit **www.irmascherer.com** for podcast updates and a first look at what's coming.

A Little Kindness *Goes a Long Way*

A NEW FAMILY TRADITION, AND THOUGHTFUL WAYS TO GIVE BACK IN SARASOTA.

November always makes me pause and look around at what really matters. It's a season that naturally brings us together with family and friends, but it's also a time to think about the people in our community who could use a little extra support.

Sarasota is such a special place because of the way people show up for one another. From neighbors helping neighbors to local organizations making a difference every day, there are so many ways to give back.

This year, Cane and Aspen are starting a new tradition, and I couldn't be more excited. We're choosing a cause together, learning more about how it helps children and families in our community, and finding simple ways to contribute. Whether it's writing kindness notes, selecting supplies, or donating items, it's a meaningful way for them to learn about gratitude and the importance of helping others.

I wanted to share a few local organizations that are doing incredible work right here in Sarasota, along with simple ways you and your family can get involved. Even small gestures can make a big impact, and they're a beautiful reminder of what makes this community feel like home.



THREE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

01

All Faths Food Bank

NOURISHING FAMILIES ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY

All Faths Food Bank works to end hunger in our region by providing food and resources to children, families, seniors, and individuals in need. Their 2026 ThankFULL campaign aims to provide 14,300 Thanksgiving dinners and 4.1 million holiday meals to neighbors across Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Donate to the 2026 ThankFULL campaign
- Host a food drive
- Help spread awareness

02

Safe Children Coalition

PROTECTING CHILDREN. STRENGTHENING FAMILIES.

Safe Children Coalition (SCC) works to prevent child abuse and support safe, healthy childhoods. Their 2026 SCC Angels holiday gift drive helps ensure local children in need experience the joy of the season. Community members can sign up to sponsor a child's wish list, with lists distributed November 9–16.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Sign up to sponsor a child's wish list
- Donate gifts or gift cards
- Help spread the word

03

Children First

EARLY EDUCATION. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

Children First provides early childhood education, family support programs, and mental resources to help local children and families thrive. Their work creates stronger families and a brighter future for Sarasota County.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Make a donation
- Volunteer your time
- Support community programs and events



A NEW FAMILY TRADITION

Small Actions. Big Impact.

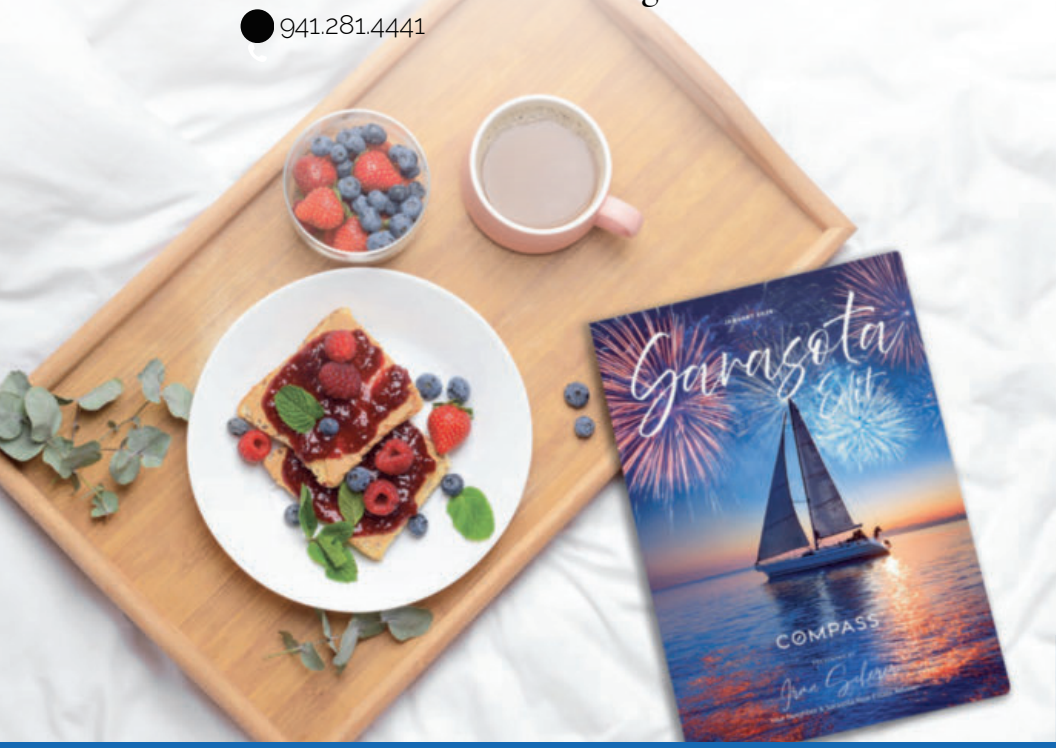
This year, we're choosing a cause as a family, learning about how it helps children and families in our community, and finding simple ways for the kids to get involved. From writing kindness notes to selecting supplies, it's a meaningful way to teach them about gratitude and the importance of helping others.

If you're looking for a way to give back this season, I hope these organizations inspire you. Together, we can make Sarasota an even brighter place for the next generation.

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