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Finders website. The website features a directory of “finders” across the United States and in 20+ countries. Favano is one of several volunteers listed. Some of his successes are linked to the story of a ring that was lost at the shore. Those successes have earned him a career in the salvage field.

It was a natural progression for a boy who grew up along the Mayflower, and Favano found that the beachcombing men and women he had known had all used it as a lifelong love of the beach.

“Growing up along the greyhounds’ uncle’s house in North Wildwood,” Favano said, “I have so many great memories. No matter how old you get, your heart is always in that special place.”

While Favano is still following his heart, he’s found helping fellow beach lovers mend their broken hearts.

“Every lost ring has its own story,” said Favano. “No matter the monetary value, it’s always a high sentimental value. It’s a prized possession for many people.”

The most common items that Favano is called upon to find are, by far, engagement and wedding rings, and keys. The lost keys are mostly a matter of inconvenience and annoyance, but a lost ring will bring out a plethora of emotions.

“People are anxious, upsets and heartbroken,” he said. “Then when I find the ring there are so many happy people.”

Once safely reunited with their jewelry, a necklace is quickly turned into a dream come true. “I lost times of them telling me ‘Oh I know you would find it’,” said Favano. “It’s feeling that Favano wholeheartedly understands.”

“Since I’ve been married, I think I’ve taken my wedding ring off maybe two times over the years,” he said.

And yes, that includes trips to the beach. Luckily, Favano has never had to search the sand for any of his own belongings. Instead, he uses his skills to help others, and maybe even save a marriage or two along the way.

Using his hobby to make people happy is a role he relishes. By day, Favano is a mild-mannered chief supervisor in Delaware County, where he and his wife reside. But by night and weekend, he’s a superhero to help people, and do it at no charge.

For Favano, it’s just another day of work at his day job. A wedding ring on the beach. A wedding ring off maybe two times over the years. A wedding ring found. A wedding ring left. Just another day of work at the beach.

“People spend the day at the beach, and by the time they’re done they’re missing something, they have a hard time recalling exactly where they were,” said Favano.

An empty beach at 7 p.m., with the tide rolling in, looks quite different than a beach at high tide. For Favano, it’s just another day at the beach.

**Camp Firefly helps youngsters deal with loss**

Kim Plasket, director of public communications for the MVNA

Campers at Camp Firefly take part in traditional activities, as well as specialized bereavement activities.

The campers make a boat with mementoes of lost loved ones for the candlelight boat launch.

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