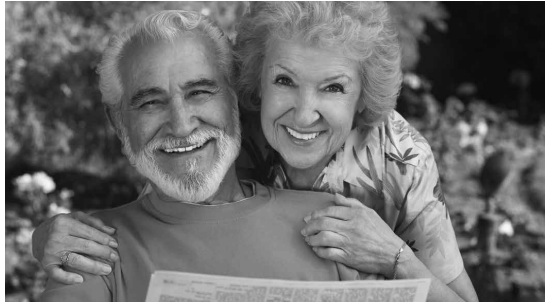




HERNANDO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 2019



SAVE MONEY ON PROPERTY TAXES

Exemption applications will be accepted for the 2019 Tax Year until March 1, 2019. Applications submitted from March 2, 2018 to March 1, 2019 will be for the 2019 Tax Year.

Please keep in mind exemptions require an application, proof of income, disability and other documents. We have listed a few, but there are additional exemptions. For more information, contact your local property appraiser at **352-754-4190**. You can apply in person, by mail or online.

Low-Income Senior Exemption. Provides an additional Homestead Exemption of up to \$50,000. Must be 65 or older as of January 1, and your total household adjusted gross income may not exceed the annual income limit set by the Florida Department of Revenue. This limit is modified each year and generally released in January. This only applies to the property taxes levied by the Board of County Commissioners.

Long-Term Senior Resident Exemption. If you are a 25 year or longer resident on your property, you may be eligible for up to a \$250,000 exemption off county taxes. Your property must have a market value of less than \$250,000.

Widow/Widower Exemption. An Exemption of up to \$500 is available to any widow/widower who owns property in Hernando County and is a resident of Florida

Disability Exemption. An exemption of up to \$500 is available upon proper submission of information.

Combat-Related Disability Exemption For Seniors. Applicant must be 65 or older on January 1st, must be honorably discharge from military service and have a service connected disability of 10% or more that is combat related.

Fallen Hero Exemption. Any surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty while employed by the state or any political subdivision of the state, including authorities and special districts s exempt from ad-valorem taxes providing the deceased was a Florida resident as of January 1 or the year of first responder died.

<https://www.hernandopa-fl.us/PAWEBSITE/Default.aspx>



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Health and Human Services

621 West Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Phone : (352) 540-4338

Fax: (352) 540-4339

Website: [http://](http://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-f-m/health-human-services)

www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-f-m/health-human-services

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mission Statement:

Providing residents with a safety net of resources, services and solutions to sustain or enhance their quality of life and promote self sufficiency.



EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT LINKS

CareerSource Pasco Hernando:

352-200-3020

www.careersourcepascohernando.com

IR Staffing: 1-800-261-9188

www.irstaffing.us

Temporary Employment Agencies:

People Ready: 352-796-3264

www.laborready.com

Spherion: 352-796-6000

www.spherion.com

Manpower: 352-592-8071

<https://www.manpower.com>

Education Links

Hernando Adult Education Program:

352-797-7018

<https://www.hernandoschools.org/Domain/1037>

Pasco-Hernando State College:

352-688-8798 www.phsc.edu

Suncoast Technical Education Center:

352-352-797-7091

www.suntech.com/

Mid Florida Community Services, Inc.—Head Start in Hernando County:

888-227-0010

www.mfcs.us.com/programs

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco & Hernando Counties, Inc.:

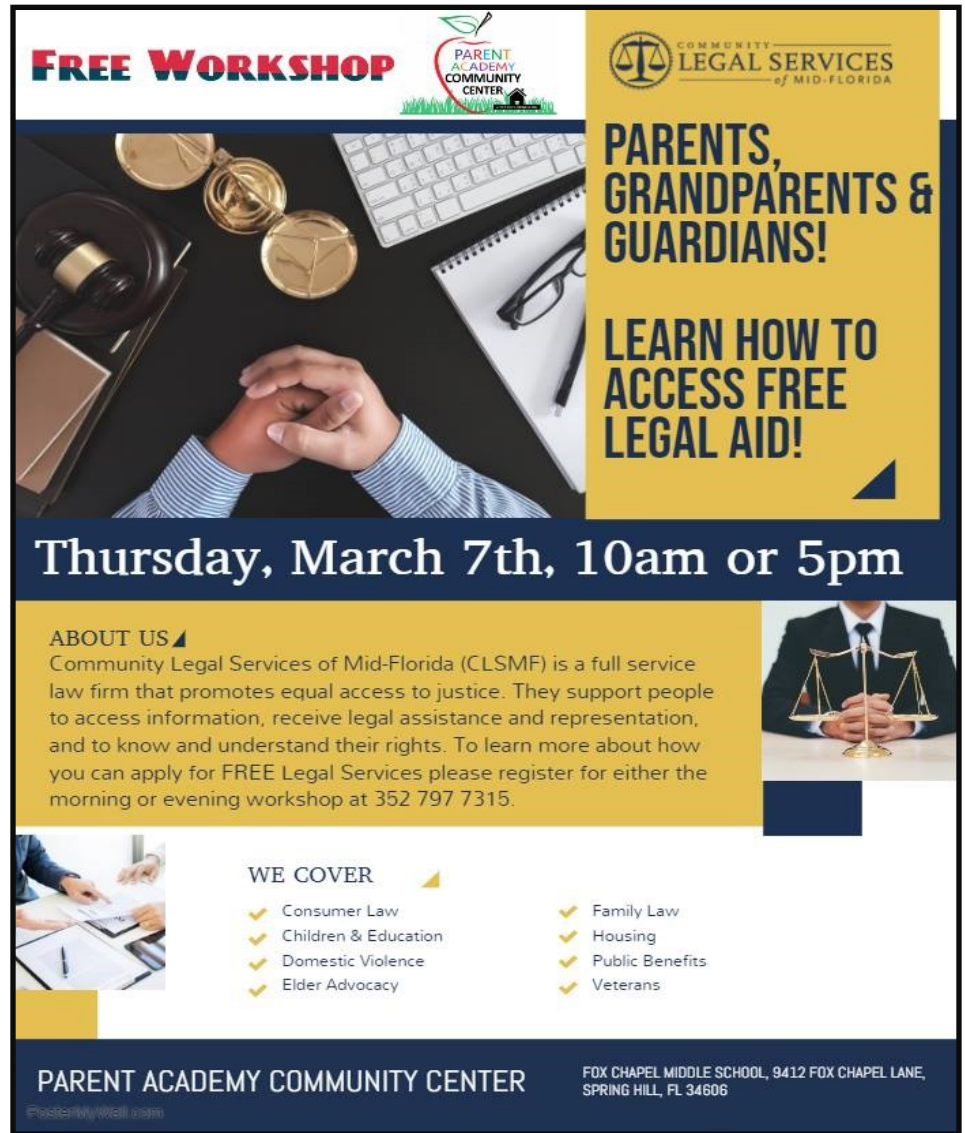
352-754-5068

www.phelc.org/vpkparentinformation.php

www.careersourcepascohernando.com/

Vocational Rehabilitation <https://www.careersourcepascohernando.com/>

www.careersourcepascohernando.com/



FREE WORKSHOP

PARENT ACADEMY COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES of MID-FLORIDA

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & GUARDIANS!

LEARN HOW TO ACCESS FREE LEGAL AID!

Thursday, March 7th, 10am or 5pm

ABOUT US ▾
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) is a full service law firm that promotes equal access to justice. They support people to access information, receive legal assistance and representation, and to know and understand their rights. To learn more about how you can apply for FREE Legal Services please register for either the morning or evening workshop at 352 797 7315.

WE COVER ▾

- ✓ Consumer Law
- ✓ Children & Education
- ✓ Domestic Violence
- ✓ Elder Advocacy
- ✓ Family Law
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Public Benefits
- ✓ Veterans

PARENT ACADEMY COMMUNITY CENTER

FOX CHAPEL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 9412 FOX CHAPEL LANE, SPRING HILL, FL 34606



EVERY CHILD HAS A CHANCE... IT'S YOU.

Guardian ad Litem
Pre-service Training

March 8th - 9th
Weeki Wachee, FL.

Registration Required!

Lift up a child's voice.
A child's life.

Become a Guardian ad Litem Volunteer
For more information visit GuardianadLitem.org

GAL
Guardian ad Litem
FOR CHILDREN
FLORIDA

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” ~ Nelson Mandela

HOUSING AND SHELTER

Are You Still Recovering from Hurricane Irma???

Rebuild Florida is a program of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), created to help Florida recover from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Irma. The first phase of Rebuild Florida is the Housing Repair Program, which will assist families to rebuild their homes that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Irma. The state of Florida is committed to helping homeowners affected by the storm by rebuilding or replacing damaged homes.

Rebuild Florida is a partnership of DEO and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which approved funding to local communities for Florida's long-term recovery efforts after the 2017 hurricane season. Rebuild Florida Housing Repair funds will help eligible homeowners impacted by Hurricane Irma and individuals and families from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands displaced by Hurricane Maria. **Rebuild Florida will repair and rebuild damaged homes across the hardest-hit communities of our state**, with priority funding for those low-income residents who are most vulnerable, including the elderly, those with disabilities and families with children under the age of 18. **For information and to register for a program click on the picture below.** <http://floridajobs.org/rebuildflorida>



BUSINESS RECOVERY



HOUSING REPAIR



LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Registration deadline extended. Florida DEO announced the extension of the registration deadline for Rebuild Florida to **Friday, March 29, 2019**

For more information about the program, please call 844-833-1010

Locate Rebuild Florida Centers at: <http://floridajobs.org/rebuildflorida/centers>



LIVE UNITED



Jericho Road Ministries

<http://www.jericho-road.net/>

Dawn Center

<http://www.dawncenter.org/>

New Beginnings Shelter

<http://www.yfainc.org/>

The Life Center [http://](http://www.lifecenterofhernando.com/)

www.lifecenterofhernando.com/

Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition [http://](http://www.midfloridahomeless.org/)

www.midfloridahomeless.org/

HHS Listing of Area Shelters

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/HealthandHumanServices/homeless/index.asp>

HHS Low and Affordable Apartment Listing

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/HealthandHumanServices/housing/index.asp>

Hernando County Housing Authority

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/housing/>

Hernando Down Payment Assistance Program—NSP3

<http://www.hernandodownpayment.com/>

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH



Hernando Cares
<http://hernandocares.org/>



NAMI –National Alliance of Mental Illness: <http://www.fnamihernando.org/>



BayCare Behavioral Health: <https://www.baycare.org/services/behavioral-health>



Free Discount Prescription Card

- Save up to 75% on prescriptions
- Individuals or families can use
- 60,000 participating pharmacies
- Use immediately with no paperwork to fill out
- No health restrictions – Everyone is accepted
- No fee ever charged for the card
- Save on brand and generic drugs
- Covers drugs not covered in health plans
- Covers many pet prescriptions

Save on your family's dental, vision, veterinary, hearing, diabetic equipment/supplies, lab and imaging services – all non-insurance discounted benefits – call 1-800-931-8872 or go to www.coast2coastrx.com for more information on all benefits and to print out a card, search for a provider and see frequently asked questions.

Cards can be obtained at :
Hernando County Health & Human Services
621 West Jefferson
Brooksville, FL 34601



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHFA)

Friday, March 8, 2019

8:00am - 5:00Pm

Free to our community. Hernando Community Coalition is hosting an 8 hour Mental Health First Aid public education course that introduces participants to the risk factors and warning signs of mental illnesses; including anxiety, depression, substance use, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, and schizophrenia. The course helps the public identify, understand and respond, as well as provide an overview of common supports. Classes fill up quickly. To attend, please email your name to Jbliska@tampabay.rr.com

Location: Florida Department of Health in Hernando County
7551 Forest Oaks Blvd
Spring Hill, FL 34606

Please direct questions to 352-596-8000.

***Members of the public are encouraged to attend
Your participation is needed***



PREGNANCY CONFIRMATION/ VERIFICATION AT NO COST TO YOU

A New Generation provides ultrasound services at no charge to you.

A pregnancy test is not conclusive and is insufficient to make a decision about your situation. Pregnancy tests respond to a hormone, HCG, released in your body when pregnant. However, up to 1/5 of all pregnancies end in natural miscarriage. HCG levels may remain high in your body, meaning for a period of time you will still test positive, but you may not have a viable pregnancy. Ultrasound, not urine or blood tests, is the fastest way to determine if you have a viable pregnancy.

Parental Consent Not Required

Insurance Not Required

7084 Mariner Blvd
Spring Hill, FL 34609

Cheryl Bennett, Executive Director, (352) 544-0911

www.purehope.org

HELPFUL INFORMATION



Florida Ombudsmen Program - Advocating for Quality Long Term Care

Apply to become a state-certified volunteer long-term ombudsmen. In the state of Florida, a long-term care ombudsman is a trained volunteer who helps to improve the quality of care and life for residents of long-term care facilities such as nursing

homes, assisted living facilities, and adult family care homes.

According to Elder Affairs, nearly 60% of long-term care residents in Florida do not receive visits from family members or friends. Volunteer ombudsmen are community members, from all walks of life who care about improving the life for residents living in long term care facilities. They are trained to work with residents and their family members to communicate concerns and resolve problems by providing advocacy, support, education and empowerment.

Volunteer ombudsmen spend hours each year in licensed long-term care facilities, working to identify, investigate and resolve the concerns of residents and their loved ones, and performing annual assessment of every facility in Florida.

Ombudsmen also receive and investigate complaints on behalf of nursing home residents and their families and serves as a voice for residents ensuring that the facility meets mandated legal standards for every person receiving long-term services. A few hours of your time helps protect people in nursing homes. Meal and mileage reimbursement included. **Call today to apply at 1-888-831-0404 or visit ombudsmen.myflorida.com.**



ATTENTION SNAP CUSTOMERS

Due to the partial US Government Shutdown, SNAP customers who are not renewing in February will receive half of their

March benefits on March 1, 2019 and half on their regularly assigned day. If your renewal was approved by February 16th for the month of March, you will receive half of your benefits on March 1, 2019 and the other half on your regularly assigned day. If your renewal is approved on or after February 17, 2019 for the month of March, your case will be processed as usual and your full benefits for March will be available on the your regularly assigned day. New approved applications will be processed as usual and March benefits will be available on the assigned day. The assigned day will be stated on your approval notice in your MyACCESS Account. Remember to check your MyACCESS Account for the status of you case.

Please call 1-866-762-2237, if you have questions or concerns.



Florida Department of Health, Hernando County

7551 Forest Oaks Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34606

And 300 S. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601
352-540-6800

<http://hernando.floridahealth.gov/>



Premier Health Care

352-518-2000

<http://www.premierhc.org/>

Florida KidCare

Florida KidCare

888-540-5437

<https://www.healthykids.org/apply/>



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
MYFLFAMILIES.COM

Apply for assistance from any computer with an internet connection at: <https://dcf-access.dcf.state.fl.us/access/index.do>

Paper applications available at your local Customer Service Center. Go to: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/map.shtml> to find a center near you.

For More Information call Toll Free: (866) 762-2237

Crescent Community Clinic

5244 Commercial
Way Spring Hill
34606
(352) 610-9916



For more information visit:

www.crescentclinic.org

VETERAN SERVICES



1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

VA PROVIDES \$1 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR FLORIDA VETERANS SUPPORT LINE

To enhance veteran suicide prevention efforts, the [Crisis Center of Tampa Bay](#), [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) and [Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs \(FDVA\)](#)

announced that the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay has received a \$1 million contract from the VA to enhance services provided to Florida veterans through the [Florida Veterans Support Line \(1-844-MyFLVet\)](#).

Connecting veterans who are experiencing an emotional or mental health crisis with certified veteran counselors at **2-1-1** Centers across Florida can and will save lives.

The funding provides necessary resources to place veteran resource management staff and Veteran Peer Care Coordinators at local, non-profit organizations throughout Florida who answer calls from the Florida Veterans Support Line. Funding also provides technical assistance to those local organizations. Through veteran resource management staff, a database of VA and Non-VA community resources helpful to veterans will be created and maintained through this project.

Veteran Peer Care Coordinators provide follow-up, short-term support to veterans who call **1-844-MyFLVet (693-5838)** and **2-1-1**. These veteran peers are able to easily relate to veteran callers because of similar life experiences that are unique to the veteran community.

The VA funding provides the next step in implementing a model of care for Florida's veterans modeled after the peer function of the national [Veterans Crisis Line](#) (1-800-273-8255 and press 1) and innovated for statewide use by the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center first launched the Florida Veterans Support Line in 2014 as a five-county pilot program. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs was instrumental in the launch of the program and continues to provide support in facilitating inter-agency collaboration for **1-844-MyFLVet**.

For more information regarding the **Florida Veteran Support Line**, please visit <https://www.myflvet.com>. All calls are confidential and available 24/7 everyday

Hernando County

Veterans Services Information



VA Outpatient Clinic

Brooksville CBOC
14540 Cortez Blvd, Suite 108
Brooksville, FL 34613
Keith Growe
LCSW / Social Worker
Phone: (352) 597-8287 Ext. 4121
Fax: (813) 631-3458
Email: keith.growe2@va.gov



Career Source Pasco Hernando Veteran Employment Services

7361 Forest Oaks Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34606
Marty Monegro:
(352) 200-3022



Your Local Veteran Service Office

Tony Graham HM2 USN, (FMF)

Veteran Services Manager, CVSO

tgraham@co.hernando.fl.us

621 West Jefferson Street

Brooksville, FL 34601

Phone (352) 754-4033

Fax (352) 754-4726

Monday - Friday

8 AM - 5 PM Closed 12-1 for Lunch

Visit our website to see all of the benefits available to Hernando County Veterans

Services, Medical Facilities, Shuttle

Services, Form & Publications & Much More!!

For more information go to:

<http://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/veteran-services>

HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES



<p>March 15</p> <p>10:00 AM - Baby Storytime - WH 10:00 AM - VITA - SH 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime - WH 11:00 AM - Introduction to Ukulele - EH 11:15 AM - Preschool Storytime - WH 12:00 PM - SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only) 2:30 PM - Tech Tutors - WH 3:00 PM - It's JAZZ! - SH 3:00 PM - The Eastside Story - Murder at the Speakeasy - EH</p>	<p>March 20</p> <p>10:00 AM - Learning the Mouse - SH 10:30 AM - Storytime - EH 11:30 AM - "WooooSaaahh" Wednesdays - BV 2:00 PM - Author Talk - Dr. Ravi Nathan - Second Chance: A Sister's Act of Love - SH 2:00 PM - Financial Management Series - BV 4:00 PM - Let's Cook! - WH 4:00 PM - Spring Fling Crafts for Kids - BV</p>
<p>March 16</p> <p>10:00 AM - Game On! - EH 10:00 AM - VITA - SH 11:00 AM - The Basics - Cake Decorating - EH</p> <p>Library Closed on Sundays</p>	<p>March 21</p> <p>10:00 AM - Learning the Mouse - EH 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime -SH 11:00 AM - Book Discussion Group - BV 11:15 AM - Preschool Storytime - SH 1:00 PM - Writers Workshop - EH 1:30 PM - Choose to Quit - SH 2:00 PM - Book Discussion Group - WH</p>
<p>March 18</p> <p>10:00 AM - Learning the Mouse - BV 11:00 AM - Meditation Mondays - WH 3:00 PM - Spring Fling Crafts for Teens - WH</p>	<p>March 22</p> <p>10:00 AM - Baby Storytime - WH 10:00 AM - VITA - SH 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime - WH 11:15 AM - Preschool Storytime - WH 12:00 PM - SHINE - EH (individual counseling by appt. only) 2:30 PM - Tech Tutors - EH</p>
<p>March 19</p> <p>10:00 AM - Learning Circle: Introduction to Public Speaking - EH 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime - BV 11:15 AM - Preschool Storytime - BV 2:00 PM - Classics Book Discussion - SH 2:00 PM - Movies @ Your Library - EH 4:00 PM - Art Attack! - WH 4:00 PM - The Health Insurance Marketplace and You - BV</p>	<p>March 23</p> <p>10:00 AM - Game On! - EH 10:00 AM - VITA - SH 1:00 PM - Family Movie @ Your Library 2:00 PM - Personal Creativity Book Group - SH 7:00 PM - FOL Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Strong Tower Winery</p>



Tourist Development: <http://floridasadventurecoast.com/>

Hernando County Parks & Recreation: http://www.hernandocounty.us/Parks_Rec/



Come out and enjoy these free or low cost activities for you and your child during Spring Break .

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Activities— Come Out and Enjoy the Town



HOT CHILI COOL Desserts

March 9 from 12 noon til 4 pm
1396 Kass Circle, Spring Hill

Make some **CHILI** or your favorite **Dessert**!
Make your **BEST** and be **AWARDED** a prize*!

Chili Cook-Off & **Dessert Bake-Off**

Spring Hill Historic District
1396 Kass Circle
Spring Hill, FL

Supporting People Helping People In Hernando County!
*Call (352) 279-0080 for rules & details



FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT

WHEN: March 1, 2019
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: HERNANDO COUNTY YMCA
1300 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34609

FREE! To All Hernando Youth

GIVEAWAYS SNACKS & PRIZES

No alcohol. No dope.

Friday night DONE RIGHT

HCCADC
Hernando County Community Anti Drug Coalition

FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT
ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT: 352-688-9622 or 352-596-8000



City of Brooksville

PRESS & MEDIA RELEASE

Chalk it UP!
Walking Trail CHALK ART!

Friday Night Done Right

Chalk it UP! Walking Trail Chalk Art
March 8, 2019
6PM to 8PM


Tom Varn Park
301 Darby Lane
Brooksville Florida

FOR ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Join the Parks Department and Local Sponsors at Tom Varn Park for the Chalk it Up event! Prizes for the best chalk art!

For more information, call 352-540-3830

Or email Jennifer Raffaelli, Recreation Leader at jraffaelli@cityofbrooksville.us




201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida 34601
www.cityofbrooksville.us



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

A Main Street Event

Live Music, Food, Bar & Merchants

March 8, 2019

Hernando Park, 205 E Fort Dade Avenue,
Brooksville

HOT MEALS SITES & MORE



*Free Meal
Every
Wednesday
5-6 PM*

375 S. Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34601
352-587-2425



First United Methodist Church of Spring Hill

Receive a hot nutritious meal
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM every Tuesday
9344 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill
for all those in need for more information
call (352) 683-2600 Ext. 1

Northcliffe Food Ministries



Soup Kitchen
Every Thursday

11 AM - Noon

Served in the Fellowship Hall

Northcliffe Baptist Church

10515 Northcliffe Blvd
Spring Hill, FL 34608

352-683-5882

www.northcliffeonline.org



Grace's Closet

Free Clothing for the family
1 bag every 4 weeks

Food Pantry

2 food bags once every 2 months

Grace Presbyterian Church

8375 Spring Hill Drive
352-683-2082

Open Tuesday 9—11 am

HERNANDO MISSION

6032 Barclay Ave
Brooksville, FL. 34604



**MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION: EVERY
FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM
10:00 AM-12:00 NOON**
PHONE: (352) 596-1878

www.hernandomissionchurch.org

Like & Follow: Facebook.com/hernandomission

PHP Hunger Helpline

352-405-1115

If you need food or other necessities, call our
Hunger Helpline 7 days a week from 8am -
8pm and we will come to you and/or direct
you to the best resource.



Joseph's House Brooksville

823 Josephine St., Brooksville, FL 34601

352-600-8295 - <http://jhbv.org>

Free Hot Meal

Every Friday at 5 PM



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

offers "In His Footsteps"

soup & sandwich outreach program

The 1st Thursday of every month

Noon to 2:00 PM

Parish Hall of the Church

13485 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill

**The meal is free of charge. For more information,
please call 352-688-0663**

God's Clothes Closet

Open 9:30am—1:10pm

Christ Lutheran Church

475 North Ave. W
Brooksville, FL 34601
352-796-8331

Our Community



**DOING
THE MOST
GOOD™**

Every Tuesday

Food Pantry: 9AM - 1PM

The Salvation Army

15464 Cortez Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34613

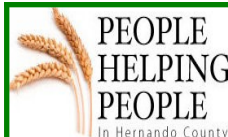
352-796-1186

Bread & Pastries

Mon. Tue., Thurs. & Fri. .

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fri. 9:00AM— 1:00PM



*AN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY
SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED*

People Helping People In Hernando Co

Free Sunday Dinner Every Sunday 4 PM - 5:30 PM

Senior Citizens Center of Hernando County

7925 Rhanbuoy Rd Spring Hill, FL 34606

Free Meal

Every Tuesday at 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Next to Mophead,
1400 Kass Circle., Spring Hill, FL 34606

Every Tuesday at 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
In the Winn Dixie Parking Lot Brooksville
1230 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Ron Van Matre 352-686-4466

www.phpinhc.org