

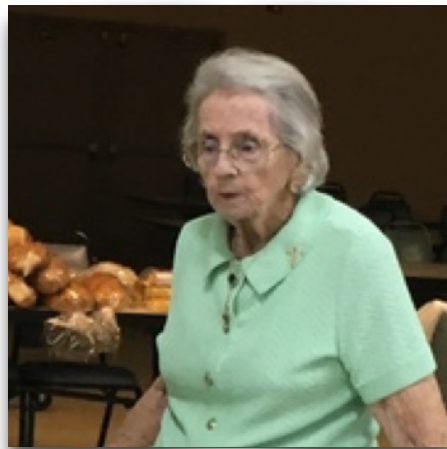
# FOOD<sup>4</sup>THOUGHT

People Helping People's Monthly Newsletter



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### IN REMEMBRANCE

Grace Bouma, 90+ years old, was affectionally known as "PHP's Bread Lady" and served at PHP's Sunday Blessings meal for nearly 10 years. Most people would describe Grace as "feisty" as she was not afraid to tell you how she felt about anything or anybody.

Grace was always one of the earliest to arrive at the Senior Center on Sunday and stayed until it ended at 5:30 or 6. If any bread was left over, Grace would take the bread down to Holy Ground Homeless Shelter in Hudson after cleaning-up at the Senior Center.

Grace was a character and most everyone loved Grace once they got to know her. She had a heart of gold and would do anything for People Helping People. Often, she would even pick-up other volunteers and take them home as well.

Once Grace entered hospice, she worried about PHP and did not want to let us down by not coming to the meal-site. She will be missed.

### HOST A FOOD DRIVE

Food drive donations account for approximately 20% of our annual food distribution. Food drives are used to supplement our food pantry for our student backpack program and homeless/near-homeless program.s

We currently have a big need for dry goods to support our programs. Individuals, organizations, groups, or businesses willing to support this effort are asked to [click here to learn more or host a food drive.](#)



# Publix.

## PUBLIX APPRECIATION DAY

On March 1st the United Way of Hernando County and Publix corporate have coordinated the annual "Publix Appreciation Day" in recognition of the generous support by Publix, and its employees, for United Way Partner Programs.

People Helping People qualifies as a partner program because it receives funding in support of its Weekend Blessings program which provides supplemental groceries for over 650 students every weekend of the academic year. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to this very successful program.

All partner agencies are responsible for managing their own visits to the 8 Publix stores in Hernando County. If you are interested in visiting a store at our coordinated time, then please let us know. [Click here to sign up for this opportunity to say thank you.](#)



## POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Every year PHP provides volunteer support to the Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition in the annual National Point-In-Time Count. The survey results directly impacts the funding of local non-profit organizations (not PHP) that provide essential services to the homeless. Thank you to the PHP volunteers who helped report on 48 homeless members of Hernando county.

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Thank you to three organizations who just surprised us with random acts of kindness.

[Crosspoint Church](#) hosted a Christmas offering campaign during the month of December to support local programs above and beyond regular tithing. We are grateful the church body chose to support PHP, and look forward to putting this gift of \$2,160 to good use.

[GlenLakes Garden Club](#) raised \$1,750 for PHP in addition to sponsoring a recent Sunday Blessings meal. We are so grateful for such an active group and their generosity.

[Gamma Xi Master](#) chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority locally sponsors homeless students in the Hernando County school system and raised funds to support PHP programs. Their donation of \$1,200 arrived with perfect timing.



## KASS CIRCLE CLEAN-UP

On Monday, January 21, People Helping People coordinated its annual Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service project to clean up trash and large debris from the Kass Circle commercial areas.

We had great attendance from the community including, YMCA Togetherhood, Greater Hope Church, students from the Springstead High School Beta Club, ATA Career Education, the Rotary Club of Spring Hill Central, and more. In all, approximately 60-people participated. Thank you to Hernando County for providing the dumpster. We put it to good use.

## SUNDAY MEAL SPONSORS

PAM & BOB YONKER



Christ The Savior  
Greek Orthodox Church



## HELP CENTER FINAL INSPECTION

We have excellent news!!! On Monday, February 11, 2019 PHP passed its final inspection at the Help Center located at 1396 Kass Circle. A 90-day certificate of occupancy has been granted while the paperwork circulates through the necessary governmental departments. This is quite a milestone and a great way to begin PHP's 10-year anniversary! Thank you to all of the donors, volunteers, and contractors who made this achievement possible.



## FEEDING TAMPA BAY MOBILE PANTRY

Join a great team of volunteers led by the YMCA Togetherhood committee to serve literally hundreds of people in need of supplemental groceries. It is a blessing to be able to make such a positive impact on someone's day. Come be a part of the relief effort.

PHP is asking for help from a few volunteers every month to help supplement the YMCA Togetherhood team that has been so wonderful to PHP. Volunteers would help setup and distribute meats, canned goods, breads, vegetables, and anything else loaded in the truck that morning. [For dates, times, location, and to sign-up, please click here.](http://www.phpinhc.org)



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**12PM-4PM**

\$5 for 5 chili or dessert samples.  
\$1/vote. Vote as much as you want!

Beer / Wine / Soda / Hot Dogs

All proceeds go to benefit  
People Helping People.

**Fiesta  
Day**

**10AM-5PM**

Music

Food

Crafts

Vendors

Childrens Area

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**Join Us!**

Saturday March 9, 2019

1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill 34606