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People Helping People's Monthly Newsletter

June 2020

Spotlight on Neighborhood Blessings

The Neighborhood Blessings program began about seven years ago when our volunteers recognized how many people in Hernando County were homeless and living in poverty. The program was created with the mission to provide people a hot meal and some much-needed items to aid in their daily lives. The implementation of the program is carried out with the help of our volunteers, who drive to designated locations and dispense the food and goods to those who live in the woods, in a tent, their car, a shed, or others who have extremely limited resources. Meals and some essentials like tents, bikes, sleeping bags, bug sprays, sleeping mats, toiletries, groceries are distributed by volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays. (During the Covid-19 crisis, the distribution was limited.)



Mary Tokar and Ellen Frank prepare for a Friday Neighborhood Blessings run.

Items needed for Neighborhood Blessings are acquired through donations, fundraising events, food drives and the generosity of our community. Volunteers are always needed and welcome to assist with NB. Contact admin@phphernando.org with your interest.



Our Clinic Returns

At our Help Center, uninsured low-income people can register to be evaluated by a Nurse Practitioner for general medical problems. The Help Center Clinic is open the second Wednesday of each month from 11am-2pm; and the fourth Wednesday each month from 10am-1pm at the Vineyard Church Community Center, 375 Broad Street, Brooksville. No appointments needed.

Opening Back Up

PHP is opening back up for showers on Tuesday and Fridays from 10am - 2pm. Clients must make an appointment to come in and the showers are spaced apart so that a thorough cleaning can take place in-between.



Once again, the Timber Pines community continues to donate food for our pantries. Nick has dropped off a couple of loads recently.



Target Store Spring-Hill recently donated bags that have some basic necessities which will be given to those in need in our community through our Neighborhood Blessings program. Pictured from the left are Joe (Target), Angie (Target), Ellen Frank our Neighborhood Blessings Director, and Michelle from Target.



Knights of Columbus presented a generous donation to PHP. From left are Bob Jost, John Mazzuca and Becky Burton, PHP Executive Director.



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Practicing our social distancing during a meeting.

Do you know a Hernando County senior citizen on a fixed income who is in need of food? Please email their name, email and phone number to admin@phphernando.com.



Photo above: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church provided our Sunday Blessings meal on May 24. Pictured (from the left) are Marlene Bradley (wife of Cecil), Kathy and Morey Stanton, and Executive Director Becky Burton.



Summer Weekend Blessings Program Begins

Weekend Blessings program is up and running over the summer, providing bags of food for hungry children in need. The kid-friendly meal bags can be picked up at the Help Center, Fridays from 10am to 1pm. No ID is necessary.



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