

FOOD4THOUGHT

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2018 Edition

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Some Interesting Facts



- Hernando County Population estimate for July 2017 is 186,553
- Median household income in Hernando County is estimated at \$42,274
- 15.4% of people in Hernando County are living in poverty
- Median value of owner occupied housing through 2016 is estimated at \$112,300 in Hernando County
- In January 2018, the Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition counted 182 homeless people in Hernando County

Preview of HELP Center on May 31



On May 31, come to the *future* HELP Center at 1396 Kass Circle to get a first-hand look at PHP's community resource center. Attendees will see the progress made in changing the old hardware into a

functioning center for individuals to be connected to resources and benefits. Donuts and coffee will be available starting at 9 AM. PHP is asking for donors to drop-off items for their yard sale on June 1 and 2. Any good quality merchandise will be accepted and placed for sale at 9 AM on June 1 and 2. Donations will be matched by an anonymous donor on all donations received by PHP up until June 2.

Administrative Director Sought

PHP is advertising to hire an administrative director to lead the organization and operate the new HELP Center. PHP's position is being offered through the On-The-Job



Training program designed to assist job seekers in getting the skills and training they need to become employed.

In fact, individuals are employed from day one of training in this program...a job, a paycheck, and a training program designed by the employer to give the exact skills and training needed to be a successful employed worker in today's competitive workforce.

Applicants will need to complete the following activities on their own prior to eligibility determination.

1. Register with the CareerSource Pasco Hernando website if you haven't done so already.
2. On your dashboard under Online Enrollments, complete the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Eligibility orientation.
3. Update your [Employ Florida Marketplace](#) account.
4. Notify CareerSource Pasco Hernando that you are interested in the OJT program. Email: sluppens@careersourcepascohernando.com
5. Wait for an OJT Representative to contact you.

BIG

YARD SALE

June 1 & 2

1396 Kass Circle

Supporting PHP's Building Fund

How's PHP helping in Hernando County?



PHP has been on the frontline of battling hunger in Hernando County since 2009. Many local seniors must choose between eating, buying their medication and paying the rent. PHP's Senior Blessings program provides supplemental groceries to over 250 elderly people living in low-income housing in Hernando County. Your tax-deductible donation will help a needy senior, a hungry child or a working poor family with food security.

Weekend Blessings Numbers High



The Weekend Blessings program that provides impoverished children in Hernando County with weekend food is growing. Maureen Follansbee, program coordinator, tells us the number of children served is nearly 700. The number of children receiving

weekend food usually levels off and decreases at mid-year. However, Maureen has indicated the number has continued to increase without a plateau.

Each week, the Weekend Blessings program partners with organizations throughout the county (mostly religious groups) to fill and distribute backpacks containing nutritious food for children. This program is now serving kids in many Hernando County elementary, middle and high schools, plus Head Start and the Boys & Girls Club.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
 COMING TO SPRING HILL SEPTEMBER 8TH
MAGIC SHOW

ELLIOTT SMITH
MAGICIAN

Springstead Theater 2 PM & 7 PM



Foundation

Supports PHP's Weekend Blessings

PHP applied for a grant from the Suncoast Credit Union and were awarded \$15,000. The grant will be used to purchase weekend food for hungry Hernando County children. At the end of April, over 680 children at 15 school sites were receiving backpacks of nutritious food. PHP does not know the identity of the recipients. The children who receive the food are selected by the principals or guidance counselors at the schools.

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