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REV. DR. TED GREER, JR.

I am pleased to share that our new day respite center for unsheltered homeless families has experienced great success in helping families transitioned from the daily challenges of living on the HOT South Florida streets and into an air conditioned space at HOPE South Florida. Families receive meals, rest, social activities, case management assistance to help access scattered-site apartment housing and support services. Since the kick-off of the day respite center on February 19, 2019, the center has received and enrolled more than 165 families. Additionally, the expansion of the Shared Meals program from five to seven days a week, is now serving between 1,100 - 1,400 meals per week. Many thanks for the consistent support from our community and church partners and the funding from Operation Lift Hope, the Broward Business Council on Homelessness and United Way of Broward. As a result of a challenging summer in terms of giving, we are hoping we can absolutely count on our faithful friends, donors and supporters to invest in the mission of HOPE South Florida and help us finish 2019 strong. We encourage and look forward to your continued generous support.

Please contact our office to let us know how you can support and/or become an individual, family, corporate and church partner with HOPE South Florida. I look forward to seeing you at our up-coming 2019 HOPE for the Holidays Gala on Friday, November 22, 2019 at Bahia Mar in Fort Lauderdale. Together, we thrive.

In His service,

Rev. Dr. Ted Greer, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

CHAIRMAN’S LETTER
KIM SAISWICK, RN, EdD, LMHC

Dear Friends of Hope South FL,

A time of Thanksgiving...Thanks for friends and family, for the food on your table and bread you will break, The bounty you will share, the good health you have - And the wealth and prosperity you enjoy.

However, many do not share the good fortune that we may have been blessed with. The families we serve seek...shelter for their family in the dark shadows, praying not to be seen. Safety for themselves and family, that attempt to hide unscathed. Storage for their last prized possessions, hidden, and hopeful that they won’t be found. Time... to finish school, find a job, hear yourself think in the quick minutes that pass beyond the dark and the dawn. Quiet to share moments of silence and peace within themselves and their God.

I pray that each of you will find a place in your heart and opportunity in your wallet to share some of your good fortune, to share thanksgiving with our babies, our children, and our families that we lovingly care for and minister to. Please give the gift of hope for their future and in turn give a gift to yourself, as there is no greater gift than to give. You may donate on our new website at www.hopesouthflorida.org

Blessings to each of you and yours,
Kim Saiswick
RN, EdD, LMHC

HOPE South Florida
UPCOMING EVENT

Don’t miss
Our Signature Event

2019 HOPE for the Holidays Gala

Honoring

Calvin Hughes
WPLG Local 10 News Anchor
Our Master of Ceremonies

Friday, November 22, 2019
6:30 PM-11:00pm

Bahia Mar
Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel
801 Seabreeze Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33316

For more information on sponsorships or to purchase tickets, please contact Jalers@hopesouthflorida.org - 954.566.2311

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Your financial contribution is what helps make our programs possible

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE ANGELS

This past August 10, 2019 we were blessed to celebrate the birthdays of the children of the families we served. Each child with birthdays in June, July and August, along with their siblings and parents, were invited to Skyzone with a wonderful lunch and then back to HOPE for more fun, crafts, dancing, smiles, cakes and presents.

The look of the birthday children’s faces were priceless as they each got a present of their choice.

CEO of HOPE South Florida, Dr. Ted Greer, Jr. was in attendance and greeted and shared with the birthday families.

Jackeline (Jackie) Alers, Chief Development Officer of HOPE South Florida, and Zach Finn, founder of Birthdays Angels, led the celebration and gave all the gifts to the children, they were called one by one and giving them a hug and a smile, received with emotion, and a surprise that they will never forget.

Happy Birthday to the Angels.
Dozens of professional up and comers, and business leaders gathered at Finn Real Estate Enterprises to learn how they could support HOPE South Florida led by altruism. The committee has been named HOPE’s Angels and will be chaired by local business owner, Zach Finn who also underwrote the event.

CEO for HOPE South Florida, Dr. Ted Greer, Jr. briefly spoke of the organization, its mission and the programs and services being offered to homeless families and veterans in Broward County.

Jackeline (Jackie) Alers, Chief Development Officer for HOPE South Florida, approached Zach Finn to garner his support and lead this group of young professionals, creating a succession of future leaders for HOPE South Florida. “Young professionals have no shortage of talent and energy to share with HOPE South Florida (HSF). They are committed to incorporating important segments of the communities by bringing awareness for HSF amongst civic-minded professionals while promoting opportunities in fundraising and service delivery.” said Jackie.

Zach Finn shared that he attended Gratitude Training with a group named ML31 Fort Lauderdale. He and his team were charged with supporting children and homelessness. They stumbled on to HSF and collectively decided to create the “Birthday Angels”. “When you were a kid, which birthday was your favorite? Have you’ve ever considered that some children never have a birthday celebration? “ Zach shared with the attendees.

The Birthday Angels help support HOPE South Florida’s mission by creating a joyful, inspiring and loving environment in which children facing homelessness get to celebrate their birthdays. This core group of the Birthday Angels will be the founders of HOPE’s Angels carrying on that legacy of celebrating the birthdays of homeless children every quarter in addition to raising much needed funds and awareness for the growing number of families and veterans confronted with homelessness.
TAKE THE TOUR – Learn more about the comprehensive programs and service we provide to help homeless families and veterans with gaining independence from homelessness.

HAVE US SPEAK – We are available to share our story and mission with our community partners and continue to garner support for those that we serve.

MAKE A MONETARY DONATION – There are numerous ways you can help support what we do. Our Development team is happy to discuss the best vehicle for you.

SERVE A MEAL – Our Shared meals program served over 50,000 hot and nutritious meals in 2018. We are on track to surpass that for 2019. We could not provide those meals 7 days a week, 365 days a year without your help. We are always open to partnering with civic and professional organizations, corporations, individuals, families and our church partners to help in this endeavor of sharing food and love.

SHARE A JOB – Our Employment Specialist is always searching for job and career opportunities for our clients so that they can once again gain financial independence.

HOST AN EVENT – Plan and host a special event such as a sports tournament, company employee outings, fashion show, or jeans day that will help raise funds to support our mission.

CELEBRATE WITH US – Commemorate a special occasion by having you or your guests make a donation in your name to HOPE South Florida in lieu of gifts.

ORGANIZE A DRIVE – Call or visit our website to obtain our current list of items needed by our families.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Visit our new website at www.hopesouthflorida.org
2018 HOPE SOUTH FLORIDA - FUNDING

Govt’ Contracts, 1,327,753
In Kind Contributions, 244,900
Other Income, 77,821
Events & Fundraising, 255,545
Private Gifts, 444,525
Grants, 534,045

TOTAL $2,884,589

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FULL EMPLOYEES: 25
OPERATING COSTS: 13.70%
SUCCESS STORY

S.G has overcome several barriers. The title of her story changed from HOPEless to HOPEful. She is a single mother of 4 and also cares for her disabled child. Prior to receiving assistance from HOPE South Florida Ms. G was sleeping in her car with her children due to her family’s home going into foreclosure. Ms. G was provided with hotel assistance from HOPE South Florida, Faith in Action program as she was not working a full-time. Ms. G only worked 8-12hrs a week which was not enough to support herself or her children. She was determined that once she found housing she would be able to find a stable full-time job.

Ms. G was referred to Keys to HOPE RRH program for assistance with obtaining stable and permanent housing. She searched diligently and with the assistance of our Housing Specialist, she was able to identify stable, affordable housing. After moving into her home, Ms. G was offered full-time employment at Best Western Hotel as a Superior Customer Service representative. She is now working 40hrs a week and continues to maintain stable housing for her and her children. Ms. G is now saving a portion of her monthly income and is on the road to financial stability.
To all who volunteered we say thank you this event. It would not have ran smoothly as it did if you had not put in the long hours cooking, serving food and overseeing the activities for our homeless families.

“Together we made a difference in our community!”
Every year, local churches throughout Broward County partner with Faith in Action by signing up for 1-2 weeks to provide crisis housing for our families. First Church Coral Springs has served as a church partner for the past 9 years. From assisting with our first annual Back-to-School bash, to assisting a mother enroll in GED classes, First Church Coral Springs continues to serve as a beacon of HOPE for our families and the ministry. Carol Donmez, the current host coordinator, when asked what is most enjoyable about being a FIA church partner, she stated, “We cherish the small moments of connection we share with our families. We want them to feel at home and to feel the love and empathy we have for them. It’s in these moments we HOPE they do. That moment can happen in when giving a tired mom a cup of coffee and remembering exactly how she takes it. Or, a sincere compliment to a teenager, seeing her eyes light up when told she has a beautiful smile.” Although each week brings new families and new challenges, First Church Coral Springs wants to instill a renewed sense of HOPE and faith in each family. Donmez stated, “The last morning of every host week, our families are given a bible. It is inscribed with a note, just for them, and expresses the HOPE we believe in for them. We have seen the strength they sometimes feel and it’s a wonderful way to know we’ve shared it with them.” As the Faith in Action program continues to operate each year, our faith partners want the program to continue to grow. When asked how First Church Coral Springs would like to see the program grow in the future, Donmez stated, “My prayer is that all of the host churches could come together to provide follow-up and/or mentorship to the families. As the families move on, they would have additional support. Another consideration would be to form a relationship with Big Brothers Big Sisters. By forming this relationship, children would be able to have the opportunity to have a mentor that can help each child live up to their full potential.”

Steve Sims is a graduate of Columbia University and a retired Marketing and Minority Business Executive in Florida and Washington D.C. In 2017, Steve joined the Board of Directors of HOPE South Florida and immediately hit the ground running. He quickly became a member of the Development Committee of the Board and soon after became its Chair. Steve has also assisted with Board recruitment efforts and has taken the lead to support executive staff by investing annually in state of the art software for grants and donor prospecting. Steve almost never misses a Board, committee or strategic planning meetings or any of our annual galas and golf tournaments. Steve also serves on the event committees of both the annual gala and golf tournament. He is also in attendance with staff and volunteers at facility improvement and landscaping projects. Steve personally invests and financially supports the advancement of the mission of HOPE South Florida.

It is for these reasons and more, Steve is selected as Board member of the Fourth Quarter. Thank you for your commitment to the mission, your generosity of your time, treasure and talents. You have been a true Ambassador for the ministry from day one. We are grateful for the HOPE you bring to homeless families and Veterans in Broward County. On behalf the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, we honor and appreciate you.

Congratulations!!
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

HOPE South Florida’s CEO is pleased to announce that Pery Canan, Sr. Director of Shared Meals and Mobile Shower Programs is our Employee of the Quarter (Quarter 4).

Pery has a rich history with HOPE South Florida (HSF) and its early beginnings when HSF was known as the Shepherds Way. Pery first started as a volunteer in 1996 and previously served on the founding Board of Directors, including as Chairman of the Board.

He transitioned from the Board to a staff role in February 2015 to take on the lead of the ministry’s meals, volunteers and community and church engagement efforts. Pery is affectionately referred to as “Pastor Pery” by the homeless and volunteers. He is a compassionate, caring and engaging servant leader. Pery loves the Lord and is inspired by God to fulfill his ministry assignments. The photo with this recognition is with Pery and a woman named Kimmy who represents a special testimony still in the works and serves as a reminder of why God has called Pery into this ministry of HOPE.

Pery is being recognized as Employee of the Quarter because he has accepted without hesitation or reservation increased responsibilities due to the demand for services from those we serve. Meal provision has increased from five days to seven days a week (150-200 meals nightly). Additionally, Pery took on the responsibility of overseeing our new mobile shower program (300 showers monthly). Pery accomplishes his work assignments with only one part-time staff support. Pery is however, gifted in engaging and recruiting an army of volunteers derived from our community and faith partners. This adds to Pery’s role of managing our volunteer program including an annual Volunteer Luncheon. Pery also assists the CEO with facilitating the ministry’s Quarterly Pastor’s Breakfast and weekly staff devotions.

HSF is indebted to Pery for his longevity with the ministry and his commitment to give his best self to those who needs him most. Please join us in expressing our gratitude to a humble Servant Leader, Pery Canan.

HOPE’S CULTURE

Splash shared summer day at C.B. Smith Water Park

The HOPE South Florida family shared an incredible fun day at C.B. Smith Water Park. Family time, barbecue, games and more. Thank you to our HOPE's family.

NEW HIRE

Joanna (Nany) Hernandez, Events and Marketing Coordinator

HOPE South Florida is delighted to introduce Joanna Hernandez as our newest member of the Development and Marketing team. Joanna started on July 2, 2019 and was ready to bring her time and talent to the team and to the ministry. Joanna will collaborate in planning producing and overseeing the execution of marketing and communications activities including media, promotions, website, social media and collateral materials. With her vast connections with numerous media channels she will develop a media campaign to enhance the newly developed events and marketing plan. Joanna will oversee and assist with organizations signature events as well as other events as needed. She will also manage, develop, produce and distribute promotional and collateral materials including the quarterly newsletter.

Joanna brings to HOPE South Florida more than 15 years in the entertainment industry where event planning and execution is driven by details and hard deadlines. She has a unique creative eye that will surely enhance our brand and our events moving forward. She guides herself through her faith and her collaborative principles.

The future of HOPE South Florida is bright with Joanna on board!

You may reach Joanna at 9545662311, ext 4270 or at jhernandez@hopesouthflorida.org
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