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People Helping People's Monthly Newsletter

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Hoedown Recap

COVID-19 has made fundraising difficult but we decided that a virtual hoedown was the best choice this year.

Although we couldn't hold our annual Hoedown for the Hungry this year, we consider our virtual event to be a success.

Thankfully, we received many donations towards our drawing. The total of everything donated was approximately \$6,500. The winner of our GIANT drawing was Carl and Nancy Fish, who donate their time each week to Weekend Blessings.

If you haven't been to our HELP Center, you can take a tour through by watching a video that can be viewed on Facebook, YouTube or on our website at www.phphernando.org.

Hoedown Sponsors

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Congratulations to Carl and Nancy Fish for winning our GRAND prize at our Virtual Hoedown.

Free Online Training

More than ever, people need skills that will help them get better jobs and earn more money. WERC Hernando is a FREE rapid learning program specifically for Hernando County residents who were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through job loss, reduced hours or reduced wages.

WERC provides training in the kinds of jobs that pay more and can be done from virtually anywhere.

Skills learned through this program include customer service, troubleshooting, network protocols, cloud computing, Windows operating system, Linux command line and more.

Using a combination of self-paced online training, technical mentors, and digital cohorts, you can get certified quickly and put your new skills to work in fields like information technology.

For more information, contact LoriB@FutureWERC.org or visit www.innovationcollective.co/werc/

Please remember to help those listed in our newsletter by patronizing their businesses!

No Kid Hungry in Hernando!

We are happy to announce that People Helping People's Weekend Blessings program is the recipient of a very generous grant from No Kid Hungry.

No Kid Hungry is a national campaign run by Share Our Strength which launched No Kid Hungry in 2010. SOS is a nonprofit working to solve problems of hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. According to the USDA, more than 11 million children in the United States live in "food insecure" homes.

To help these food insecure families, PHP will be meeting with the Hernando County principals in January to promote an increase of schools participating in WB.

"With the help of organizations like No Kid Hungry, SunCoast Credit Union, United Way and our many volunteer groups, PHP can provide a Weekend Blessings bag to each Hernando County child regardless of the school they attend.," said Barbara Nassar, WB Volunteer Director.

For more information on our WB Blessings program, or if you'd like us to speak to your group about Weekend Blessings, you may email WeekendBlessings@phphernando.org.



Thank you October Sunday Blessings meal sponsors





Board President Doug Brainard provides curbside service during a Sunday Blessings meal. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday Blessings meal, please email PHPSundayBlessings@gmail.com.

Sheriff's Office Collecting

Donations for PHP

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is honored to be assisting two vital nonprofit agencies in Hernando County once again this holiday season. They will serve as collection sites for non-

perishable food items for People Helping People in Hernando County and gifts for the local Toys for Tots program.



Donations will be ac-

cepted through Dec. 18 and may be dropped off at the following locations Mon-Fri from 8am to 4pm.

- 18900 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville
- 87 Veterans Ave, Brooksville
- 7499 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill
- 16425 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill



WHEN YOU BOY THESE BAGS WE WILL RECEIVE A \$1 DONATION!

During the month of November





Story ideas and photos may be sent to <u>admin@phphernando.org</u>

Thank you October donors

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Terlep Gives Back

It was a beautiful day at **Terlep Chiropractic**'s Spine & Dine on Saturday, Oct. 17. Those who attended donated 1,175 pounds of nonperishable food to PHP. Pictured below are Executive Director Becky Burton; Weekend Blessings Volunteer Director Barbara Nassar; volunteer Khaled Mujarkesh and PHP President Doug Brainard.



PHP Hours and Services

- Someone is generally at the HELP Center to answer calls Mon-Fri from 9am-3pm, but here are our current service hours:
- **Tuesday:** Showers (by appt) and essentials available from 10 am-1 pm. Lunch served from 11:30-12:30.
- Friday: Showers (by appt) and essentials available from 10 am-1 pm. Lunch served from 11:30-12:30.
- Sunday: Hot meals, bread, produce (when available) served at 3:30pm.
- Free Health Clinic: Second Wednesday of each month, 10am-1pm, by appointment, call 352-686-4466.

HELP Center Rental

If you are interested in using the HELP Center for an upcoming meeting, please take a look at our online calendar first, then fill out the form on our website to request use of our space.

www.phphernando.org/calendar

