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People Helping People's Monthly Newsletter

Jan. 2021

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Thank you for your support

In 2020, People Helping People helped Hernando County residents facing hunger, including families, homeless, seniors and over 650 children each week, which equates to 22,000 meals from Oct.-Dec. 2020. All this, even through a pandemic.

No man is an island. The work that we do is not accomplished by one individual but by an amazing group of volunteers and YOU! Without the support of the community, we cannot work. Thanks to partnerships with local restaurants, churches, organizations and other charities, we provide healthy, adequate, and consistent food to our community.

Because of COVID-19, your support is needed more than ever to accomplish our goals, and I thank you. Without donations, we cannot accomplish our mission to feed the hungry in Hernando County. It costs \$135 per year, per child, to fill Weekend Blessings bags. With the growth of this program, that could be more than \$100,000 in 2021. And that's only one of our programs!

I know I'm not alone when I look forward to life getting back to "normal" and opening up the HELP Center for classes, meetings and community events. If you want to help in this endeavor, please let me know.

Here's to a happy, healthy and stable 2021!

With warmest regards, Becky Burton, Executive Director



Thank you 4-H District VII council and officers, Nathanael, Megan and Hunter, for their donation of toiletries to Neighborhood Blessings.

PHP Free Clinic changes

Going forward into 2021, our free clinic is changing dates and times. We request that appointments are



made in advance and that a government issued ID and a list of medication be brought to the

appointment. Call 352-686-4466.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 10am-1pm

Also HIV and Hepatitis C testing Vineyard Church Community Center 375 Broad Street, Brooksville

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 10am-1pm Tuesday, Jan. 26, 10am-1pm People Helping People 1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 10am-1pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 214 Broad St., Masaryktown

Kass Circle Clean-up!

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is this weekend and it marks the 26th

anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in



January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

To honor Dr. King, we will host our Annual Kass Circle Clean-up. Volunteers are needed to help clean up our street and area of trash.



Saturday, January 16 8:30 – 11:00 AM

Show your support of this area and keep the ball rolling for improvement by participating in a neighborhood effort to clean up Kass Circle & vicinity.

Check-In at HELP Center 1396 Kass Circle

- Information
- Gloves
- Trash bags
- Water

Let's improve Spring Hill's oldest commercial neighborhood at Kass Circle!



WITHOUT ALL OF YOU, WE ARE NOT POSSIBLE!

Cash donations enable us to buy those food items that we do not get in donations. Thank you so much for your continued support of PHP!

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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



December Sunday Blessings meal sponsors





GlenLakes Dirty Thirty Golf David & Alice Hoffman

And an extra thanks to Texas Roadhouse for providing meals on Christmas day for not only PHP clients but the Dawn Center and other families in need.

Weekend Blessings Pick Ups

Our Weekend Blessings program has expanded to include satellite locations for those students who are home schooled or distance learners. Any child residing in Hernando County is eligible to receive kid-friendly food for the weekend. Bags can be picked up at the following locations:

FRIDAYS: 11am - 12:30pm at Christian Church in the Wildwood 10051 Country Road, Weeki Wachee FRIDAYS: 3 - 4pm at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 8064 Weeping Willow St., Brooksville.

If you have any questions, please call us at 352-686-4466.







Would you like some low-cost advertising for your business? We are in need of reusable bags for our Senior Blessings.

December was another good month for in-kind donations. Thank you to the following individuals, businesses and organizations that donated to PHP: GlenLakes, Eagles, Tommy's Car Wash, Robert Kwarren family, Michael Miller. High Point, Jules Ellis, Hernando Citrus Social, Timber Pines, Nature Foods, 4-H District VII, Holy Trinity Orthodox, Access Healthcare, Springstead Beta Club, Spring Hill Animal Hospital, Citrus County Sheriff, Jackie Sanagarski.



Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, Jan. 27 Begins at 10:30 am **Location: HELP Center** 1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill

In partnership with Feeding Tampa Bay, People Helping People is offering a free mobile food pantry. If you are in need of food, come to our drive-thru Mobile Pantry to pick up pre-packaged groceries, free of charge. If you'd like to volunteer, please call 352-686-4466.

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 & Friday: Showers (by appt) available from 10 am-1 pm. Lunch served from 11:30-12:30. **Sunday:** Hot meals served at 3:30pm. Free Health Clinic: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 10am-1pm, by appointment, call 352-686-4466.

