

Evelyn & Arthur Collecting Donations For Local Charities

Store owner Diane Hintzen, who holds fundraisers each month, is collecting handbags in February.

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For Diane Hintzen, the giving season is all year long. Hintzen, of Lady Lake, is the manager at Evelyn & Arthur at Brownwood Paddock Square, and the store has fundraisers every month that support local charities.

For many, the store is a place where people can find what they need. For Hintzen, it's a place where they can help others. "We help people who have experienced turmoil in their homes and lives," Hintzen said. "Their goal is to provide them tools to thrive and stay out of trouble."

Hintzen said there were several large boxes filled to the top with donations by the end of the month. "We collected donations of toiletries but also make up, headbands, nail polish — anything that makes you feel good about yourself," Hintzen said. "I even donated journals for the girls to write in along with simple things like new socks."

Hintzen considers being

able to help her community through the store a blessing. "You can see the appreciation on people's faces when they receive something they've never had before," she said. "I can't wait to see some of the girls who receive the donations at an upcoming luncheon."

In February, Hintzen plans to keep on giving. "We'll be collecting handbags at the store to donate to Hand in Hand Ministries," she said. "It's a women's residence that helps people living in difficult situations."

The nonprofit provides food and shelter as well things like job training and dental and medical treatment.

"Their goal is to help people grow and be successful," Hintzen said. "We're collecting handbags to donate to the organization. "We did this collection last year and it was successful," she said. "People brought in bags they never used with tags still on. There was also a variety, with people giving simple crossbody purses as well as Louis Vuitton."

As a woman who has been in the workforce for years, Hintzen understands the importance of having a handbag. "We all had our portfolios and briefcases — that was how we represented ourselves."



Diane Hintzen, store manager of Evelyn & Arthur, helps a customer Tuesday.

she said. "It's more than just having a purse. It's having something to hold all of your life necessities every day."

Hintzen and Evelyn & Arthur also are partnered with the Hometown Civitan Club, a philanthropic group in The Villages that aims to help local nonprofits.

Civitan president Laura McLaughlin said the club has an excellent relationship with Hintzen and the store. "We recently awarded Diane for all the work she does for the community," McLaughlin said. "She uses her position to positively impact others." Both women are grateful for their ability to help. "It helps me to remember

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