

FOOD⁴THOUGHT

People Helping People's Monthly Newsletter



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FOOD DRIVES

There are so many things to be grateful for. At People Helping People we are so thankful for our volunteers, partners, financial donors, food drive facilitators and contributors.

From December 2017 through November 2018 we received 18,955 pounds of donated food for our pantry. That's equivalent to 287-newborn manatee or 50-male reindeer depending on how you look at it. Food drives off-set approximately 20% of the cost of supporting our Weekend Blessings (student supplemental nutrition) and Neighborhood Blessings (homeless/near-homeless support) programs.

Top Food Drive Facilitators

1. USPS - 3,100lbs.
2. [Zig Zag Scallop](#) - 1,382-lbs.
3. The Wellington - 1,165-lbs.
4. [Publix - GlennLakes](#) - 1,106-lbs.
5. [Timber Pines](#) - 975-lbs.
6. [Bayfront Health Brooksville](#) - 853-lbs.
7. [The Joy FM](#) - 825-lbs.
8. [Spring Hill Library](#) - 670-lbs.
9. [Chaney Chiropractic](#) - 595-lbs.
10. [Temple Beth David](#) - 437-lbs.

Food Pantry Donations By Month

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|---------|---------------------|
| DEC '17 | 1,977-lbs. |
| JAN '18 | 1,855-lbs. |
| FEB '18 | 860-lbs. |
| MAR '18 | 1,720-lbs. |
| APR '18 | 1,184-lbs. |
| MAY '18 | 3,318-lbs. |
| JUN '18 | 78-lbs. (not typo) |
| JUL '18 | 190-lbs. (not typo) |
| AUG '18 | 1,537-lbs. |
| SEP '18 | 1,891-lbs. |
| OCT '18 | 1,536-lbs. |
| NOV '18 | 2,809-lbs. |

In total, about 90-food drives were hosted to benefit PHP programs December ranging from 23-lbs to 3,100-lbs in a single drive.

If you, or your organization is interested in hosting a food drive, then please, [let us know](#).

The average person consumes about 4-lbs of food per day. Every ounce makes a difference. Thank you!





SAVE THE DATE!

What: PHP Chili Cook-Off

When: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Where: 1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill

PHP VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

People Helping People turns 10 in 2019! How exciting! As PHP continues to grow into its role in Hernando County we have learned from our experiences and we want our organization to be responsibly prepared for the future. In 2019, you will start to see Volunteer Applications. The core function of these applications is to make sure (1) we have accurate contact information for volunteers, (2) we have an emergency contact for volunteers, and (3) volunteers give PHP the opportunity to be aware of medical conditions that may require special consideration/preparation.

TALENT SURVEY

A new talent survey has been developed to help match volunteers with positions. The purpose of this is to (1) reduce the number of databases we manage, (2) keep data entry to minimum, (3) increase the privacy of personal information, (4) better match volunteer skills, talents, availability, and interests with volunteer

opportunities at PHP, (5) allow for PHP to communicate with volunteers in a fashion more appropriate to their interests, and (6) more strategically consider growth opportunities. Existing volunteers and new volunteers are all encouraged to complete the new talent form. To [view/submit the online form, click here](#). For a [downloadable PDF form, click here](#).

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Many things are in the works for 2019. One of them is background checks. People Helping People is growing. Its programs are growing. Its responsibilities are growing. Its needs are growing. Due to the nature of the population we serve, the growing size of the organization, the need to protect our volunteers, and the need to qualify for more financial support, the People Helping People board of directors is reviewing how volunteers are classified within the organization. At present, there are three perceived cross-sections of the PHP volunteer force;

Casual Volunteers (no or limited background checks)

- ▶ Help to perform essential functions of the organization related to it's mission
- ▶ Not required by Florida Statutes or other compliance to meet defined background check criteria

Key Volunteers (background checks required)

- ▶ Required by Florida Statutes, or other compliance, to meet defined criteria, and/or
- ▶ Serve PHP in a position of influence internally or for/on behalf of PHP with the public, partner organizations, vendors, or others as defined by the board of directors

Board of Directors (background checks required)

Look for more information in the coming weeks.



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SUNDAY SPONSORS



FRANS OUTREACH



BETTY MARIASAS



DAVID & ALICE HOFFMAN



HELP CENTER

The PHP Help Center located at 1396 Kass Circle is coming along nicely. Due to unforeseen circumstances the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled for the beginning of December were cancelled.

Very little still needs to be done for the completion of interior renovations.

- ▶ A new drain for the shower needs to be installed.
- ▶ Kitchen appliances need to be connected to gas, water, and/or electric depending on the appliance and then calibrated.

After these items are completed, and inspections done, then we can begin placing furniture, appliances, and inventory where they need to be.

WEB PAGE

The current web site for People Helping People will soon receive a new look. Much of the content has already been copied over to a new hosting service with a new domain; phphernando.org. When the new site is finished, the existing phpinhc.org will continue to remain in service with no plans to discontinue its use. The existing and new web addresses will both "point" to the same host and show the exact same content. The new hosting service will provide more flexibility for future web developments. All literature with phpinhc.org can continue to remain in service.

If you would like to view the new site at phphernando.org, please keep in mind that it is under construction and not yet optimized for mobile devices or tablets. Happy surfing.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

PHP is blessed to have such wonderful volunteers and supporters. Several times a month we receive surprise phone calls or emails from wonderful people and businesses that host fundraisers, designate proceeds of sales, and collect donations to help support our missions. Just recently Southern Sisters Boutique, Jami Lynn Photography, and the Data Collection Bureau of Southwestern Florida Water Management District, just to name a few. Thank you all so much!!!



Veterans Parade Group Photo



Access Healthcare Filming At Help Center



Lowe's Delivering Donated Supplies

Kass Circle Clean Up



Monday, January 21
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 1396 Kass Circle

- Information
- Gloves
- Trash bags
- Water

Join our new Association to improve the area's:

- Business Climate
- Public Safety
- Curb Appeal (beautification)

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



PHP Christmas Tree At The Botanical Gardens