

# FOOD4THOUGHT

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Call Jeff to Help PHP!

What's needed to finish the Community Resource Center at Kass Circle? Just contact our general contractor, Jeff Thomas, at (352) 686-7527 to find out the materials, labor and supplies currently needed.

Some examples of needs are:

- **Money:** Currently, we estimate we'll need at least \$75,000 more. Totally, PHP has raised over \$300,000 in funds and donated equipment and supplies.
- **Equipment:** Commercial Kitchen Stove Hood, Air Conditioning Units, Water Heaters, Plumbing Fixtures, Interior Wood Doors, Hardware & Door Frames and more.
- **Construction Materials & Supplies:** Drywall & Gypsum, Joint Compound, Ceiling Grids, Acoustical Ceiling Tiles, Flooring, Paint, Metal Studs, Insulation, Concrete, Cement, Glass, AC Ducts, Baseboards, Mouldings & Trim, Insulation, and more.
- **Labor:** Workers to install all the above! PHP has volunteer insurance, so donations of labor are also welcome and appreciated.

## First Step: Tying into the Sewer

Workers are laying pipe, tying into the sewer and preparing for the new restrooms at PHP's Community Resource Center at 1396 Kass Circle.



## Community Resource Center

So what's planned for the Kass Circle property? Upon renovation and refitting, PHP plans to expand its existing programs and services. PHP's goals are currently limited due to the lack of permanent facilities. The building is located on a widely used bus route and is conveniently located near the Sheriff's substation, the Par Center, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and is located in a designated pocket of poverty where 25.1% of the population is below the poverty level.

The proposed Community Resource Center will provide a place where an impoverished individual can get a bite to eat, take a shower, receive a clean change of clothes and then be referred to agencies in our area. A properly run community resource (drop-in) center has the potential to help an individual return to the mainstream community. Many homeless individuals are suffering from malnutrition, mental illness, substance abuse, physical disability and/or a chronic health condition. Many need help in finding help. PHP's resource center will provide an opportunity for people to help themselves out of the rut they may be in – a rut where they are stuck unless there is a path to an improved quality of life. This facility plans to offer the following:

- Meals, groceries
- Toiletries
- Clothing, change of clothes
- Computer and internet access
- Showers
- Dental referral
- Medical referral (Crescent Clinic)
- Mental health referral (NAMI)
- Social work referral
- Lockers for belongings
- Hair cuts
- Household items (blankets)
- Housing referrals/placement
- Laundry
- Mail, messaging
- Phone service
- Vocational referrals – Career Source
- ACCESS Florida – Food stamps, Medicaid

PHP will partner with many other agencies and businesses to offer the many services and goods listed above.

**PHP: Taking a bite out of Hunger in Hernando County!**

## Construction Goal Close

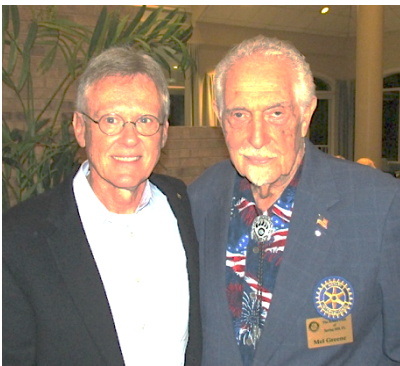


It looks like we may only have a little over \$75,000 left to go in order to complete the project to refurbish the Kass Circle building into a new Community Resource Center for Hernando County. PHP is accepting cash and donations of equipment, supplies and labor.

## Chili Cook-Off is Feb 17<sup>th</sup>



## Mel Greene Turns 90

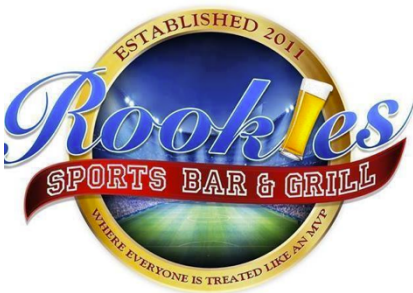


Doug Brainard at Mel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

PHP benefactor, Mel Greene, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at a celebration at Timber Pines Country Club in late November. Mel and the late Judy Greene were instrumental in founding PHP and sustaining their funding for programs and construction.

Calling all sponsors, contestants, vendors and volunteers to help with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Chili Cook-Off at the Lake House in Spring Hill. This year, JoAnne Boggus again is leading the committee to plan for another successful event. If you want to participate in any way, call 352-686-4466 to find out what you can do. If you plan to be a contestant, call soon as there is only room for 30 participants. The Chili Cook-Off is not only a fun and affordable event, but an opportunity to sample many kinds of chili made by local cooks.

## A Giant Thank You to PHP's November 2017 Sunday Blessings Meal Sponsors



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