

The Community Service Center

5TH ANNUAL HERO BREAKFAST

May 1, 2008



EXTRA EXTRA !! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

HOW IT ALL STARTED.

Five years ago a student at Conway Middle School knew about a popular girl who was cutting herself. "Everyone" knew she was doing it but everyone was afraid to say anything because she was also intimidating and considered to be a "bully". Our very first HERO, a boy named Ryan, reported this student for hurting herself. Immediately after this choice was made, Ryan was treated badly by his peers. They said things to him like "why did you tell? Now she has to go to a hospital!" and "you should never have told on her she will get in trouble!" His peers then ignored Ryan for three days.

When I was told of this situation I knew I could not allow this to happen. I wanted to make sure Ryan knew that he did the right thing no matter what the cost was to him. I wanted to encourage him to continue to do the right thing even when it was hard. After discussing my idea of The HERO PROGRAM with the President of The Community Service Center, I had a plaque made for Ryan and gave him a Gift Certificate to a local store. He responded with a renewed sense of doing what was right at any cost.

This situation and outcome became the catalyst of the **LOCAL HERO PROGRAM.**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PROVIDES CHRISTMAS FOR NEEDY FAMILY

At Christmas time in 2004, an 18 year old High School Student from Boone High School was working at Publix. She was checking out a family when she asked what the children were hoping to get for Christmas. They explained they were not getting anything because their mother could not afford to buy them anything. This student bought several goodies for these children with her own Holiday money to ensure they knew they were special.

ONE SCHOOL, MANY HEROES!

Southwood Elementary School is proud of their 2004 HEROES!!

One student does yard work in his neighborhood collecting money. He gives his money to school fundraisers and those in need.

Another student was on the Christmas List as a family in need of sponsorship. This 3rd Grader collected pennies from everyone he could and went to the store. He purchased a Hot Wheels Car and brought it in to school for the Christmas Charity Drive the next day!

STUDENT RETURNS A WALLET CONTAINING \$5,000.00 TO LOCAL SHERIFF

February 27, 2003

Mid Florida Tech Student, Nancy, returned a wallet she found at a Toll Booth on the 528 to a Sheriff on the side of the highway. When the Officer opened the wallet he was surprised to find

\$5,000.00 inside!

In a related story, March 24, 2003, Julian, a 5th grader at Windy Ridge Elementary School found \$2.00 in the cafeteria and turned it in to the office immediately!



HERO'S HELP OTHERS

FAMOUS HERO SAVES BABY!

Probably our most famous HERO is named Tommy from Waterford Elementary School. At the ripe old age of 7, Tommy noticed a baby locked in a parked car at the grocery store. When he reported this situation to his mom, she did not believe him! He INSISTED that she come and look for herself. Tommy told his mom to call 9-1-1 and a fire truck came and rescued the baby. Tommy and his whole class had a special visit by the Fire Department for his efforts!



BIG HELP IS HERE!!! 2005

Ms. Everett's 2nd Grade Class had an Assignment. The assignment was to go help people and do a project about the help you did and how it affected your Community and Your World. These 16 students far exceeded anything Ms. Everett had ever seen before! Two students went to a fabric store. They bought material, cut it into big squares and sewed all the edges. They called it "Project Linus" and gave these homemade blankets to Animal Rescue Effort to keep the dogs and cats warm affected by Hurricane Katrina. Another Student cleaned up his whole neighborhood picking up trash and debris! Another girl make baked goods and sold them donating the money to the Red Cross! Superintendent Ronald Blocker, as a special surprise, visited these students with pizza and cupcakes, to recognize their wonderful contributions to the world.

THE UNMENTIONABLE HEROES

Though it is hard to believe, in the past 5 years, at least 25 students have been honored with this HERO Award for reporting other students bringing weapons to schools. Though the locations vary, there are several common denominators. First, in most of these cases the students were threatened not to tell. And secondly, the unknown amount of harm these students have prevented is immeasurable. We salute the Silent Heroes for taking a huge risk in their own personal safety to do what is right for others!

HURRICANE KATRINA CONTRIBUTIONS

A fifth grade student named James at Ocoee Elementary School was listening to the radio on his way to school one morning following Hurricane Katrina. When the DJ explained how bad things were in the region James knew he had to do something. He took it upon himself, with no help from adults, to make posters and boxes needed to collect money. James collected over \$2,000.00 for the Red Cross to help victims of Hurricane Katrina at his school! He was surprised by a special pizza party with Joel Haas, the Director of the Local Red Cross as his guest!

MAXEY ELEMENTARY READING WINNER GIVES AWAY PRIZE!

Megan, a 4th grade student at Maxey Elementary worked REALLY hard to win a Reading Contest! AND SHE DID! Megan won a brand new bike with a helmet and a lock! Megan had a friend who did not have a bike at all. So Megan took it upon herself to have her teacher call her mother and her to arrange to give her friend the brand new bike she had just won!

A WORD ABOUT THE NOMINATORS

Though we cannot mention all the great choices of the HEROES we have had in the past 5 years, there is something they all share, an Adult who recognized their choices and actions as being exceptional. These people took it upon themselves to fill out the nomination form, fax it to the

Community Service Center and present the HERO Certificate and Reward to the Student. Without the adults who choose to see the Right in students, there would be no HERO PROGRAM. Thanks Nominators and keep looking!



HERO SUPPORTERS

This program requires a great deal of support to be successful! In the past 5 years, we have had that support from wonderful people!

Autumn Hill	Dana Clark	Erin Pfeffer
Sally Burkhart	Scott Mitchell	Kevin Wiedecker
Cheryl Arft	Juanita McConnel	R.J. Bock
Crista Everett	Molly Faust	Dr. Elaine Scott
Dr. Margaret Christmas	Dr. Louise Wicks	Jackie Coe
Meribeth McKean	Cindy Boccanegra	Cindy Shaw
John Richter	Sharon Wilson	Judy Barnowski
Marti White	Ana Padilla	Bo Outlaw
Melanie Crownover	Colleen Dugan	James Robinson
Chandler Crownover	Jennifer Pates	Ellen Tatich
Pat Williams	Jackie Blake	Marge LaBarge
Rick Roach	Ronald Blocker	Raoul Martinez
Rhonda Cusamano	Lori Kelso	Denise Santiago
Yohance Wicks	Mark Shamley	Alan Vaughan
Judy Cunnigham	Paul Dickinson	Bob and Jenny Musser
Mary Beth Pates	Emily Fincher	Charity Chicks
Robert Pickerill	Coni Carpinelli	Judge Maura Smith
Joie Cadle	Brian and Lindy Zimel	Kay Olson
Christopher Posey	Adam Plotnick	Melissa Gorscak
Steve Laugen	Valerie Lewis	Sissy DeMuth
Arlene Carlock	Cindy Frongello	Tim Smith
Mayor Richard Crotty	Chuck Wohlust	Keith Baber
Tim Strauss	Mimi Rollins	Sonny Hewitt

The Staff of the Community Service Center

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AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Arrival, buffet is served

9:20 a.m. Michele Katz

9:23 a.m. Mayor Richard Crotty

9:30 a.m. Bo Outlaw

9:37 a.m. Rick Roach

9:45 a.m. Ronald Blocker

10:00 a.m. Michele Katz – Announcements

10:05 a.m. Pictures and mingling

10:30 a.m. See you next year

A special thanks to Yohance Wicks for the lovely music

LIST OF YOUR 2007-2008 HEROES!!

Senah Wright

Alison Frederick

Gabriel Santiago

Dorothy Lane

Christine Saunders

Bailey Edmonds

Felix Garcia

Julio Felix

Lorilei Knott

Priyanka Chandra

Neil Michaud

Elizabeth Shuler

Samantha Alday

Isabell Kraus

Brittany Cobb

Oaree Dreher

Mattie Crabtree

Zuleika Barbosa

Mary-Louise Parkila

Roberto Rosado

Penelope Tsirambidis

Lindsey Edouard

Douglas Essig

Judith Louis

Jazmine Brown