TWO GOOD SOLES Socks & Shoes Drive

The Annual TWO GOOD SOLES Socks & Shoes Drive will be underway at the end of July. Look for the iconic collection boxes at various locations throughout the county. If you belong to an organization that would like to participate by placing a box for collection, please call our office at 527-5959. We’ll be happy to provide a decorated box to be used by your group.

In the past we have surpassed our goal of 2,500 pairs of socks and shoes. This year we would like to do the same. Please join in this worthwhile project to provide shoes and socks for the children of Citrus County. All items collected will stay right here in our county, and will be distributed by Citrus County Schools, Family Resource Center, CASA, Citrus United Basket, Daystar and the Pregnancy & Family Life Center.

Monetary donations may also be made to the Friends of the Nature Coast Volunteer Center. Please call our office for information on how you or your group can donate.

Join us at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Please join us as we remember the fallen and honor the first responders to the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001. This is an annual event and is open to the public.

As a way to show our respect for those who stepped up on that fateful day, we hold this ceremony on or as close to 9/11 as possible. Dignitaries from various law enforcement, fire rescue, school board, and county government will join us and reflect on the day. Also as a way to give back to our community, we will be distributing socks and shoes from our Two Good Soles drive to the organizations name in the article above.

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Batcher, Elaine
Batcher, Raymond
Bell, Timothy A.
Benac, George
Blahnik, Janet
Blahnik, Mel
Bower, Margaretta
Bright, Nancy J.
Brooks, Bill
Brooks, Liz
Bryant, Paul R.
Bryant, Rita
Catherine, Maryellen
Christoffers, Skip
Dusenbury, Debby
Dykstra, Thomas
Esoo, Noor
Ferguson, Joe
Foster, Thomas
Gendron, Colleen
Harmon, Minnie
Harmon, William
Hodges, Dick
Horton, Judy
Jackson, Donna
Johnson, Michele
Kircoaf, Carol
Lewis, Gena
McGaheran, Nancy
Moritzen, Marya
Patel, Akshara
Patton, Norman
Phillips, Luta
Plowman, Dale
Ralston, Judith
Remsey, Erica
Richards, Mary Kaye
Riggelman, Michelle
Romess, Jo Ann
Rubin, Michael
Ruble, Lorraine
Schreiber, Winifred
Schultz, Scott C
Shepherd, John
Smith, Kathleen
Spoto, Joseph
Stephens, Gloria
Stewart, Edward
Stone, Valerie
Tate, Bill
Toth, Dennis R.
Verdolini, Ralph
Verdolini, Shirley M.
Whitson, Kim
Yushinsky, Francis
Zychowicz, Walter
Updated Travel Forms Available July 1st

The new Travel Reimbursement form will be available this month. Please be sure you are using the most current grant year form when submitting your request for reimbursement of mileage.

As you know, we are starting the 2nd year of our 3-year grant cycle (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). Each year we try very hard to properly budget funds for travel reimbursement, but as some of you have experienced, we have had to cut back a bit towards the end of the grant year as funds ran low. On page 10 of this newsletter are the Helpful Hints for completing RSVP Travel Vouchers. Please note that these instructions include RSVP’s policy regarding reimbursement limits.

Always know that you have the gratitude of the clients (and public) you serve, as well as that of the Nature Coast Volunteer Center.

Senior Companion Program

The Senior Companions recently met at Cracker’s Restaurant to hold their monthly training meeting and celebrate the end of the grant year. On July 1st we began the new grant and look forward to another successful year of serving our senior clients. Each Companion serves a minimum of four (4) clients each week, driving them to needed medical appointments, grocery shopping with them, and helping them live independently.

We are looking forward to the addition of two new Senior Companions to the group in July. Please help me welcome Iris Alford and Judy Ralston. I’m sure they will be a great addition to this already dedicated group of volunteers.

Remembering & Responding to 9/11

“TWO GOOD SOLES” Shoes and Socks Drive

The Nature Coast Volunteer Center will be collecting NEW Shoes and Socks until September 11, 2017

Collected items will benefit the following agencies:
Citrus County District Student Services • Daystar Life Center
Citrus United Basket • Pregnancy & Family Life Center
Citrus County Family Resource Center • CASA

Your donations will stay right here in Citrus County to benefit local children in need.

Drop off locations:
Central Citrus Community Center•Central Ridge Community Center•Citrus County District Student Services•Lecanto & Inverness•Citrus County Libraries—all locations•Citrus County Resource Center•Citrus County Tax Collectors Office, Crystal River and Inverness•Citrus Springs Community Center•East Citrus Community Center•Inverness Community Center•Drummond Community Bank•West Citrus Community Center•the YMCA.

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WWW.NATURECOASTVOLUNTEERCENTER.ORG
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- Thomas Kinkade

Special Needs Call Down Drill

The Special Needs Call Down Drill was held on June 6, 2017 at the Citrus County Transit building. Over 350 registered citizens, who have registered with the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office and indicated they will need assistance with evacuation transportation in the case of a county emergency, were called.

This drill is conducted in June and December to assure the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office that their list is accurate.

If you would like to participate in this drill, please contact Rhonda Noel at the Nature Coast Volunteer Center at 527-5959.

Volunteers present Value of Volunteering

At the April 25th Board of County Commission meeting, volunteers presented the Value of Volunteering stickerboard. Several organizations and volunteer jobs were represented as can be seen in the picture.

The Commission Chair, Scott Carnahan presented a proclamation, recognizing April 23rd-29th as National Volunteer Week, where we recognize the talents, generosity, and energy of volunteers who continue to be Citrus County’s most valuable resource.

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SLEUTH’S MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

WEDNESDAY, August 30, 2017
Cost per person - $70
(Includes dinner & show)

Lunch Cruise aboard the CALYPSO QUEEN
WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2017
Cost per person - $60

Spend a day in ST. AUGUSTINE
WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2017
Cost per person - $70
(Trolley tour included)

MOUNT DORA Craft Fair
SATURDAY, October 28, 2017
Cost per person - $30

RUTH ECKERD HALL presents A CARPENTERS CHRISTMAS
TUESDAY, December 19, 2017
Cost per person - $60
(Buffet included)

Volunteers Terry McMillan, Chris McMillan, Carol Baziow, Sarah O’Connor, Barnard Gray, Faye Proffitt, and Marilyn Winograd are pictured with Commissioners during the April 25th Board meeting.
**The Y needs your help**

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA is looking for volunteers for a variety of volunteer positions. Check out what they have to offer!

**Water Slide Attendant** - Must be 16 years or older. Will help supervise children as they play safely on the water slide at the Family Pool. Hours include weekends.

**Teen Advisor** - Must be 18 years or older. This individual will assist the Teen Coordinator with planning, setting up, and breaking down events for teens. They will also assist in light administration, community service projects, and fundraising with teens involved in Youth In Government, Leaders Club, and Youth Leadership Citrus.

**Membership Assistant** - Must be 16 years or older. This individual will assist membership staff with greeting members, scanning, and giving tours of the YMCA facility. To apply, please contact Caitlin DiGirolamo at (352) 500-9622.

**Gainesville VA Honors One of our Own**

During National Volunteer Week, Bernard Gray was awarded the 100 Hour Pin for his service to the VA in driving the DAV Van for veterans. Bernard received his pin on April 23rd at the Gainesville VA Voluntary Service 2017 Awards & Luncheon at the Best Western in Gainesville. Congratulations Bernard on this noteworthy milestone! Keep up the good work!

**Welcome Veterans Services to RSVP**

RSVP Welcomes Citrus County Veterans Services to the program. Veterans Services assists veterans with filing benefits paperwork with the VA. This station is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks at the Resource Center in Lecanto. Volunteers are needed to answer the phone, schedule appointments, and greet veterans as they sign in to see a Veterans Service Officer. Available shifts will be four (4) hours at a time. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, or need more information, please call us at 527-5959, and we’ll get you in touch with the Veterans Service Supervisor. We appreciate you considering this worthwhile volunteer opportunity that serves our veterans!

**WEB ASSIST Volunteer Time Recording**

Registered volunteers and station staff can submit hours on our website at www.naturecoastvolunteercenter.org. Please contact us if you encounter any problems when entering your hours.

You can also search for additional or different volunteer positions that may be of interest to you. The system allows you to send us messages, and we can send you messages as well. Your user name will be your name without any spaces, i.e. Mary Jones, would have the user name: MaryJones. If you provided your middle initial to us during your registration be sure to include that as well, i.e. MaryK.Jones.

The password will be volunteer for the first time that you access the system. You will have an opportunity to change your password, if you choose to do so, once you log into the system the first time.

Example: User Name: MaryJones
Password: volunteer

Station supervisors will be able to enter the hours for all of their volunteers at one time by simply signing in to the system and selecting each volunteer from a menu. The user name will be the station name without any spaces and the password will be volunteer for the first time that you access the system.

Example: User Name: GreatVolunteerOrg
Password: volunteer

Please call 527-5659 with any questions regarding entering your time on the web.

Please Note: Some people have been experiencing problems when accessing our web page to submit hours via Internet Explorer. You can download Firefox for free and use that as your internet browser to bypass this problem. Here is the link: https://www.mozilla.org
Helpful Hints for Completing RSVP Travel Vouchers:

1. RSVP Travel vouchers must be original documents. No copies or faxes will be processed.
2. All RSVP travel vouchers must be completed using an ink pen. (No pencil or markers)
3. Remember to sign in the "Volunteer Signature" space, and have an "Authorized Signature" from the station.
4. Do not use "white out". To make a correction, draw a line through any incorrect information, write the correction, then initial the error. Please do not use ditto marks in the miles column.
5. In order to provide this partial mileage reimbursement to as many volunteers as possible, while at the same time maximizing the use of grant travel dollars, the maximum reimbursement is $200 per volunteer per grant year (July 1–June 30). Please note: The maximum yearly reimbursement, and possible seasonal adjustment reimbursement rate may fluctuate according to the current balance of grant travel dollars.
6. Only travel within Citrus County may be considered for reimbursement. If applicable, indicate "to/from county line".
7. On the "Home to... & Home" line, indicate the address, place or station where you volunteered.
8. Partial mileage reimbursement is only available from your home to your volunteer site and from your volunteer site directly back to your home, per the RSVP Operations Handbook.
9. If travel does not total at least 32 miles during one month, you may wait until the next month to submit a travel voucher so that your request will meet the $5 minimum required for processing.

Please submit your RSVP travel vouchers in a timely manner.

Call 352-527-5959 or visit our office if you need help completing your travel voucher or if we can be of further assistance to you.
Welcome Community Food Bank of Citrus County

The Community Food Bank of Citrus County has joined the Nature Coast Volunteer Center as an RSVP Station. Citrus County. Together with volunteers and donors, they promote public awareness, inspire community involvement, and strive to end hunger and nourish hope for those in need.

The Community Food Bank of Citrus County is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has executed a contract with Feeding America Tampa Bay for the purpose of the logistical transfer of food and grocery product from Feeding America Tampa Bay and local food stores. The Food Bank has many partners in the community and participates in projects with organizations such as the United Way and Citrus County Blessings.

Join us in welcoming the Community Food Bank of Citrus County.

City of Crystal River joins the Nature Coast Volunteer Center

The City of Crystal River has joined RSVP as a station to serve the Three Sisters Springs area. Ed Call, Waterfronts & Community Services Manager is looking for volunteers to help at the Visitors Center, at special events, with clean-up projects, as Boardwalk interpreters, Manatee Watch Volunteers, Maintenance volunteers, and Kayakers to do waterway cleanup. If you would like to join this team of volunteers, call Ed Call at (352) 795-4216.