

GET CONNECTED

November 27 - Thanksgiving Food Drive to Benefit The Path at Walmart-Inverness

9am - 11:30am

Volunteer teams pass out urgently-needed grocery item lists to shoppers entering the store. Collect donated items at the store exit.

December 10 - Newsletter stuffing

9am - 1pm, lunch provided

Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills, 4950 N Lecanto Hwy.



Join our staff & clients for fun and fellowship stuffing 3,500 newsletters.

Call 352-527-6500 x9 for more information about these and other holiday volunteer activities

NEED ESTATE SALES, ESTATE SERVICES OR ESTATE LIQUIDATORS?

MOVING AND NEED YOUR HOUSE CLEANED OUT?

The Path Shelter Bargain & Thrift Stores are here to help you with a variety of estate services to help you with your estate liquidation, estate sales and cleaning out the house.

Call 352-527-6500x4 for information



DIRECTIONS

Dear Friends,

It is at times hard to write because sometimes I can't think of anything new to say that I have not already said in these letters.

For you, seeing is a whole lot different than reading. I encourage you to call me to see God's work for yourself! I will make time to give you an appointment for a tour of our facilities. The face of homelessness has changed and is changing.

God bless you for caring.

In His Service,

DuWayne Sipper

Executive Director



HELP REACH MORE LOST AND HUNGRY SOULS

Plan Your Year-end Giving Now

Great Year-End Ideas:

One-time gift of cash
Appreciated bonds, stocks, securities
Vehicles
Real Estate

Gifts that Keep on Giving

Monthly Donation
Planned Giving in Will or Trust
Volunteering Your Valuable Time

If you are 70 1/2 or older and an IRA owner, a charitable gift up to \$100,000 per year is still allowed on a required minimum IRA distribution!

352-527-6500 x4

Check first with your financial advisor or accountant to see if this charitable giving strategy is appropriate for you.



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GIVING THANKS FOR PRECIOUS LIFE AND A FUTURE

My name is Tracy and I'm 38 years old. Thank you for helping me to see my potential as a mom. The reason I have my life and my baby is because you made sure The Path was there when I desperately needed help. Without this, I don't know where I would have ended up. Or my baby, Erin. She would be without her mom and family—with strangers. Or born addicted to drugs. Or never been born at all. But now she is just a beautiful baby. You blessed her with so many clothes and food. And now we can go back home to a daddy, a grandma and a grandpa. I just want to say thank you for giving to us.

I don't think people realize The Path saves more than all kinds of adults. They save little babies and children. Now Erin can have a precious life with a mom and a dad, a family and Jesus.

My past was troubled and sad. Raised in Massachusetts, I was always running away from responsibility, relationships and life. Last October, I left my family and came here to live 'the high life'—drinking, using and selling drugs.



The Path welcomed me and loved me until I could love myself. You cared for me until I began to look forward to having my baby.

Then I found out I was pregnant. I realized I had a living heartbeat inside, separate from my own. God had created a brand new living person. I was scared, desperate and didn't know what to do. Soon after I was arrested, then released. There was nowhere for me to go so I hitchhiked and ended up in the woods. I was worried about starving to death. We had no money, no job and no place to stay.

Then I found The Path. They welcomed me and loved me until I could love myself. You opened your church doors to me and taught me about Jesus. You cared for me until I began to look forward to having my baby. I thought I would have to give up Erin because I couldn't take care of her—or myself. (continued on page 2)

"Thank you for helping me to see my potential as a mom. The reason I have my life and my baby is because you made sure The Path was there when I needed help."



Tracy and Erin have a future together as a family, thanks to you. Your support rebuilds lives.

A meal means everything... for a few dollars, you can provide a nutritious meal that changes lives.



Your gift will also do so much more to follow up a meal with a warm bed and safe surroundings, clean clothes, case management and an effective Bible-based recovery program for men and women who desire a changed life and self-sufficiency—but need guidance and God's love to learn how.

When someone is hurting and lonely, they need to feel kindness and encouragement from God-- and know someone like you cares enough to help. Hope begins with a meal.

Your gift has an immediate impact and changes lives every day. Thank you for supporting The Path with your financial gifts throughout the year.

Change lives today by returning your gift in the envelope provided with your newsletter. Thanks for Giving!

Hope begins with a meal...



Thank you for your compassionate support this holiday season

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PO Box 77-1739, Ocala, FL 34477

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21 S Melbourne St.
Beverly Hills, FL 34465
352-527-6500



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

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

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I've learned to take responsibility for my circumstances. Here at The Path, I was baptized. I was glad for a meal and a fully belly. I was clothed. I was counselled. My probation requirements were fulfilled.

"I've learned to take responsibility for my circumstances... We are very grateful."

They helped me reconcile with my husband, who became a Christian through our counselling. He reads the Bible and goes to church.

Now we have a Christian home and family waiting for us. We are very grateful.

Erin was born premature in June 2014, but healthy and drug free. Tracy has overcome many obstacles thanks to your support. She is an example of the transformation that is possible when you put the past behind and fix your eyes on the hope of a new life in Christ. Thank you for supporting The Path in the ways that you do—you've helped take care of one more lost soul on the streets and given a little baby girl her family and a future.

Be sure to read The Path's December newsletter for an update on Tracy, baby Erin and their family



"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

~Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)



HOPE BEGINS WITH A MEAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



"CAN" YOU HELP US WITH ANY OF THESE THINGS?

Supplies are running low and we need your help to restock our food pantry to provide meals and other needs.

- Turkeys, ham, chicken, hamburger, pork chops
- Lunch meat • Canned meat • Canned tuna
- Canned fruit • Canned vegetables
- Outdoor garbage bags
- Household cleaning items- Pine Sol, bleach, etc.
- Laundry detergent (liquid) • Dish soap
- Personal hygiene items • Toilet paper
- Unscented body lotion
- Zip lock storage bags, all sizes



Eat Healthy AND Help Fight Hunger

Your support is vital to help families become healthier with locally-grown, pesticides-free vegetables. The Path Farm and Co-op involves our community with activities related to growing food naturally. As a result, you can have greater access to fresh, nutritious food for your household.

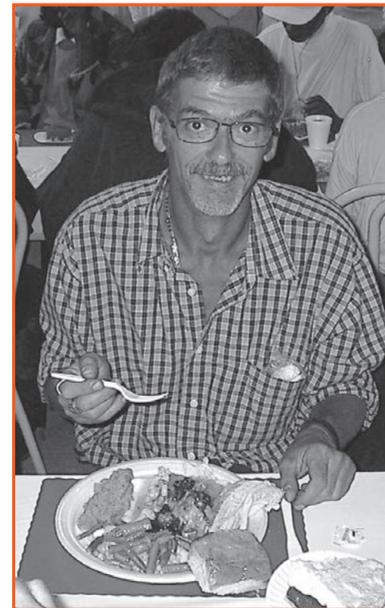
At the same time, the farm provides men and women at The Path with physical work to help with their recovery and living healthier. The Path Farm also provides a supervised work program. Onsite "Eating Healthy" cooking classes taught by volunteers teach hands-on, practical skills in feeding individuals and families with the food from the farm.

Enjoy the health benefits of pesticides-free vegetables!



Join The Path Farm Co-op by calling 352-527-6500 x8. For more information, visit www.PathOfCitrus.org and download a brochure

The Path of Marion County needs your help to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals



A hot meal was the first step to hope and a new life for me. Thank you for my meal.

www.PathOfMarion.org

GIVE SOMEONE HOPE BY SHARING

by Karen Timm

Volunteers serve in many capacities by contributing time, energy and talents that help fulfill The Path's mission. Volunteers generate enthusiasm and help to create awareness in the community. From newsletter stuffing to coaching a class to helping at the bargain stores, volunteering is rewarding for you and can be life-changing for men and women at The Path.

Sharing your skills with others has many positive benefits. You show concern for your community. You meet great people, develop a new skill, and improve your health. Even if you only touch one person, you can make a difference in their life-- for the rest of their life.

I enjoy volunteering because I am serving a cause greater than myself. There have been times in my life when people were there to help me. For me, volunteering is a way of giving back for the many



blessings I have received. Sometimes something as little as a smile can make someone's day. Volunteering helps give your life a greater sense of purpose You will feel more connected to your community. All it requires is a willingness to help.



Volunteer Vera Swade (left) shares her teaching talents & encouragement. Sharing just one day of your time (2 hrs per month, for a year) changes lives!

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required."
~Luke 48:12

Discover the joy of volunteering: if you make a difference in only one life, you've made a difference! Call Karen Timm today for volunteer needs: 352-527-6500 x9.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Donate** - personal hygiene & household cleaning items, used clothing, furniture, home furnishings, bedding, appliances
- Purchase** - our bargain stores are filled with unique treasures you may not find anywhere else
- Volunteer** - we have plenty of volunteer opportunities and projects for individuals or groups called to serve at The Path
- Invite** - one of our staff to come to your meeting or small group to let you know how to get connected with our community ministry

Find out more about other valuable hands-on community ministry experiences

Call 352-527-6500 x9

It takes a community to change a life...

Visit The Path Online at www.PathOfCitrus.org



The Path Spotlight Check out special events and achievements by visiting The Path's online photo gallery!

Help share Christmas with someone who doesn't have a home ... Become a Path Christmas Angel

You can make this Christmas special for someone at The Path. Your kindness will touch hearts with God's love. Groups or individuals can "adopt" our adult men or women and provide them with Christmas gifts from their very own "Needs and Special Christmas Wish List."

The Path will provide the first names of individuals and their information. Christmas Angel sponsors can buy and wrap the gifts-- or provide a financial gift and we will take care of the rest! Wrapped gifts should be tagged and delivered to The Path's office at 21 S Melbourne St. in Beverly Hills by December 23.

Become a Christmas Angel by calling Karen Timm at 352-527-6500 ext. 9

