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People Helping People's Monthly Newsletter

September 2020

Our Hoedown goes Virtual

If not for Covid, hundreds of people would be dusting off their cowboy hats, polishing their spurs and ruffling their square dance dresses in preparation for the Hoedown for the Hungry, held every October for the past eight years. But alas, 2020 is a difficult year for fundraising events and it brings about a challenge for People Helping People in Hernando County. This year, the Hoedown will be a different type of event, as it's going virtual.



Since Covid-19 arrived in Hernando County all PHP's fundraising events have been cancelled or postponed. PHP needs donations, grants and fundraising events to keep feeding the feeding of hungry children, seniors, working poor and homeless in Hernando County. Although the demand from hungry people for food is increasing, donations and grants are significantly down, so fundraising is even more important.

How can you help us feed the hungry?

- **Make a \$50.00 donation for a ticket.** Each \$50 gives you a chance to win a Gift Basket.
- **Sponsor the Hoedown.** All Sponsorships include entry to the Hoedown and Gift Basket. Business Sponsors will have a tax-deductible advertising cost and will be recognized on PHP's website & Facebook.



- **Purchase tickets to win a gift basket.** Your Hoedown ticket gives you one drawing, but you can increase your chances by purchasing more at \$5.00 for 5 tickets.
- **Purchase tickets to win a \$500 PUBLIX Shopping Spree.** Just \$10 will give you a chance to win a shopping spree at Publix.
- **Purchase tickets for our 50/50 Drawing.** Pay \$5.00 for 5 tickets or \$20 for 25 tickets.

To make it more interactive, PHP will have a "Hoedown at Home" contest. To enter, submit your western or cowboy-themed photo or video on PHP's Facebook event page. The entries will be judged on subject matter, composition, creativity and exposure. All Drawings will be held on Friday, Oct. 31 at 10:00 am. All of this information can be found on our website: www.phphernando.org, and if you need more information, please email admin@phphernando.org.

Any help you can give is greatly appreciated as PHP continues to take a bite out of hunger in Hernando County!

Every Dollar Helps!

Did you know that for as little as \$20 a month, you can feed a Weekend Blessings child for a month? Or \$10 a month supplements a Senior for a month? Sign up online at phphernando.org/donations.

Weekend Blessings Begins Again

Weekend Blessings Bags are available for e-learners at the following days and locations:

- FRIDAYS, 10am-1pm at PHP, 1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill
- THURSDAYS, 10am-1pm at Parent Academy, 991 Varsity Dr, Brooksville
- FRIDAYS, 11am-12:30pm at Jerome Brown Community Center, 99 Jerome Brown Place, Brooksville



Thank you Suncoast Credit Union for your support of Weekend Blessings!



Hernando County has received funding to provide relief to households whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Help is available for rent, mortgage, emergency repairs, security deposit, eviction prevention and utilities. For more information, visit www.hernandocounty.us/.



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Thank you Sunday Blessings August meal sponsors



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Need Food?

PHP is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm for showers and 11:30am-12:30pm for lunch.

Sunday dinner is served curbside at 3:30pm. Stay in your car and meals, bread and any other items we can offer will be brought out to you.

You can also find a list of local food pantries on our website, phphernando.org/resources.

Call 352-686-4466 if you need more information.

Free Clinic

Did you know that People Helping People offers a Free Medical Clinic each month? Uninsured and low-income people can be evaluated by a Nurse Practitioner for general medical problems. Please make an appointment by calling PHP at 352-686-4466. Bring a photo ID and a list of your current medication with you. Dates/times as follows: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 11am-2pm at People Helping People, 1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill; and Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10am-1pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 214 Broad St., Masytown.

Story ideas and photos may be sent to admin@phphernando.org

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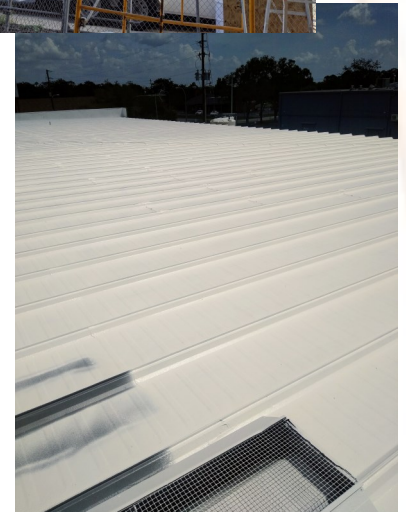
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Can we add your name to this list?



A New Roof Over Our Heads!

If you haven't been to the Help Center in the past few weeks, you'll be glad to know that much-needed roof repairs were done. Over 7 days of work, our 11,600 square-foot building was pressure washed, rust removed, caulked, fabric and base-coated the crossbeams and a topcoat of white was applied. The funds for this project was paid through previously allocated monies donated to our capital building fund. A special kind of roofing company was needed and all of this work was done by the great guys at Bontreger Protective Solutions.



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