

Hope Community Center News

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WANT TO MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE?

If you are not currently volunteering, think about getting involved with Hope Community Center. If you are volunteering then you know it is too wonderful to keep to yourself. Tell others how to get involved. Bring them to the Center.

Go to our website and check out all the programs HCC is providing for the community. See which area stirs the passion in your heart. Do something you love. It will transform you.

Call HCC at 407.880.4673

Schedule a visit and see how a little bit of your time can make a world of difference in the life of someone who needs your time, attention and skill.

Volunteers are not paid—not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.

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Math whiz minister shares more than his knowledge with middle school student.

HCC is proud to spotlight Pastor Donald Moore



Several years ago Pastor Moore, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, said "yes" to the ministry's request to use the church's classrooms for the after-school tutoring and mentoring program. Moore would say "yes" many more times. He became a Board Member, tutor and mentor. He gave time, space and heart to HCC's ministry during a very busy time in his life.

Three years ago Don and his wife, Jocelyn, walked into the tutoring center with an infant in arms. He

and his wife, Jocelyn, were both beaming with the gift of this newborn as they had been waiting to hear "We have a baby for you." One year later God blessed the Moore's with another baby boy. Parenting and ministering did not keep Don from his commitment to help our youth.

Middle school and high school students know what a world of difference Don Moore makes in their lives. Olivia Vasquez, nursing student, remembers well the help he gave her while she was at SCC

studying college algebra. She commented, "It is not easy finding someone who does not judge you for not knowing the basics of math. Because of my persistence and knowing that I could rely upon Pastor Moore's help, I was able to move up to higher college level mathematics' courses. I appreciate Pastor Moore so much for his patience, perseverance, and care. Gracias!"

His love, generosity and loyalty to this ministry is deeply appreciated.

MOTTELER ARTISITC INTERIORS GIVES HEART, TALENT AND TIME

Upon entering the Hope Community Center you will see the beautifully inscribed message "Let Your Hearts Be As Wide As the World." That is exactly what Dianna Heppe did after talking with Board President, Mary Carroll, about the cost of the inscription. The following day, Heppe from Motteler Artistic Interiors, responded with a very open and generous heart saying she would be thrilled to do this project at no cost to HCC. Won't you help us with the same generous spirit as we raise money for our recognition wall and the community mural for our reception area?

Why Volunteer?

- Help others
- Make a difference
- Find purpose
- Enjoy a meaningful conversation
- Connect with your community
- Feel involved
- Contribute to a cause that you care about
- Use your skills in a productive way
- Develop new skills
- Meet new people
- Explore new areas of interest
- Meet good people
- Impress your mom
- Impress yourself
- Expand your horizons
- Get out of the house
- Make new friends
- Strengthen your resume
- Feel better about yourself from *Volunteer Match*



Trish Chard and Andrea Eliscu try to convince Ann and Gail to join the foursome.



CNL group wants to know how many Mulligan's can we buy?



Sister Cathy asks Joe Calabrese, "What the heck is a Mulligan?"

Have Fun, Make a Difference, Make Money, Make Friends



HCC has several fundraising events and we need your help. Committee members can commit to certain projects and do not need to commit for an entire year. Pick what you like or bring new fundraising ideas to HCC. We do walks, picnics, bike rallies, dances, golf tournaments, plant sales, dance classes, newsletters, bake sales and house parties. Contact Fundraising Chair, Lynn Devanie, at

lynndevanie@hcc-offm.org or call 407.772.7361.

Current Needs

Dinner dance co-chairs, Lynn Devanie and Mary Carroll, are currently working on preparations for Hope Community Center's Third Annual Dance. We need more volunteers to help with preparing for this big event. We also need silent auction items and sponsors ASAP.

Dance January 12, 2008

Board Members Have Fun While Helping Dreams Come True

Rev. M. Gonzalez Patti Dewar Luckner Millien Jean Siegfried Mary P. Moriarty Arcadio Espinososa



We can do no great things – only small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

Not Pictured: Ernesto Gonzales and Antonio Garcia-Crews will fill positions left open by outgoing members Mary P. Moriarty and Rev. Fred Ruse.

Rev. Don Moore St. Paul's

Rev. Fred Ruse and Jean Bauman tease Sister Ann Kendrick

Lynn Devanie



Russell Troutman

Jean jokes with Mary Carroll

Linda Ley-Siemer

Not Pictured: Ultima Morgan



TAKE A LOOK AT THE IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2006-07 NOTRE DAME AMERICORPS

- 400 elementary, middle and high school students were tutored.
- Grades improved an average of 7%.
- 100% of students tutored at Kids in Motion moved to the next grade.
- 100% of pre-school students worked with moved on to the next level and/or are attending kindergarten this fall.
- 12 high school students learned how to use a 35mm camera to create art, gained self-knowledge and publicly displayed their work.
- In two days, 6000 grapefruit and oranges were picked and donated to area food banks.
- 9 adults took the GED
- 50 students attended Sierra Club ICO outings.
- 125 adults moved to a greater place of self-sufficiency and self-confidence by learning to speak English.
- 75 mothers learned the importance of reading to their children.
- 74 adults moved closer to their ambition of becoming a US citizen by attending citizenship classes.
- 125 girls experienced the World of Work on Take Our Daughters To Work Day.
- 13 high school students learned to swim.



NDA members did approximately 36,000 service hours

- Christmas toys were provided to over 400 families.
- 10 youth attended art camp.



NDA co-site director, Laura Firtel, joins children in art class

Our Christmas Wish List



HUMAN POWER

- Be a tutor
- Be a driver for tutoring
- Become a Board Member
- Serve on Fundraising Committee
- Teach ESOL, GED and Citizenship Classes
- Conduct Trainings
- Host Fundraising Parties
- Come to Our Events
- Spread the Word

MATERIAL & \$\$

- Large Outdoor Grill (\$200)
- Outdoor Trash Bins (\$200)
- Picnic Tables (\$500)
- Sound System (\$700)
- Movie Screen (\$700)
- 6 Outdoor fans (\$150 each)
- Donate Tickets to Cultural Events, Theme Parks
- Pay \$200 to cover the cost of three months of tutoring, GED, or Citizenship Classes for 1 person
- Pay \$1000—15 sessions of Parenting Classes for 1 family

A WORLD THAT CAN BE DIFFERENT



Cami Tarasewich and AHS graduate, Sandra Moreno

Volunteering provides hope. It offers the dream that the world can be different and presents individuals with the realization that they *are* that difference. Cami Tarasewich shares her thoughts on this subject.

Volunteering has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember and it was in the spirit of volunteering and service that I made my way to Apopka, Florida in August of 2003, to become a member of Notre Dame Americorps. My two years of service were incredible. The people and experiences touched my heart in a way that has changed my life.

My time in Notre Dame Americorps with the Office for Farmworker Ministry solidified my decision to commit my life to service. The faith and anticipation of the community encouraged me to further my education. After graduating with a Master's in Social Work from the University of Central Florida this past May, I have returned "home" and am working as a Clinical Social Worker at the Hope Community Center.

Hope has carried the ministry, this community, and myself to this new place, this new moment and hope will guide our days as we continue to serve and be served by those among us.



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Upcoming Events

And Dates



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Shopping at Ten Thousand Villages

November 29 5-9PM

HCC Poinsettia Sale @ HCC

November 20 & 24

Toy Sale @ St. Francis of Assisi

December 19

Dinner Dance St. Mary Magdalen

January 12, 2008

W H E R E N E E D S A R E M E T A N D L I V E S A R E C H A N G E D



Legacy Continues with New Name and New Center

For thirty-seven years the Central Florida community has known and benefited from the work of the Office for Farmworker Ministry. As OFFM prepared to move into its new home, OFFM decided to register as its own 501 (c) 3 under the new name of Hope CommUnity Center. So now after years of renting in small and inadequate spaces, the Office For Farmworker Ministry is in its own beautiful building with a new name. To many it will always be el campasena!

Our people, vision and mission for the community is the same: to strengthen farmworker and low-income families through faith, advocacy, education and economic development .

With "hearts as wide as the world" founders - Sisters Cathy Gorman, Gail Grimes and Ann Kendrick - continue to make known the goodness of God through their love of the poor. Say the Sisters of their work, "Our world view, our faith, our strategic planning have been a thirty-seven year history of collaboration and bridge building. We have been transformed, receiving as we give, and learning as we teach."

from Sisters: Cathy Gorman, Gail Grimes and Ann Kendrick

MAKE A DONATION

If you would like to make a donation to Hope CommUnity Center, fill out the form below and return in the envelope.

I want to contribute \$_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

? My Check is enclosed payable to Hope CommUnity Center.

? Please charge my VISA____MC____

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? Please send me a tax receipt letter and form for IRS or for my records.