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MARKET IN THE PARK MOVES TO THE NEW FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park • 1515 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, FL 34105 • Fridays 3-7 p.m.

Buy services and goods with the purpose of helping Collier County children. *Market in the Park* by Collier County Parks and Recreation is a market with a purpose.

Market in the Park has moved from North Collier Regional Park to the county's newest park - Freedom Park - located near the Coastland Center Mall. Local vendors and park staff host *Market in the Park* each Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Freedom Park is located at 1515 Golden Gate Parkway by Goodlette-Frank Road.

Vendor fees will continue to benefit children in the Collier County area by contributing to the Growing Connection of Southwest Florida and the Collier County Parks and Recreation Scholarship Fund. The Growing Connection is an outreach program that provides children with a hands-on, experiential learning experience while partnering them with schools from other countries. The Growing Connection teaches children about horticulture and health and they get to eat the healthy food they grow!

The Parks and Recreation Scholarship Fund provides financial support to children and families by paying for program registrations and educational programs.

Stop by, meet the market family and take home some organic and traditional produce, home-baked artisan breads, native plants, home-made salsas and chips, organic candles, soaps, and pet products, wood carvings, Fair Trade items, and more. Many of our vendors not only support this market's purpose but they are raising funds for children's health care in Ecuador and helping women and children's co-ops become self-sufficient in Indonesia and Guatemala.

The Market is open from 3 pm – 7 pm and will be held every Friday (except holidays). For more information please contact Nancy Olson, Sr. Park Naturalist, Exhibit Hall at 239-252-4060 or Cynthia Piper at (239) 438-5682.