

DIRECTIONS

by the Executive Director

Dear Friends--

I'm thinking about doing a morning exercise program with volunteers. It would be a way to get to know you and we would help The Path with the farming by "scuffle hoeing" the field.

I don't like to exercise and not get something done. Maybe you are the same. If this is something that you feel the same way I do, would you give me a call? God bless.



In His Service,

DuWayne Sipper

Executive Director

PS- We need a sea container and a rear tine tiller. Call 352-527-6500x4 if you know of someone who can help!



Editor's Note: "Scuffle hoe" refers to a type of hoe, also called a stirrup hoe. These hoes are designed with a double edge blade that bends around to form a stirrup like rectangle attached to the handle. It does a superb job of weeding with hardly any effort. You simply push and pull the hoe just under the soil surface. Weeds are severed at the base, while your surrounding plants and their roots go undisturbed.

REDECORATING? MOVING?

Why not donate to
THE PATH SHELTER

BARGAIN STORE in Lecanto.

Or come check out the gently-used furniture or appliances & other household items!



Call **352-746-9084**
to arrange a furniture pickup today

STORE HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday
9am - 5pm

Saturday
9am - 3pm



DONATE MINI-VANS

Mini vans help The Path transport clients for appointments, offsite services, local churches and other client activities. We need your help to replace old vehicles! Or why not consider donating your car?

Call
DuWayne Sipper
352-527-6500 x4



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HOPE FOR TOMORROW PROGRAMS WITH PURPOSE

At The Path, we refer to ourselves as a "Gospel Rescue Mission." We are compelled foremost by Jesus' instructions to actively care for those in need, and to introduce them to the life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. Providing a protective refuge from fatigue and failure are critical first steps of a slow journey leading to new desires, choices, and direction in life. A gospel rescue mission like The Path prepares people to have meaningful roles leading to stability and purposeful living in our communities.

In addition to providing food, clothing and safe shelter at our Citrus County rescue mission, The Path offers comprehensive on-site programs and access to community services that address physical, emotional, relational and spiritual needs. For the men and women in our program, there is goal-directed case management, a "New Life" Program of intensive Christian discipleship and life skills education to address the deeper issues a person may have. Each area of focus is designed to transform the "whole person." We also partner with many local organizations for health-related issues, current identification, benefits, legal aide and other needs. Another important component is our supervised work programs at The Path's two bargain stores, Farm Co-op and 15-acre farm on land loaned by one of our local churches.

The Path focuses on developing responsible individuals with a Christian foundation, healthier habits, better parenting skills and sober lifestyles. Case Management is designed to help people get back on their feet through accountability, consistent evaluation and facilitated transitions. Case managers set goals specific to the client's background, education and abilities, and also help them best utilize the various resources available.

More importantly, Path programs encourage spiritual, emotional and physical health, reunited families and stronger communities. Men and women participate with instruction and hands-on learning to strengthen the work ethic, improve employability, strengthen family relationships, and break cycles of poverty and addiction.

For only \$1.57 a meal, you could change someone's life this summer. Make this a summer of hope for the many men and women who call The Path "home" each night. Support The Path's 2014 Summer of Hope Campaign through your giving.



I have people who care



We have hope to start over



My grandkids have their grandmom again

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." ~ Matt. 25:35 NIV



I have a relationship with God

SAVE THE DATE!

The Path's Annual
HARVEST HOPE BANQUET
Friday, October 17, 2014

Call Kathryn Sipper to sponsor a table!
352-527-6500 x5

Path of Citrus County
PO Box 3024, Inverness, FL 34451

Lecanto Bargain Store
1729 W. Gulf to Lake Highway
Lecanto, FL 34461
Mon - Fri 9 AM - 5 PM
Sat 9 AM - 4 PM

Path of Marion County
PO Box 77-1739, Ocala, FL 34477

Dunnellon Bargain Store
20565 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Dunnellon, FL 34431
Wed - Fri 9 AM - 5 PM
Sat 9 AM - 3 PM

Administrative Offices
21 S Melbourne St.
Beverly Hills, FL 34465
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HOPE FOR TODAY: VOICES OF DESPERATION



You have given them a gift of hope by providing safe shelter, meals, life-transforming guidance, and work programs. But there is still more to be done: The Path turns away 3 out of 4 calls due to space or make-up of the family.

If you or someone you know desires to help, call 352-527-6500x4

The Path does not take walk-ins. Every person who wants shelter has to call us directly for a phone interview before we can accept them. Answering the phones for The Path of Citrus County has been real eye opening experience. When I took over the phone calls for shelter a few years ago, I began to understand firsthand how difficult a task it was. Often, the details of someone's situation changed dramatically from the time I spoke with them initially to the point they actually arrive at The Path. Speaking to them from the beginning gave me insight as to how we could best help them before they even came to the door. We can have case items ready before they arrive and pull necessary documentation, as well as complete some preliminary research on the individual.

In more recent times the initial calls we get are mostly from family members first. I can often provide some guidance as to how they can help. The biggest need I hear is for financial assistance to keep someone from losing their home. When I first took over the phones, people tended to call for assistance by the time it was too late. Now I receive a lot of calls from those who have exhausted every effort with family, friends, and even most agencies. They call hoping we will have those funds or we may know of an agency they haven't contacted yet. By taking a few moments to speak with the person, I can get a feel for the household dynamics and often point them in the right direction towards resources they were not aware of or hadn't thought of.

If we can prevent someone from needing shelter, I know God is pleased with that! If there seems to be no other alternative but for them to come to a shelter-- and usually there is some deep underlying issue associated with those cases-- then we do a thorough assessment. We determine what course of action could really help them and whether our program could be where God is directing them to be.

~ submitted by Kristy Lindke, Office Manager

Visit The Path Online at www.pathofcitrus.org



Path Spotlight

Visit our online photo gallery! Highlights include New Life program certificate recipients & other Path rescue mission stars.

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A CHRISTIAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR ANYONE IN CITRUS COUNTY (AND IN THE FUTURE, MARION COUNTY) WHO FINDS THEMSELVES WITHOUT A HOME.

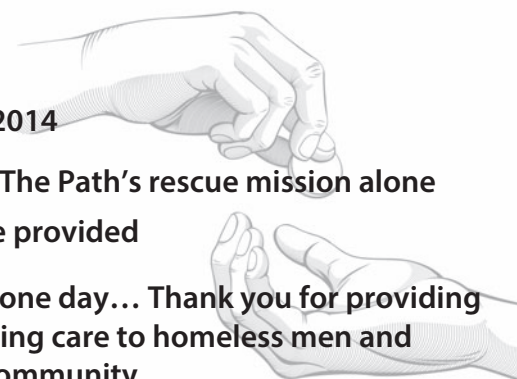
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you **GAVE** during Jan-May 2014

9,108 Meals were served at The Path's rescue mission alone

3,036 Nights of shelter were provided

Someone in heaven will thank you one day... Thank you for providing meals, shelter, hope and life-changing care to homeless men and women without hope here in our community.



PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE

The Path needs people from the community—people like you—to reach out to the hungry and homeless who call The Path “home” each night. As you look at these photos, try to put yourself in the picture...



Are you a people person? Join our newsletter stuffing groups or sort items at our bargain stores. Like to teach and mentor others? Help teach our Computer Basics and other life skills classes.



PATH NEEDS LIST

**Toilet Paper ~ Paper Towels ~ Bleach
Pine Sol ~ Shampoo/conditioner
Spiral notebooks
Unscented body lotion
Garbage bags (13 gal)**

How can I make a difference and give back to my community? Help “supply our needs” by collecting some of the many items we need to keep the houses clean and running smoothly as well as our men and women at their best!



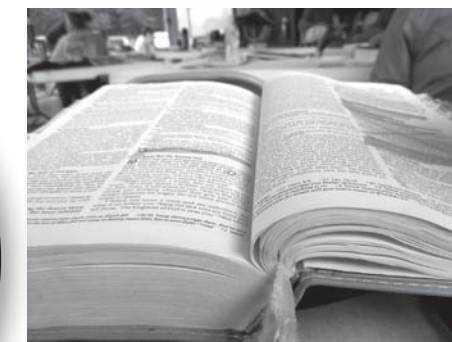
Are you asking yourself how can I help someone? Bring hope by leading a Christian 12-step recovery program.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS:

ONLY 2 hours
a month x 12 months = 24 hours a year

ONE DAY in 2014
spent changing lives

You can make 2014 brighter by **volunteering**. Two hours a month will change a life.



Spiritual growth, victorious Christian living—Christian discipleship teams make a difference!

There is a place for you, your friends & co-workers at The Path. Discover how you can make a difference as a volunteer.

Call 352-527-6500 and press 9 or visit our website at www.pathofcitrus.org