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THE PATH NEWS

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a Christian living environment that allows true rehabilitation. To allow long term stays for life changing, biblical teachings to take effect. To encourage the work ethic, for those without a home in Citrus County.

Real Homelessness

We are trying to end homelessness or those who are on the verge of being homeless here at the Path Rescue Mission! Do you know what a homeless person struggles with? Let's use the name Jeanette, when she applies for a job she doesn't have an address or phone number for the employer to make contact with her. Jeanette has no where to shower or take a bath. She does not have clean clothes to change into for work let alone for job interview's. No deodorant or shaving supplies. There is no way to wash her clothes, what few clothes she may have. At the end of a day Jeanette has no place to go



to...no place to call home that's warm, where she can turn on the lights and feel safe. When she is tired and ready for bed, Jeanette has no bed to call her own. When she walks down the street people avoid her, as if she was not there or make believe there's nothing wrong to avoid getting involved. There's also a common but different type of homelessness! Annie, a single mother with children who struggles to make ends meet, with the high cost of rent, plus electric and the expense of auto insurance. Let's not forget about those expensive repairs that can totally devastate a single income. Annie is forced to stay at a friends

apt., sleeping on the couch and children sleeping on the living room floor, or maybe she moves in with a boyfriend thinking it will make things easier. Often this can turn into a dangerous situation, because Annie did not really know the temperament of her boyfriend. Annie still has the problem of her car needing

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Acts
4:32

Those who
believed were
of one heart
and one soul.



**Welcome aboard the
Board!! The Path
welcomes Mark Stone
and Doug Lobel.
Thank you for your
Services.**




**Site of the Month
upperroom.org**

*We would like to extend a
warm welcome to our new
Women's Administrative
Assistants...
Barb Craggs of Homosassa
and
Sandy Ball of Beverly Hills*



Men's Christmas 2003



Do you have a gulf cart your not using ?Maybe you would just like to donate it to the mission for our ladies to practice their driving skills. Some have never driven nor had a license before!!!

The Vision

To bring the good news and teachings of Jesus Christ to those in need by means of example according to Matthew 25: 35, " For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, for I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

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repairs and no one who can take her to work. There's no phone. Annie, not being able to get to work or if she struggles with affordable childcare, can cause many to lose their job. Eventually the friend or boyfriend will get tired of the situation or they themselves can no longer afford to help. Annie and her children are asked to leave or even kicked out to the street. Once again, Annie and her children have no where to go. She may go to a Rescue Shelter, if her county has one. This is only a few of the many ways of how families can find themselves without a home. In today's world, we no longer focus on keeping families together or building family skills the way God intended it to be. If you would like to know how you can help, please call !! 527-6500\746-5993

Physical Needs

*PRAYERS

- *Site for the thrift store
- *We need meat, poultry, milk and cheese
- *Bibles with tabs and footnotes for study
- *Christian Counselors trained and untrained
- *GED teachers/coaches
- *Oil-Transmission fluid
- *Garden tenders
- *Truck Trailer for storage
- *Diapers all sizes
- * Office 2000 Suite
- *Microsoft Windows ME
- *GED training software
- *Letter Writers
- *People to make and answer phone calls
- *Personal hygiene for women
- *Houses to hold Garage sales
- *Tractor w/implements
- *Seeds for a crop
- *Board members
- *Generator
- *Contact Paper
- *Speaking engagements
- *Box fans
- *Land for the Main shelter site.

THE PATH NEWS Computer Classes

Soon!

We need to increase jobs skills. Computers are required for most jobs. Can you help?



Our wish List

- 1] 3.5 double sided disks new or used to put their Class assignments on.
- 2] Computer books used or new for windows 98, 2000, XP, Office. Word, Excel, Publisher, Works, Outlook, or Idiot Books on same.
- 3] Computer programs like making Resumes, Typing Tutor, Algebra, Geometry, or any program that will increase their job skills.
No Games Please.
- 4] Computer trainers

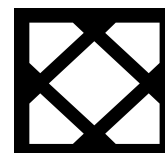
Should God be moving you to fill this need, Fully or partially, please call the office at 527-6500 and make your intentions known. God Bless!



Romans 5:1

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have had some beautiful tile donated and with the traffic around here none too soon. The floors need some TLC .
Is there anyone that can install it for us?



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, ST., Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Send Reply to: The Path
 PO Box 3024
 Inverness, Fl. 34451
 Phone—352-527-6500

I wish to make a tax-deductible gift of:

\$10 _____ \$ 25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ Other \$ _____

Call me! I would like to donate a _____ . Which is listed here in your needs .

I can not make a financial contribution, but I would like to help you by volunteering in the following way _____ .

On the Horizon for the coming Year.....

- ◆ HOPE
- ◆ Thrift Store project
- ◆ More homes for transitions
- ◆ Federal grants and sub award for possible educational grants outside of the shelter
- ◆ State challenge grant to pursue permanent housing for women and children
- ◆ More staff to facilitate clients
- ◆ Valentine's day fundraiser
- ◆ Annual Banquet
- ◆ Expanding Food distributions
- ◆ Child Care operations

GIFT CARDS ARE VERY HANDY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SUCH AS OFFICE MAX, SKIPPERS, SAVE-A-LOT, HOME DEPOT OR OTHER STORES. THANK YOU

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Were looking for someone to help fix up our mobile-home, so it may used as a family unit. For whole families that need temporary shelter and life/management skills.. Maybe you know someone with handyman skills that could trade work for temporary room/board!!




A special Thank you To Our Supporters



The Path's 1st Banquet

We have been truly blessed this year within our mission. With the much needed help of our **supporters**, we've been able to improve and grow! This year we succeeded in moving our office out into the garage area, making more room in the women/children's house. We have been able to add staff, not one but two part-time night administrators to help ensure safety, as well as guidance, counseling , life skill classes and childcare. We have been blessed with a van to transport our clients for job search, work, bible study and church services. We have a proposed land site for farming and equipment to start, come this new year. We have been able to bless our families with donated cars, to help them maintain work. It is very evident without the faith, love and support of all our supporters, we would not be here with our doors open, helping with the needs of our community. **Our supporters help make all this possible. We thank you for helping us to help others. Our prayer is... that God continues to pour out His blessings on you, fulfill your needs and keep you safe. May His presence always be known and with you always. Thank you, from all of us here at the Path**

Ephesians
2:10

We are His
workmanship,
created in
Christ Jesus.

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wish to receive
this mailing,
please call or
write for re-
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list. 527-6500