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Shawn Bray leads Capital Campaign



Shawn Bray is what most people call a “semi-native” of this area. He came to Spring Hill at age 9, graduated from Springstead High School and has lived and worked in and around Hernando County ever since.

Shawn is impressed with PHP and wants to help raise enough money to complete the HELP Center. In late March, Shawn agreed to chair PHP's Capital Campaign Committee, whose goal is to raise ample funds to finish the remodel and construction of our community resource center on Kass Circle.

Shawn gets in front of people with ease as he heads up the Awareness Campaign now underway in the County. Much of his work has centered around entertainment, locating talent, promotions, his “radio voice” and bringing attention to people and causes he strongly believes in.

Shawn is working with an advertising agency that is helping us get the word out using TV's in high volume businesses in the County. They have committed to give PHP a significant portion of their revenue. In addition, Shawn has written and produced several public service announcements that will be aired on local radio stations.

Awareness Campaign Continues

Last month, PHP launched an awareness campaign to let everyone know about our nonprofit and the HELP Center. Many volunteers are canvassing the county to let people know all about PHP's mission to end hunger in Hernando County. On April 25, PHP had a tabletop presentation at the Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce meeting to introduce our organization to the business community. Also, PHP is partnering with an advertising firm to place TV's in businesses that will feature PHP.

If you are doing business with a local retailer or company that is helping get the word out about PHP, please let the owner or manager know you appreciate their support.

Board visits the R.O.P.E.

Soon, PHP's Board of Directors will be visiting the R.O.P.E. Center, a drop-in center in Hudson. In 2009, the R.O.P.E. was established to provide shelter and assistance to those who seek it in west Pasco. Started by Pastor Jim Campbell and Pastor Sue Campbell, the R.O.P.E. Center takes in single men and women.

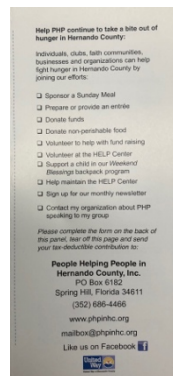
While, the HELP Center will not provide shelter for individuals, the board thinks it would be wise to visit the center and some gain wisdom in operating a facility for impoverished individuals. PHP expects the HELP Center to open in mid-year to provide education and support to individuals who currently lack the means and knowledge to help themselves. Instead of giving just free service or “hand-outs”, PHP is building an innovative model to address hunger and poverty by giving struggling individuals a “hand-up” in an attempt to break the cycle of poverty. In short, PHP is building a facility where people can help themselves, connect with resources, find jobs locate medical and mental health care and take advantage of opportunities.

New Brochures



PHP has new brochures. While it looks the same from the cover, the brochure has new photos, information about the HELP Center and a tear-off page for reader reply. The reply card will allow individuals, businesses and organizations to volunteer, sign-up for this

monthly newsletter, sponsor a meal and make donations. Hopefully, this will make it easier to help PHP take a bite out of hunger in Hernando County.



Donations Will Be *Doubled* in May!

An anonymous donor has offered to match donations received by PHP during the month of May. The donor indicated he will match all donations up to \$10,000.

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition

The Mid Florida Homeless Coalition is the lead agency for the State of Florida and the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (FL520-Citrus, Hernando, Lake and Sumter). The Coalition is the lead agency coordinating Citrus, Hernando, Lake and Sumter's response to homelessness, and as such serves as the primary support organization for the community's Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC system creates an improved homeless service system that more effectively provides services, support and housing to all sub-populations within Citrus, Hernando, Lake and Sumter's homeless community, with a primary focus on moving individuals and families out of homelessness. The ultimate goal of the CoC is the creation of a homeless service system that achieves reduction in new instances of, length of, and returns to homelessness and meets the varying needs of homeless sub-populations such as unaccompanied youth, veterans and families with children. PHP is a member of the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition



Mid Florida Homeless Coalition's Office in Inverness



Many Changes at Construction Site

Each day a little more gets done at the site of the future HELP Center. The electricians are nearly done, rough plumbing is in, the air handlers are installed, drywall is being installed and the laundry, shower and janitor's closet are nearly done.

If you'd like to peek in to see what's happening, call (352) 686-4466, let Doug know you'd like to take a look and then he can arrange for a tour of the new facilities based on what is going on at the site.

Construction is continuing while PHP fundraises to have enough money to complete the project. Donations of any amount are appreciated and can be sent to PHP, PO Box 6182, Spring Hill, FL 34611. Please contact the contractor, Jeff Thomas to donate materials, equipment and labor at (352) 686-7527.

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