

FOOD4THOUGHT

People Helping People's Monthly Newsletter



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Maureen Soliman, Doug Brainard, Mary Adams, and Evan Sommerfeld visited [Metropolitan Ministries](#) resource center in Holiday, FL to discuss & tour their Pasco County facility; for the purpose of gathering ideas and answering questions relative to future operations of the PHP Help Center on Kass Circle. The site visit was coordinated by Maureen Soliman and Metropolitan Ministries Pasco Outreach Manager, Mary Treichel was a fantastic host!

Metropolitan Ministries offers a comprehensive variety of services as the result of considerable hard work and concern for its clients and community. The services that most appealed to the PHP visiting team were:

- ▶ Food assistance to include emergency food assistance for households and homeless (separate programs), holiday meal assistance, and meal site partnerships providing healthy cooked meals similar to Sunday Blessings.
- ▶ Educational assistance to include financial wellness classes on

budgeting, debt/credit management, and saving for the future as well as GED Tutoring & Testing.

- ▶ Employment services to include resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search assistance.
- ▶ Human services to include medical care, assistance in getting a state ID card, and much more.
- ▶ Financial aid to include utility payment assistance, state benefit assistance, food & emergency sash assistance, and Medicaid enrollment.
- ▶ Clothing assistance for low income, homeless and job interviews.

PHP will continue to focus on its core programs and make the best use of the Help Center through quality strategic partnerships with local organizations. Strategic growth of PHP's internal programs will fill in the gaps where and when necessary.





HOEDOWN FOR THE HUNGRY

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Hoedown a tremendous success. The event at St Anthony's Catholic Church, in Brooksville honored founding member, Kristine Wee. Thank you to the event sponsors, donors, vendors, guests, raffle players, event committee and to so many more. Every contribution of money, time resources, and enthusiasm helped People Helping People to raise more than \$40,000 towards its mission.



THE WELLINGTON SOCK HOP

The Wellington at Seven Hills hosted a Sock Hop Dance for the benefit of PHP on Friday, October 19. Angela Hogan and Chuck Frist planned and executed a lively sock hop. Mary, Theo, Doug, Lynn, and Barbara had a great time listening to the "oldies." Thank you to The Wellington for the donation of over \$1,600 to People Helping People. We are very grateful for this awesome show of support!



VETERANS PARADE

The [City of Brooksville](#) cordially invites you to the annual [Veterans Appreciation Parade](#). People Helping People will have a large contingent of volunteers walking in the parade on November 10th. The parade starts at 10am and anyone who would like to walk with the PHP contingent should be in the Brooksville City Parking Lot at 9am. Please let [Barbara Nassar](#) know if you would like to walk with PHP. Otherwise, come out and appreciate our veterans!



SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Created by the Rotary Club of Spring Hill Central, the Nature Coast Seafood Festival is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the our community in a meaningful way. This event is designed to support improvements to our local community in a sustainable fashion that should continue to grow for many generations to come. The festival will be located at [Linda Pederson Park, 6400 Shoal Line Blvd, Spring Hill FL, 34607](#). It opens at 11AM and runs into the evening with special events, music, an amusement park, dragon boat races, children's park, rubber duck pageant, race, and more. [Click here for tickets and information](#). PHP will have an information booth at the event.



SUNDAY MEAL SPONSORS

Thank you to our October 2018 meal sponsors!



HERNANDO HARMONIZERS



People Helping People In Hernando County, Inc. is a proud partner of United Way Hernando County.

HELP CENTER GRAND OPENINGS

People Helping People is inviting the community to come to PHP's Help Center Grand Openings located at 1396 Kass Circle on December 2nd and 3rd from 11am-2pm. The open houses are being hosted to celebrate the completion of renovations to the interior of our building. Our official Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be on Monday, December 3, at noon.

We will take the opportunity to showcase PHP's four core programs, tour the new facility, fellowship, and enjoy some food.

People Helping People seeks to partner with compassionate agencies to help provide care and attention to those looking for help and assistance in tough times.

Partner agencies and other non-profits who serve the homeless, near-homeless, and provide essential services for children, adults, families, veterans, and seniors are invited to showcase their services at the grand openings.

For more information about either of the events, please don't hesitate to contact Evan Sommerfeld (kismif@me.com or 540-537-6305)

Save the dates:

Grand Opening: Sunday, December 2 From 11-2

Ribbon Cutting: Monday, December 3 From 11-2

(ribbon cutting ceremony at noon)





HELP CENTER GARDEN

We are very excited to report that the garden in front of the HELP Center has been planted and is already producing fresh produce. Our seven hydroponic towers have been refurbished, stocked and have already produced delicious salad greens and even some great fresh herbs. Bernie helped to setup and stock the towers. He has conducted a couple of trainings on managing hydroponic equipment, chemicals, and vegetable health. Valerie and Ruth have been caring for the garden almost daily. PHP is always looking for volunteers to help in the PHP Garden. If you are interested in learning gardening, teaching gardening or helping out with both the towers and root beds, get in touch with Doug at dougbainard@phpinhc.org.

MID-FL HOMELESS COALITION

PHP has had consistent representation at the Mid-Florida homeless coalition monthly meetings. Thank you Barbara, Marty, and Doug for keeping us all in the loop.

As PHP centralizes administration, inventory, and resources to Kass Circle, a key component to the migration and coordination of client services will be the utilization of Clarity HMIS software. Utilizing Clarity will help PHP and other MFHC partner agencies to better plan and coordinate client services.

SENIOR BLESSINGS

The PHP board of directors recently voted to expand support of the Senior Blessings program, facilitated by Program Director, Pastor Yvonne Woods and Greater Love Outreach Ministries, in Brooksville to an additional eight seniors to a total of 258-clients receiving supplemental grocery assistance.

FEEDING TAMPA BAY - MOBILE PANTRY @ YMCA

PHP provided manpower support to Joe Sotomayor and other great YMCA volunteers with the Feeding Tampa Bay - Mobile Pantry program. Recently, approximately 1,000 people have been lining up for supplemental food. The YMCA team has been doing a wonderful job trying to ensure that everyone who lines up gets something. Recent goods have included, meats, vegetables, bread, dry storage products, and limited paper/sanitation products. The mobile pantry visits the YMCA on Mariner monthly on first Thursdays. Distribution begins at 10:30AM and ends at 11:30 (food permitting). Recipients begin lining up around 5AM.



KASS CIRCLE REVITALIZATION

The idea of revitalizing the Kass Circle business community is moving forward with the formalization of a registered Florida business entity. A group of concerned property owners, managers and residents are working to form a community association that will provide a coordinated voice to Hernando County. The group is concerned about public safety, beautification and promoting business in the area. The association is working to combine a "Fiesta Day," the PHP Chili Cook-off, and other activities to celebrate Kass Circle on Saturday, March 9th.

If you are interested in attending, the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30 at The PHP Help Center at 1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill.