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People Helping People's Newsletter

April 2024

CHILI COOK OFF 2024

As soon as you walked through the doors of 1396 Kass Circle, you knew there was something in the air.....Chili!!!

People Helping People in Hernando County had its annual Chili Cook Off competition at our HELP Center on Saturday, April 20th.

It was great to see the community supporting our mission (and enjoying many different flavors of chili!) In fact, our first place champion, part of a wife/husband challenge Michaela Early, entered a white chicken chili that was well received by both our guests and the judges. Bill Early took 2nd with his amazing venison chili recipe. Our very own, Mark McClarty, director of our Weekend Blessings program came in 3rd.

Celebrity judges were Burton and Nita Melaugh owners of Betty Marie's Catering and Brian Jackson from Hernando Community Coalition. Their task for the day was sampling each contestants' chili entry, rating it in several different categories, and calculating the winner. A tough job, but someone had to do it!

What goes better with chili than hot dogs? Guests had an opportunity to chow down on Mr. Jim's infamous dogs and then top their meal off with home baked cake or cookies or pies or other scrumptious desserts made by the loving hands of the women from Antioch Fellowship Baptist Church.

On one's way in and out, there was music playing courtesy of DJ David Marini.

We had several people donate \$5 for a rubber duck. (Ask a Jeep owner what that's about!)

Fun fact: That \$5 filled a bag with four meals for Hernando County hungry kids to have over the weekend. If you want to know more about that program, whether it's to enroll your child or to volunteer, please call 352-684466 and ask about our Weekend Blessings program.



As our guests circled the large dining room and connecting community room lined with eager contestants, they thoughtfully decided which chilis to sample. Ultimately, Ashley and Dan received the People's Choice Award.

The click-clack sound in the back of our large community room was a spinning wheel. Our very own Vanna White, Becky Jo Burton, watched over the wheel, helping spinners to choose from a variety of donated odds and ends.

By 3pm, the first annual fundraiser for PHP in 2024 was over and clean up began.

Why do we do these fundraisers?

First of all, *they're a lot of fun!*

Fundraisers are much more than just about collecting money and providing the financial resources to help PHP carry out our mission of alleviating hunger in Hernando.

Just as important is building a community of supporters who believe in our cause. It brings our beloved supporters and valued volunteers together, connecting them with others of similar passion.

We hope you all had fun - contestants, judges, volunteers, and "chili samplers" - **We will see you all again at our Fall fundraiser. Stay tuned for more about that fun and exciting event!!**



Weekend Blessings is supported by grants from the following:



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