



Helping Other People Everyday

HOPE LINES

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Sr. Germana's Message



Dear Friends:

The people who visit HOPE Outreach Center need our services more than ever, but our resources are strained as grant funders and donors tighten their belts. This is truly a difficult time for us all. Recently a volunteer asked me how I can be so happy. "Doesn't it break your heart when young families seek assistance and you can't help them as much as they need?" I do feel sad sometimes, but I also feel tremendous joy because we give people **HOPE!**

Many of our clients endure severe hardships through no fault of their own. They often possess wisdom born of suffering. "There is always a reason to give God thanks," one lady told me as I listened to her story. "There are many people worse off than me." Her thankful spirit shaped her perspective and gave her the courage to press on in difficult circumstances!

As **HOPE's 15th Anniversary** year draws to a close, I find myself counting the many blessings God has bestowed: compassionate volunteers who donate 11,000 hours each year, generous benefactors who share their financial resources, a talented Board of Directors who oversee our work and encourage us to grow, and our energetic staff who work tirelessly to help others. There is plenty of misery and suffering around us but **YOU** enable HOPE Outreach Center to **Help Other People Everyday**. Thank you!

The upcoming holidays afford us the opportunity to examine our lives, count our blessings, and give God thanks by sharing all that He has given us. It is a time to strengthen our "attitude of gratitude" so we fill our hearts with a positive perspective.

More than 300 families, our very own neighbors, need your help to get through the holidays. Each of us has the power to make a difference even if we are not in a position to make a large donation. Please take a moment to see how you can help. Can you rally family members and friends to help you Adopt a Family? Can you spare a few dollars to give a family **HOPE?**

"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart."
Author Unknown



*Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the many blessings you give us each day –
Those we recognize and those we take for granted.*

*Open our eyes to see the abundance you have provided and Gift us with an attitude of gratitude every day.
We ask you to continue providing for us
As we share the gifts you have so generously given.*

AMEN

More than 300 families need you to adopt them for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year



Mission: "To develop and provide services that impact quality of life for individuals and families in our community"

15 Years of HOPE

The presence of **HOPE** is a peculiar thing. For everyone who has experienced darkness, the first ray of hope brings relief and a measure of trust that things can get better.

For 15 years HOPE Outreach has helped our brothers and sisters climb out of the pit of financial hardship and suffering.

For 15 years HOPE Outreach has answered the cry of the hungry and forgotten.

For 15 years HOPE Outreach has stood in the gap when hurricanes, bad economic times, and sky-high unemployment rates have shrouded our community.

We celebrate these *15 years of service* to the community with great gratitude and joy,

*"For as often as you have done this for the least of your brothers,
You have done it for me."*

15 years may seem insignificant when compared to other charitable organizations. However, with my own eyes I have seen the powerful impact our Center has made through its food pantry, Thanksgiving and Christmas programs, back to school backpacks, emergency funds for rent and utilities, etc. When I stand up and speak about Hope I say:

"Look! Here is **HOPE!!!** **For 15 years** we've been opening our hearts, hands and doors to all who call out in need. Here is **HOPE!**"

Please help us celebrate our 15th anniversary by donating today. Your gift will ensure HOPE Outreach Center, Inc. can continue its important mission for the next 15 years.

No donation is too small. You can give online at www.hopeoutreachfl.org or mail your gift to HOPE Outreach Center.



**With HOPE There's HELP and
With Your HELP There's HOPE**

**Florida's unemployment
rate rose to 11.9 % from
a revised 11.8 % in
August - 1.1 million
Floridians out of work.
Sun-Sentinel, October 22, 2010**

Volunteer Opportunity

**We are in need of a few strong persons
with trucks or vans to help us transport
food and donations throughout the year.**

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator,
Mary Blake Riester, at 954-291-0909 or
mbriester@hopeoutreachfl.org
If you would be willing to
help out!



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HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT PLAYER HITS A HOLE-IN-ONE AND WINS A CAR!



For the first time in 15 years of HOPE history and only the 2nd time in the 50-year history of the Fort Lauderdale Country Club, a player hit a hole-in-one and won a Ford Taurus, generously donated by South Florida Ford Dealers.

The 14th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting HOPE Outreach Center was held on Monday, October 25th, 2010 at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club in Plantation.

The lucky player is Tom Hynes of Weston, Florida. He was part of the last foursome on the field and they were playing the 3rd hole, their last hole for the day. He said "I knew I hit it straight but was blinded by the sun. I bent down to pick up my tee and heard someone screaming."

All proceeds from the day's events benefit HOPE Outreach Center, a not-for-profit 501c(3) founded in 1995. The Davie-based center offers an

immediate 'hand up' to people in our community who find themselves suddenly unable to make ends meet due to a job loss, disability, health crisis, or some other emergency circumstance. By providing emergency financial support, food and other educational and social services, HOPE Outreach Center often serves as the financial and emotional bridge that allows families in crisis to return to self reliance and independence quickly and comfortably.



For more information about **HOPE** Outreach Center, please call 954-321-0909 or visit our website: www.hopeoutreachfl.org.



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Give Hope for the Holidays



Can you and your loved ones brighten the holidays for another family this holiday season?

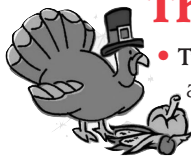
300 families need Thanksgiving baskets/boxes

500 + children need to be adopted for Christmas

80 homebound seniors need sponsors for their hot holiday meals (\$10 per person)

If you can't take care of a whole family, can you purchase gift cards to a grocery store? Donations in \$5, \$10, \$15, \$25 increments are most useful.

Thanksgiving



- **Turkey and the 'fixins'.** Donate a grocery store coupon for a turkey and some of the other food items that make the table

festive.

- **Gift Basket/Box** - Assemble your own (visit website: hopeoutreachfl.org for guidelines) or
- Donate the \$95 value of the basket and our volunteers will assemble it for you.

Christmas



- **Turkey and the 'fixins'** – same as above.
- **Gift Certificates** from discount stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, K-mart and Payless Shoes, enable parents to buy the necessities for the family.

- **Adopt-A-Family.** We give you a list of items needed by a specific family for their child/children. You purchase (some or all), wrap and label with the child's name. You drop off at the designated time and location and we deliver to the family.
- **Family Fund Project.** Help a family pay part of their household expenses by making a financial contribution earmarked for the Family Fund Project. No donation is too big or too small.
- **The Perfect Gift.** Have someone who gifts you at Christmas make a donation to HOPE in your name. We will acknowledge the giver and receiver of the Perfect Gift.

HOT Holiday Meals

At Thanksgiving and Christmas we also deliver hot holiday meals to the elderly and homebound. Can you and/or your circle of families, friends and colleges sponsor a few meals?

10 Meals \$100

20 Meals \$200

30 Meals \$300

50 Meals \$500

To help us plan for these very important projects at this very busy time of year, please complete and mail us the form below in the enclosed envelope, or fax to (954) 321-1059, or e-mail us at info@hopeoutreachfl.org

I'M SO GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Turkey and the 'fixins' Certificate
- My own Thanksgiving Basket(s)
#of Baskets _____
- \$95 for Thanksgiving Basket
- Christmas Gift Certificates-
Discount stores
- Adopt-A-Family
- Hot Meals Elderly/Homebound
- The Perfect Gift

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Cell: _____ Home: _____

E-Mail _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

She Blessed My Life

Brenda's husband abandoned her and their two daughters. She works full time and was embarrassed that she could not make ends meet. Then someone referred her to HOPE Outreach. With Sr. Germana's help, she applied for public benefits, received food for her family, and gratefully accepted encouraging words and a hug.



"I have never felt such kindness in my life. Sr. touched my heart... After loading the groceries in my car, I wept and thanked God. He seemed to say, 'I'm here. I sent her into your life to help you.'"



Filled with gratitude, Brenda used some of her food stamps to buy groceries for a desperate single mom she encountered.

"Whatever you receive, you have to give... because someone else helped you obtain what you need," she explained.

Brenda's appreciation didn't end there. She and her daughters brought cards, flowers, and a balloon to thank Sr. Germana. After their visit, her children asked, "Mommy, is the lady in white the Virgin Mary?" No, but she is a very good friend of hers and God sent her to help us," she explained.

Brenda's is so grateful that she has decided to become a volunteer! "I want to help other people and I can't think of a better way to do that than to volunteer."

There are hundreds of families like Brenda's who visit **HOPE**. When we help them to apply for public benefits, they regain their independence and ability to provide for their children. Your contributions allow us to offer a hand up, not a hand out.

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Brenda, Client

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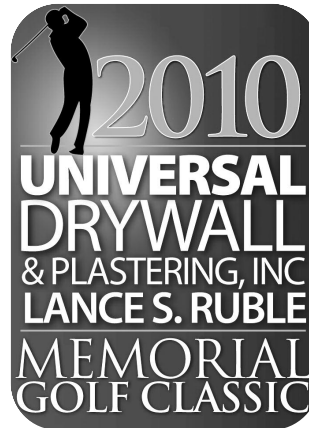
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10 Ways to Save More, Give More

- Brown bag lunch
- Make your own coffee
- Skip the vending machine
- Have a yard sale
- Cook at home instead of dining out
- Collect loose change in a jar
- Cut premium channels from your cable bill
- Host a car wash (& earn service hours!)
- Buy Generic or Store brands.
- Avoid Brand names.
- “Pass the envelope” at work/among friends

Grazie! Thank You! Gracias! Merci!



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We salute our dedicated golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who made the Universal Drywall & Plastering, Inc. Lance S. Ruble Memorial Golf Classic a success! Your support will provide much-needed resources to help people in need. Special thanks to Kitty Preziosi & Beth Azor, co-chairs, and their golf committee for using their leadership and talents to organize the event.