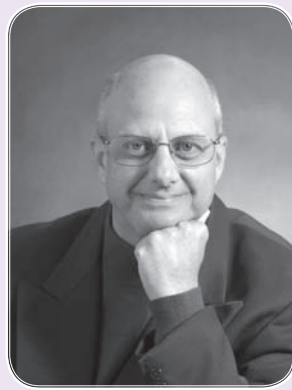


DIRECTIONS

by the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I ask anyone who might be a little interested in making their health better, lose a little weight and invest in a company that has great side benefits like helping the homeless-- to take a close look at The Path's farm co-op. It is an inconvenient way to shop, but there is no food grown locally that has our combination of benefits.



Your sacrifice (and I don't think there is much) will lay the inroads to feeding people far into the future and long after we are gone by laying down the foundation now.

Call my wife Kathryn now at 352-527-6500 x8 and enroll for a co-op membership. She is much nicer on the phone than I am! God bless!

In His Service,

Du Wayne Sipper

Executive Director



DID YOU KNOW...

that The Path spends \$10,000 to \$12,000 on its financial audit?

RESERVE THE DATE!



The Path's Annual **HARVEST HOPE BANQUET** Friday October 18, 2013 at 1st Baptist Church-Crystal River. Special guest speaker. You won't want to miss this special evening celebrating life-transformation!

Call Kathryn Sipper at 352-527-6500 x5 to find out how you can become a banquet sponsor.

CALL THE PATH FOR ESTATE CLEANOUTS

352-527-6500 X4

and receive a charitable deduction. Whether you are moving or faced with the passing of a loved one-- The Path can help you clean out and clean up the estate.

Thank you for supporting our rescue mission work program!



Redecorating? Moving?

Why not donate to **THE PATH SHELTER BARGAIN STORE** in Lecanto. Or come check out the new arrivals: Antiques & hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind pieces. Gently-used furniture or appliances, other household items, solid wood furniture, built or refinished from THE PATH WOODSHOP-- and more!

Call 352-746-9084 to arrange a furniture pickup today!
Store hours: Tues-Fri, 9am-5pm
Saturdays 9am-3pm

Your donations and purchases provide jobs, volunteer opportunities, supervised work for clients, life-skills training—as well as goods and services for our community.



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WHEN I WAS HUNGRY: THE PATH FARM

What does “transforming lives” look like? Three words: The Path Farm! It provides a place of meaning and purpose to the men and women at The Path's shelter. Something is happening there, and people are noticing. The Path's farm provides healthy food, physical exercise and productive life-skills. It provides a place to recover and sort through issues. Working the fields and tending the vegetables, it's a place to find meaning and purpose in life. The farm is a place where God can find you, begin the process of healing bodies, troubled minds, and bring peace to broken hearts.

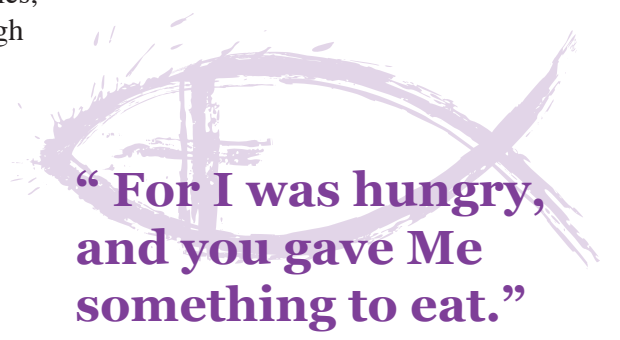
The Path Farm is also fast becoming an answer to rising community concerns around healthy food, where our food comes from and how it's grown.

With the original goal of supplementing the shelter food supply and addressing malnutrition often found with the men and women at The Path, the farm has expanded from backyard garden in 2002 to a 15-acre farm on loaned land presently. Our Farm Co-op was formed in 2010 in response to public demand so that others could obtain the health benefit of locally-grown, pesticides-free vegetables. At The Path's farm, we grow seasonal vegetables nearly year-round using natural, environment-friendly methods and no pesticides. Farm activities provide healthy physical exercise, a supervised work program, a few jobs plus volunteer opportunities.

Men and women at The Path help with farming to grow the vegetables, and then learn how to prepare healthy recipes with the vegetables through our Nutrition program. They also prepare the weekly co-op baskets for distribution to customers.

Often discovering vegetables they have not eaten before, co-op customers are juicing, freezing, canning, sharing recipes, sharing their fresh vegetables with family, friends, co-workers, needy families, and organizations that serve food. The Path Farm supplies every need in so many different ways!

Hope really does begin with a meal -- for everyone! Find out more inside...



~Matthew 25:35 (NIV)



~ Strengthened work ethic
~ Healthy life skills
~ Self-reliant families

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SUPPORT THE PATH'S WORK PROGRAM AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, TOO!



Join The Path's Farm Co-op

The Path Farm Co-op offers your family the opportunity to enjoy a variety of seasonal, healthy, naturally-grown vegetables. Men and women at The Path's shelter plant, harvest and prepare members' baskets each week. The Path farms with environment-friendly resources-- like worm castings, river muck and other nutrient-rich resources. Many vegetables are harvested within 24 hours of the time you receive them. Supporting The Path's Farm Co-op means you help men and women improve their lifestyles!

Joining The Path's Farm Co-op is a great way to supplement your family food budget, food pantry boxes or feeding program with fresh, nutritious vegetables. Memberships are currently available for the Spring/Summer season, April-September. Or why not consider sponsoring a membership to donate to a family in need?

To join The Path's Farm Co-op or arrange a farm tour, call 352-527-6500x8



Path Farm Co-op Information

- ✓ 15 acres farmed naturally, pesticides-free
- ✓ No farm hours required
- ✓ Seasonal vegetables & fruits, baskets provided
- ✓ Pickups weekly, every Friday from 11am-4:30pm (Saturday pickups can be arranged)
- ✓ Vegetables harvested within 24 hrs
- ✓ Quantities & variety vary based on growing conditions. Each member receives equal shares.
- ✓ Two membership periods per year, October-March (fall/ winter) & April-September (spring/ summer)



Membership Fee

\$300/ membership period (6 mos. commitment)

Payment Options

- ✓ Paid in full by check or credit card
- ✓ \$50/month by automatic credit card deductions



Support our Rescue Mission work program!

You can change the lives of men, women and children TODAY!

Thanks to **The Feinstein Foundation**, The Path has an opportunity to provide meals in an even bigger way with your help. This foundation will divide \$1 million among hunger-fighting agencies nationwide—according to how much money is raised from people like you. The more money The Path raises through your contributions, the more money The Feinstein Foundation will award The Path to help continue feeding people in our community. Your gift is multiplied to feed and save lives!



Send your life-transforming gift in the **HOPE Reply Envelope**

Provide meals and a new start in life-- not only today but the rest of the year, too.

Thank you and God bless you!



Now that Mother's Day is almost here

Most women come to The Path in various stages of addiction withdrawal and scared of the unknown. No one wants them. Many are used to being providers for their families and that ability has been taken away. At The Path, we demonstrate what the love of Christ looks like in simple ways. We nurture them with Biblical counseling, a case plan, and safe outlets to express deeply-rooted emotions.

Thoughts from Rebecca, Women's Case Mgr:



"The common issues among the women here are loneliness and hopelessness. Often, there is little or no family support and they have little hope to repair their lives. We couldn't help them put their lives back together without our programs, food, clothing, a roof over their heads, transportation-- everything you have provided for them. Thank you for giving them time to recover and a place for families to reconnect and see their progress."

Help make this a Summer of Hope



Today, you have an opportunity. So many are still facing what seem to be insurmountable challenges just to make it day by day. You can see it in their eyes. You can hear it in their voices when they call us for help. When this happens, it can really go either way. What do you think will happen if no one is there to encourage and guide in the moments of deepest need?

Men & women at The Path need your extra compassion and support to break destructive addictions, habits & lifestyles. Prayerfully consider a special gift to help provide meals and life transforming programs during the critical summer months.

Visit The Path Online at www.pathofcitrus.org



Path Farm Co-op
Visit our online photo gallery for highlights of The Path's Farm & Co-op from the winter season!

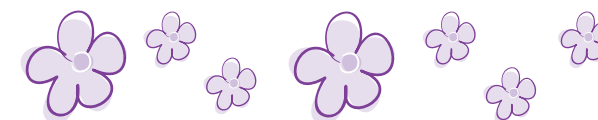
Path Spotlight

Our online photo gallery includes our latest New Life program certificate recipients plus other Path rescue mission stars.



Path Volunteers
Celebrate our volunteers & recent Grocery Drive and other activities!

Visit **Get Connected!** at www.pathofcitrus.org to find out more about becoming a volunteer!



Path Needs

- ✓ Meat- any kind
- ✓ Canned Goods
- ✓ Bibles- NKJV, NIV & Large print!
- ✓ Christian DVD's for our library
- ✓ 3-ring binders with pockets
- ✓ Spiral Notebooks- 8 1/2 x 11

Please pray for the men & women at The Path and their families