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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Evan Sommerfeld



In August, a small group of board members interviewed over 30 candidates to select PHP's first employee, who is in training to become PHP's executive director. The team narrowed the list down to five candidates from which the executive board selected their top candidate, Evan Sommerfeld. Once selected, Evan went to CareerSource as a candidate for their On-the-Job -Training program, a program that is partially funded with government monies. Evan was selected by both CareerSource and PHP to begin in early September.

Evan has a degree from Virginia Tech where he received training in business and leadership development. For over 9 years, he worked as an executive with the Boy Scouts of America managing facilities, staff, volunteers, customer service, marketing, budgeting, and events. Revenue increased significantly under his leadership.

Evan lives in Spring Hill with his wife, Jenny, and twin four-year old daughters, Ella and Mary. Jenny is a teacher at Wider Horizons Montessori School. Welcome aboard, Evan!



PHP Needs Help with the *Hoedown*

PHP put out the word that volunteers are needed to help with the *Hoedown for the Hungry*, a major event that is planned for October 6, 2018. Assistance is needed in obtaining sponsors and advertisers for the dinner program, help with ticket sales and with setting up and taking down prior to and right after the event. Last year, just a handful of board members and volunteers ended up cleaning up after the event. In late August, a meeting was scheduled to find willing volunteers who will work to make sure the event is a success.

United Way Collaborates with PHP

The United Way of Hernando County partners with PHP to provide funds for our Weekend Blessings program that delivers weekend food to hungry children in Hernando County. PHP board members are participating in the United Way-Publix Campaign that runs from the end of August to September 16th. The Campaign Theme this year is "Lead The Way!"

Some info about the United Way-Publix-Campaign:

- Hernando County has 8 Publix Stores.
- Last year, over 902 Publix Associates donated to United Way of Hernando County!
- Throughout 2018-2019, the United Way of Hernando is supporting 20 Partner Agencies.
- The United Way supports over 26 Programs that fall under Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Basic Needs/Crisis Prevention. PHP's Weekend Blessings falls in the "Basic Need/Crisis Prevention" category.



Anna Oliveira presenting Doug Brainard with totes

Anna Oliveira, the local representative for Thirty-one Gifts, recently helped PHP by donating 50 tote bags for use by the homeless. Anna, a member of the Rotary Club of Spring Hill Central, volunteered at the HELP Center earlier this year on Rotary's District Project for PHP.

PHP is offering a hand-up, not a hand-out!

Magic Show on September 8

The Magic Show is right around the corner... September 8th! Elliott Smith, internationally known magician, will be performing his magic show at Springstead Theater on September 8. Proceeds from the Magic Show will support PHP's HELP Center construction project.



Thanks to Linda Prescott, a Hernando County School Board member, PHP was able to use Springstead Theater as the venue for the Magic Show.

Tickets are \$5 for children under 12 and \$15 for adults. Clubs and organizations such as Rotary and Kiwanis have purchased tickets to allow poor families to attend for much less.

Tickets are available on PHP's website at www.phpinhc.org or by contacting Maureen Soliman (352) 650-9006 or any PHP board member. For additional information call (352)686-4466.

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What's NEW at the HELP Center?



Commercial Kitchen Hood



Commercial Stove

The construction project of refurbishing an old hardware into a community resource center is winding down. The project should be complete in September. Hooking into the sewer, installing the floors, and finishing the hood over the stoves still need to be completed. PHP hopes to move into the facilities in September and will offer the first meal in October. A grand opening is planned for Sunday, December 2.

YMCA's TogetherHOOD Project

The Suncoast YMCA selected PHP as the recipient of their TogetherHOOD Project, an effort to make a difference in the community. Joanie Scarangella, Joe Sotomayor and a team of volunteers from the YMCA will help PHP move to the new HELP Center in September. At the August TogetherHOOD meeting, Joe announced that Joanie arranged with Lowes to give \$2500 in merchandise to PHP for the future HELP Center.

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