

MEETING MINUTES



Location: Social Hall - VDS
Date: **July 14, 2026**
Time: 7pm
Facilitator: Mike Willmore,
President

Agenda items

1. **Welcome: Mike Willmore, President, The Robin Hoods of VDS.** There were 17 members in attendance. 1 new member: Cindy Harbert cindy.harbert@gmail.com Cindy tutors with The Hope Fund, runs the Flying Solo Club at VDS and has career working knowledge of 501(c)3's. (To be added to the RH mailing list).
2. **Financials: Steve Weitzel, Checking Administrator.** Presented June and to date financials with \$4,953.53 as the checking account balance. Accounting details in the attached slides.
3. **Revised Reimbursement Form for Purchases.** Save to your computer and edit form as needed for reimbursement. Send to Treasurer (Jim Colitas) for approval. Checks will be cut upon receipt of an approved form. A training session will be scheduled with RH leadership, possibly after the next meeting or at a preferred time.
4. **Status of 2026 Drives – Mike Willmore**
 - ✓ **Food Drive: May 1-30 completed.** Beneficiary was the Lord's Lighthouse. Thank you communications to the community were shared. A donation for the LL for the truck back door replacement was also made.
 - ✓ **School Supply Drive: August 3-17.** Event co-chairs are Eleanor Morel and Karen Hinderer. Wimauma Elementary is again the beneficiary. Poster will be updated with the new list of supplies. Flyer distributed has the correct list. QR code has been added to the flyer and poster to provide another convenient way to donate securely online.

- ✓ **Turkey Trot 5K: Saturday, Nov 7.** Drive co-chairs are Gary and Cindy Beytin. Beneficiary is TBD.
- ✓ **Christmas Toy Drive: Nov 16-Dec 11.** Kim & Mitzi Egan are again the co-chairs and The Lord's Lighthouse is the beneficiary. The Egan's are working with Cecilia Arellano from the LL on the gift tags, including updating areas the families had difficulty completing in years past (ex: shoe size did not say kids vs. adult). Kim/Mitzi will review the tags with Cecilia prior to us hanging them.

Santa's Elves (RH volunteers) will have tasks assigned to help with things like setting up the tree, collecting gifts when Egan's are out of town, and the Wrapping Party set for Monday Dec 14th. Kim is working with LL on timing for gift delivery/pick up and their party, which is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 19th.

Other Business – Mike Willmore

- a. **The Christmas in July Event** sponsored by VDS Lifestyle director will be July 24th. The Robin Hoods will benefit from this event with the unwrapped gifts donated (as the price of admission) to be included as part of the RH Christmas Toy Drive in December. Other gifts will benefit A Kid's Place, a charity Lori Pickel supports and a possible RH beneficiary. Be sure to RSVP if you haven't. Tony has volunteered to run the movie, Polar Express. Kim/Mitzi have requested that the RHs purchase the movie candy.
- b. **VDS Stitch Away Club Partnership:** The Stitch Away Club is continuing to make lap blankets, quilts and walker bags. Kim and Mitzi Egan provide these to Cypress Creek Assisted Living/Memory Care and Lifepath Hospice.
- c. **Web Analytics:** We are between drives, so no new analytics to be shared.

Other Charitable Organizations As Potential Beneficiaries: Kathryn Menadier, RH Vice President, did a great job arranging for three local charities to make presentations to the club as possible beneficiaries of our charity drives. No other suggestions have been made to evaluate others at this time.

- ✓ A Thank You letter was rec'd from the 2 representatives that presented from A Kid's Place (shared with RHs).

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- ✓ Thank You letter from the Lord's Lighthouse ministry was rec'd/shared with Robin Hood's.

Kathryn discussed ways the RHs could individually support and/or encourage others to support **The Hope Fund, A Kid's Place and ECHO**. These include volunteering to tutor at Wimauma Elementary or RCMA; attend their fundraisers (Hope Fund has a trivia night in Sun City Center on Aug 14th); participate in Music Bingo in Oct.; donate to these charities thrift stores; and share/purchase items for these nonprofits from their Amazon wish lists.

A suggestion was made to organize a Texas Roadhouse event, with proceeds to benefit A Kids Place, and perhaps the restaurant can donate the 10% raised in \$50 increment gift cards. (A win-win for Texas Roadhouse.) The RHs and A Kid's Place could jointly publicize. A RH member might reach out to Jolissa and Texas Roadhouse to get this started.

Concluding Remarks – Mike Willmore. The board will soon decide on the Turkey Trot beneficiary. We will continue to talk about some of these other opportunities to help some of the charitable organizations we have heard from in the last few months.

For Ease of Reading. For those creating slides, please use a minimum font of 16 point. Anything smaller makes it very difficult to read.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11th at 7pm - Social Hall.

Recorder: Kathryn Menadier, VP

1 Atch – July slides



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MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 2026

07/14/2026

Welcome

Mike Willmore

Financials

Steve Weitzel

2026 Drive Updates

Project Leads

Comm Update

K Menadier

Open Forum

All

The Robin Hoods of VDS, Inc
Report as of 7/14/2026

Business Checking Account Bank Statement				
	From	To	Amount	
Register Balance On:	6/1/2026		\$6,713.53	
Total Deposits	6/1/2026	6/30/2026	\$50.00	
Total Withdrawals	6/1/2026	6/30/2026	\$1,810.00	
Register Balance		6/30/2026	\$4,953.53	

Business Checking Account Register Current Activity					
Action /Ck #	Date	Transaction Description	Withdrawal Amount	Deposit Amount	Checking Account Balance
NONE					

Project Fund	Balances		
Balance	Project		
\$116.50	Back To School Supplies Drive		
\$1,584.80	Children's Toy Drive		
\$142.27	Food Drive		
\$2,947.02	General Fund		
\$162.94	Turkey Trot		
\$4,953.53	Total		

2026 Drives

- **Food Drive - COMPLETE** 5/1-30
 - Project Leader - Kathryn Menadier
Susan Chandler
 - Beneficiary -The Lord's Lighthouse
- **School Supply Drive** 8/3-17
 - Project Co-Leaders
 - Eleanor Morel
 - Karen Hinderer
 - Beneficiary – Wimauma Elementary
- **Turkey Trot** 11/7
 - Project Co-Leaders
 - Gary and Cindy Beytin
 - Beneficiary – TBD
- **Christmas Toy Drive** 11/16 – 12/11
 - Project Co-Leaders
 - Kim and Mitzi Egan
 - Beneficiary – The Lord's Lighthouse



2026 FOOD DRIVE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER



YOUR DONATIONS = AT WORK =

The Lord's Lighthouse Outreach Ministry's Food Pantry helps feed families in need in Wimauma. Shown is a portion of food items purchased with cash donations from VDS residents during the recent Food Drive.



WE THANK YOU!



Charity drives are sponsored throughout the year
by the Robin Hoods of VDS



The Robin Hoods of VDS extend our heartfelt thanks to the residents of VDS for your incredible generosity during the 2026 Food Drive benefiting the Lord's Lighthouse Outreach Ministry.



Thanks to your support, residents donated enough nonperishable food to fill 12 grocery carts, and three pickup truck loads of food were delivered to the ministry's food pantry in Wimauma.

In addition, on June 2, 2026, Robin Hoods' Food Drive Chairpersons Kathryn Menadier and Susan Chandler proudly presented a check for \$1,800 in cash donations to Cecelia Arellano of the Lord's Lighthouse.

- Your kindness and compassion will help provide food and support to families in need throughout our community



June 13, 2026

Dear Robin Hoods of VDS,

The Lord's Lighthouse
ministry thanks you and
the residents of Valencia
del Sol for being so very
generous during your 2026
Food Drive.

The amazing amount of
food you donated filled three
pick up trucks, plus the
\$1,800 in cash contributions
will greatly help the Mission
provide food, clothing and
other support to many people
in need.

Thank you for being so caring
and compassionate.

In much gratitude,
Connie Keister
director

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

To donate securely
online, scan with
your phone's camera



AUGUST
3RD - 17TH

THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
BENEFITS WIMAUMA ELEMENTARY WHERE 90% OF
STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED COST
LUNCHES.

School supply items requested:

Lysol Wipes, Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, AA Batteries (for
timers & clocks), Crayons, Ziploc Bags (gallon & quart),
Folders (3-hole), Index cards (ruled & blank), 1 & 2-inch
Binders, Spiral Notebook (wide rule), Notebook Paper
(wide rule), Composition Book (wide rule), White Board
Expo Markers (+ cleaner & wipes)

Place items in the Box in the Clubhouse Lobby.
Also appreciated are cash donations which will be used to
purchase school supplies. Donate securely on-line at
www.robinhoodsvds.com/donate

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2026 VDS Toy Drive

*Not Too Early to Start
Planning*

*Ho Ho Ho!
Ho Ho Ho!*

2026 VDS TOY DRIVE



Planning is underway for 2026

1. Co-Chairs – Kim and Mitzi Egan
2. Beneficiary – Lord's Lighthouse
3. Santa's Elves
 1. Eleanor Morel
 2. Karen Hinderer
 3. Kathryn and Jill Menadier
 4. Cheryl Hurchik
 5. Amy Moore
 6. Many others have volunteered

2026 TOY DRIVE TIMELINE

2026 Drive Dates

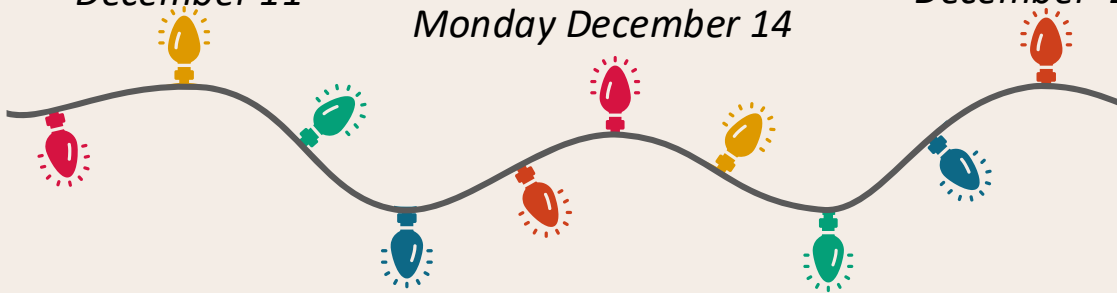
*November 16 –
December 11*

Wrapping Party

Monday December 14

Lord's Lighthouse Christmas Party

*Tentative
December 19*



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Christmas in July

July 24 – Social Hall

- ❖ *Unwrapped gift for admission*
- ❖ *Co-Sponsored by VDS Life Style (Lori Pickle)*



Gift Request Form

Updated forms

- ❖ *Reviewed with Cecilia Arellano*
- ❖ *Ready to sent to printer next week*



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

MOVIE NIGHT!

★ ADMIT
ALL ★



DATE:

July 24th



DOORS OPEN:

6:00 PM



MOVIE STARTS:

6:30 PM

CHARITIES INCLUDE
A Kids Place &
The Lords Lighthouse

ADMISSION PRICE:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| * Stuffed animals | * Socks (all sizes) |
| * Games | * Plastic Reusable
Water Bottles |
| * Puzzles | * Disinfecting Wipes |
| * Fast-food Gift cards | * Pop-Tarts |
| * Ramen Noodles | * Drink Mixes |
| * Brownie Mixes | * Needoh |
| * Canned Fruit | |
| * Ice Pops | |

BELIEVE

MOVIE:
THE POLAR EXPRESS



DONATION BOX
will be available
for cash donations



CASH BAR
featuring a special
Christmas cocktail



MOVIE CANDY
will be supplied
by The Robin Hoods



PLEASE RSVP TO LORI (LPICKEL@GRSMGT.COM)
BY JULY 20TH



Familia Nombre _____



The Robin Hood's of VDS Toy Drive

Numero de Niños _____

Numero de Niño _____

☐ Niño

☐ Chica

Edad _____

Lista de deseos de Navidad

Ropa

☐ Sí ☐ No

Tipo de ropa

- ☐ Camisa
☐ Pantalón Corto
☐ Vestido
☐ Pantalón

Talla de ropa

- ☐ Niño
☐ Niños grandes
☐ Adulto

Zapato

☐ Yes ☐ No

Tipo de zapato

- ☐ Tenis
☐ Tacos de fútbol
☐ Sandalia
☐ Crocs

Numero de zapato

- ☐ Niño (1-12)
☐ Niños grandes (1-6)
☐ Adulto

Juguetes y Juegos

Otro

☐ Tarjeta regalo

Sewing Club partnership

Continue to provide lap blankets, quilts and walker bags

- Cypress Creek assisted Living/Memory Care
- Lifepath Hospice



OPEN FORUM

Part 1

- **THANK YOU NOTES**
 - A Kid's Place
 - Lords Lighthouse (2)
- **VOLUNTEER / SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**
- **ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION?**
- **HOLIDAY SHOW PARTICIPATION**

Part 2

- **WORK CONTINUES ON NEW REIMBURSEMENT AND CHECK REQUEST FORMS AND PROCESS**
- **OTHER**



Thank You all so much for inviting
us to your meeting to share about
our kids and our mission! We had
a lovely time and appreciate the
kindness the Robin Hood's showed
us! We look forward to keeping
in touch! ♡ JOLISSA

Thank you!
We are so honored that
you chose to have us speak
to you all & share our mission! It was
such a pleasure meeting you all! We are
excited to partner with you & hope to
have you all out for a tour soon!
♡ Bria

June 5, 2026

Dear Robin Hood of VDS,

We so appreciate your very generous contribution and continued support. Your gift allows us to help many people in need of food, clothing and other necessities.

In May, The Mission served 450 individuals and 1,552 households.

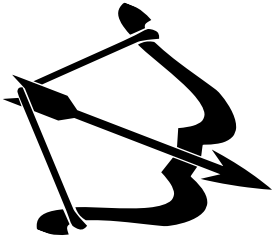
Because we have recently received grant funds, we are improving the electrical

system and making repairs to our truck and the portable buildings.

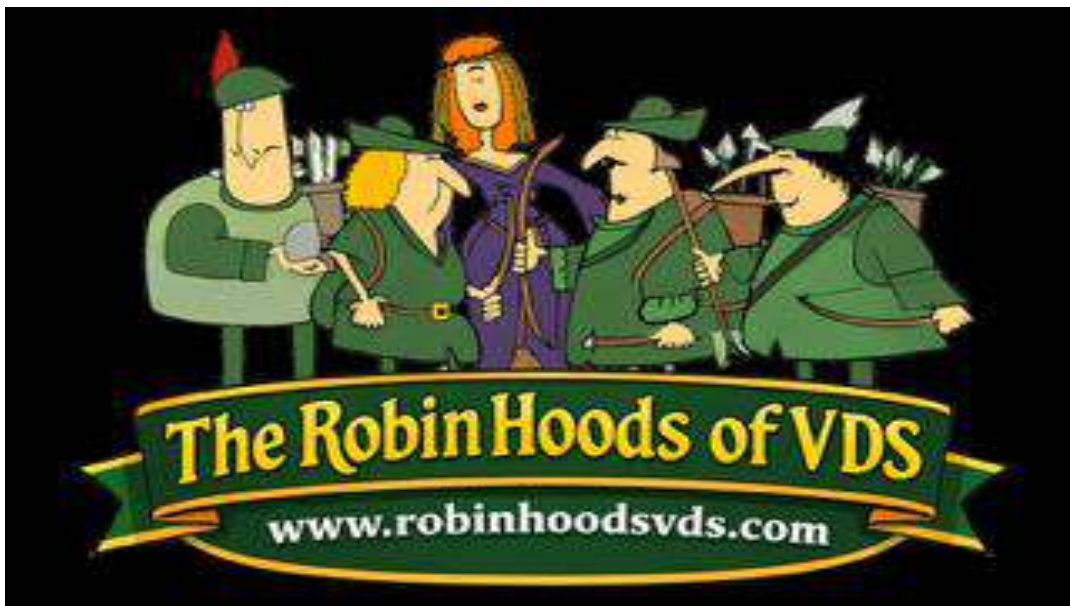
Plans are underway for a Wimauma Community wide meal and Back To School Event to be held in July.

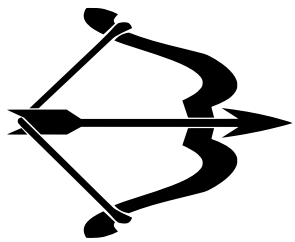
From the bottom of our hearts, Thank you for being part of this mission, and helping us continue to serve those who need us most.

In much gratitude,
Connie Keister
Director



How the Merry Men and
Women of Robin Hoods can
help support local charities
(*other than the obvious- cash!*)





The Hope Fund

Individually participate in annual fundraisers- Invite others!

- Fun Trivia Aug. 14th 5pm- 9pm \$10 pp/tables of 8
 - **Tickets may be purchased on-line @ www.thehopefundsc.org*
- Music Bingo Oct. 17th 1pm – 4pm

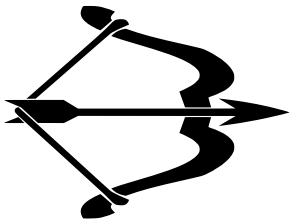
Provide food donation items for Food Bank Drive(s) or monetary donation for food (next one being held in October).

Sign up to help tutor a child! (2 location in Wimauma)

- Orientation is Aug. 24th if beginning in Sept. or Oct. 28th if beginning in November.
- Volunteer 1 hr. on Tues. or Wed. Pick the grade you want to work with K-5th. Or teach chess!

The Hope Fund

- Provide Scholarship Money directly to/or through The Hope Fund for families that pay for After School Care
 - Can donate various amounts to support any number of families
- Provide financial donation(s) to support additional purchases made: sports equipment, musical instruments, field trips during spring break (food/drinks/snacks for activities) and other activities they support.
 - The Hope Fund also helps provide scholarship support for kids in the tutoring program if they go to college or trade schools.



A Kid's Place

Individually or encourage community (“drives” by streets/loops, etc.) or host drives for this organization to include:

Amazon Wish lists:

General Needs (stuff they need all the time)

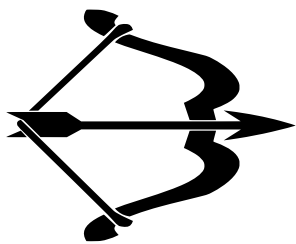
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Summer Specific (fun stuff the kids have specifically asked for on break)

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A Kid's Place

- Gift Cards: *They currently have 22 kids ages 13-17*
 - \$25 Fast Foods: Jersey Mike's, Taco Bell, Burger King
 - \$30 Fast Foods: Subway, Chipotle, AMC theater
 - \$50 Darden Restaurants, Texas Roadhouse- families/houses together or for kids to be taken to celebrate special occasions or milestones (idea...)
- Hygiene and Household Needs:
 - Laundry pods, cleaning wipes, and personal care items like Dove deodorant and Cetaphil. The boys are also into *everything* "Old Spice" and our girls have been requesting EOS brand lotion.
- Younger Kids:
 - NeeDoh items and the Dumplings are very requested!
 - Individual-sized chip bags, fruit snacks, and juice boxes
 - Current big requests are drinks such as: Gatorade, Powerade, SunnyD, HUGS drinks, Canned soda, Kool-Aid, Lemonade and Teas
- Back-to-School clothes/supplies
- Target/Walmart Gift Cards for. JanSport backpacks or backpacks with pockets most popular requests



ECHO

- Purchase Items from Amazon lists: Most Needed Items or Gifts of Hope (gifts for parents to give their kids for holidays)
- Drives to include: Socks and underwear for adults and kids (diapers) or full-sized toiletry items
- Work with ECHO team to assist with items needed for interviewing/returning to work: men's shirts, costume jewelry, business casual clothes, purses

ECHO

- Encourage residents to donate gently used items to this organizations thrift stores (in Bloomindale or Brandon) in RH's communications via email, flyers to send out, Facebook posts
 - Gently used clothing for men, women and children
 - Shoes, handbags, accessories
 - Home décor
 - Kitchenware and small appliances
 - Books, puzzles and toys
 - Seasonal items

**Note: This organization does not directly serve Wimauma and is a \$3-5 million/yr. organization*

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 - *Time preference?*
- *OTHER*
 - *Minimum font for slides = 16 pt*
- *NEXT MEETING: August 11*
- **NEXT SLIDE**



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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING TONIGHT !

