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You Helped Set a New Direction for Bo

“I’ve become closer to my Lord.”

Bo had lived a quiet, Christian life, secure in the love of the grandparents who raised him. But by the time he was 14, both grandparents had died and Bo was left to fend for himself. He drifted away from the church and eventually began drinking and using drugs.

The responsibilities of a family and a job weren’t enough to stem the tide of Bo’s addiction. For the next 28 years, he was in and out of various rehab programs, with no lasting results.

Bo heard about The Path and thought it might finally set him in the right direction. When he arrived, he immediately felt safe and cared for. Today he understands why The

Path succeeded when so many other programs failed him. “I became a lot closer to my Lord. It’s amazing the difference in how you feel when you’re doing the right things and not using drugs and you have the Lord in your life!”

Since coming to The Path, Bo has been able to stop three of the medications he was taking to treat his depression. “I’m still on two. Hopefully in the next couple of months, I’ll get off all of them.”

Work has been good medicine for Bo. “I work on The Path Farm,” he tells us. “Yesterday I got a promotion—I’m

PLEASE KEEP READING MORE ABOUT BO INSIDE ⇨

DIRECTIONS

Staying the Course



DuWayne Sipper, *Executive Director*

Dear Friend,

At The Path, every summer day is filled with hard work, helping our clients stay the course through their recovery process. But they wouldn't take a break from it and neither would I.

It's a privilege to help lead clients like Bo back to the God they knew in their youth and forward to lives of stability and promise. Of course, summer is also filled with the more immediate challenges of feeding our hungry neighbors, providing fresh water and sheltering them from the punishing heat.

You've probably also noticed that this newsletter looks a lot different. However we'll always share stories of inspiration and let you know how you can continue to be an important part of God's life-saving work at The Path!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DuWayne Sipper". The signature is written in a cursive style. To the right of the signature is a faint, light-colored graphic of a fish, which is a symbol often associated with Jesus.

...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

—PHILIPPIANS 1:6

URGENT NEED: New Roofs!



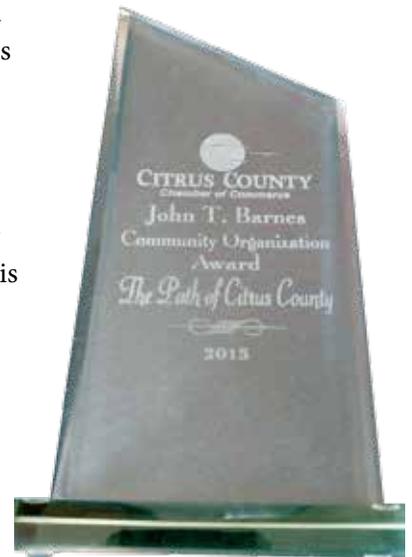
Watch your mail next month for a unique opportunity to help The Path. Our clients reside in four houses, all in need of new roofs, with two in particularly poor condition. We even had to resort to covering one with a tarp!

Your challenge will be to help match funds provided by generous friends of The Path in May and June so we can take care of this urgent need and concentrate on care and programs for our clients.

Contact DuWayne Sipper at sipperd@pathofcitrus.org or (352) 527-6500 x4 to help today with our Leadership Challenge.

The Path Recognized for Service to Community

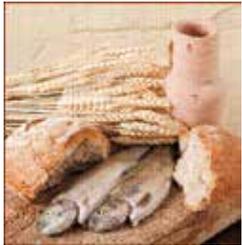
The Path received the John T. Barnes Community Organization of the Year award from the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to our community by a local organization. Since 2001, The Path has served the needs of homeless men, women and their children by providing food, shelter and life-changing services.





SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 21 The Path's 14th Annual Harvest Hope Fundraiser Banquet



Join us at 1st Baptist Church-Crystal River for a special evening celebrating life transformation and your part in furthering God's ministry to the hungry and homeless. Call Kathryn Sipper at (352) 527-6500 x5 to find out how you can become a banquet sponsor. And please invite friends who are new to The Path!

Thursday, October 27 Monthly Partner Fellowship Event

Members of The Path's **99 and One Giving Club** are invited to meet DuWayne and Kathryn Sipper at The Path, 31 S. Melbourne Street in Beverly Hills. Join us for light refreshments from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

99 AND ONE CLUB

Share some of the important ways your monthly partnership is making a difference! Not a member of The Path's **99 and One Giving Club**? Find out more about becoming a monthly partner and convenient ways to give at <http://pathofcitrus.org/monthly-giving-club.php>. Or, you can call Kathryn Sipper at (352) 527-6500 x5.

The Path Needs

Join The Path's **Great Summer Scrub-Up** by collecting these household supplies:

- ✓ Trash bags, 13 gal. or larger
- ✓ Dish cleaning liquid (Palmolive, Dawn, etc.)
- ✓ Laundry detergent
- ✓ Bleach or Pine Sol
- ✓ Toilet paper
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Sponges, any size

Help by collecting any of these ongoing needs for The Path:

- ✓ Canned goods
- ✓ Alcohol-free mouthwash
- ✓ Shampoo and conditioner
- ✓ Men's and women's razors
- ✓ Men's & women's deodorant
- ✓ Size 4 diapers and baby wipes
- ✓ Gallon and sandwich-size Ziploc bags

Collect these goods as a community missions project or summer activity for your family!

Drop off items at 21 S. Melbourne Street in Beverly Hills or call (352) 527-6500 x9 to arrange a pickup.



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going to be the new handyman on the rescue mission grounds. I've been doing construction my whole life. I can fix just about anything."

Today Bo is looking into a couple of job opportunities outside The Path and hopes to move into The Path's transitional housing soon. He is especially excited about his renewed relationship with his four children. "They're really proud that I'm in this program," he says.

Without friends like you who support The Path, Bo says that he would be either homeless or dead. "You are fantastic! Thank you very much and God bless you!"

Did you know...

You can help change a life for \$2.42!

For about the price of a cup of coffee, you can sponsor a meal and make this a **Summer of Hope** for a hungry man or woman. Give a real meal and a second chance!



Visit www.PathOfCitrus.org or www.PathOfMarion.org for secure online giving.

Volunteer Profile: Tammi

Being a volunteer group counselor at The Path has been “the greatest education” in Tammi’s life. “One particular client was as well-traveled and educated as I was, and that’s hard to do, because God has been very gracious to me and I’ve been in a lot of places! That annihilated my view of who I thought a homeless person was.”

Tammi learned that many circumstances bring people to The Path. “They have life experiences just like you and me. They’re all just trying to make it, so you jump in and pray with them, and see what God does.”

To those thinking about volunteering, Tammi points out that you don’t need direct client contact to make a difference. “Two thousand things happen every day to keep this place going,” she says. “I’ve heard people talking down their efforts as ‘I’m just a letter stuffer.’ They don’t take into account what a big deal it is to be a letter stuffer or volunteer at the food drive or sort clothes at the store.”

As Tammi says, there are many meaningful ways to help at The Path! See the information to the right for just a few ideas.



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How You Can Help

This summer, we’re looking for a few men and women to serve:

1. **Farm Volunteers** to help out in our greenhouse and with other farm activities at The Path’s 15-acre farm in Hernando.
2. **Media Volunteer** to write articles and take photos about Path activities & events, internal and community, for the *Chronicle* and Path newsletters. Prior public relations experience helpful!
3. **Co-Leader for women’s Christian 12-step Recovery class.** Meets Tuesday evenings, 6:00–7:00 p.m. at The Path. The Path uses the Life Recovery workbook by Stephen Arterburn. Experience leading small groups helpful!
4. Another great way to help: **Path Grocery Collections** at Walmart in Lecanto on August 20, September 17, October 15, November 5. Mobilize your church, Boy Scout troop, or any organization and stop by to shop for needed items.

Contact Kelli Caudill at kcaudill@pathofcitrus.org or phone at (352) 527-6500 x9 for details. Visit **Get Connected!** at www.PathOfCitrus.org to find out more about becoming a volunteer!

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