

Announcements...



Winter 2009 therapeutic support groups

MANDARIN

Charles M. Neviasser Educational Institute at Community Hospice
4266 Sunbeam Road

Adult Child Loss and Spouse/Partner Loss

January 27 - March 17 • Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

WESTSIDE

Dr. Gaston J. Acosta-Rua Center for Caring of Community Hospice
5450 Ramona Boulevard

Bereavement Support

February 4 - March 25 • Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Community Hospice bereavement support group participants must meet with a bereavement counselor before joining a group. Space is limited so please call Roxanne C. Miller, LCSW, Manager of Bereavement and Community Grief, at 904.407.6330 to schedule an appointment and reserve your space. Professional bereavement services are available to all members of the community and are available at no charge to Community Hospice families. A fee is applied to our counseling services only if the deceased was not a Community Hospice patient. Fees may be adjusted based on one's ability to pay.

Camp Healing Powers

January 23 - 25, 2009

Camp Marywood Retreat and Conference Center
235 Marywood Drive • St. Johns, FL 32259

Community Hospice of Northeast Florida's Camp Healing Powers is a therapeutic camp experience for children who are grieving the death of a loved one. Designed by bereavement specialists, the camp creates a safe, warm, fun and supportive environment for grieving children.

Camp eligibility:

- * Children between the ages of 7 and 17 can attend camp.
 - * The death has occurred at least three months prior to camp date but no longer than two years.
 - * A \$35 deposit reserves a camper's space and is returned upon completion of camp.
 - * Pre-camp assessments are necessary for all camp attendees.
- Space is limited. Please call (904)407-6222 to schedule an appointment for a camp assessment.

Christmas Gratitude

Our heartfelt thanks go out to so many who generously give during the Christmas season to make the season brighter. Among those we want to recognize are:

- Greg Carroll and the folks at ING who adopted the Wade family and provided a huge basket filled with gifts, toys and other goodies. Their generosity helped make this family's Christmas memorable and happy.
- Jim Monroe from Officer Kris Kringler, Inc., and several off-duty police officers (with help from family members) for taking 30 children, including four of our victims, ages 6 to 9, who recently lost family members to violent crime, on a trip to Disney World for Christmas. These children were so excited by this wonderful treat.
OKK is a not-for-profit charity program founded in 2002 by Sgt. Bryan Selzer of the JSO for children who are victims of crime, as well as circumstance. A child who qualifies for the program makes a small wish list indicating what he/she would like for Christmas, and OKK makes one of these wishes come true. While most of the children wish for toys, the program has received requests for food, clothing and presents for their moms and siblings instead of for themselves. The toys and other requests are delivered to the children by uniformed police officers. In addition to making a Christmas wish come true, this program also encourages a positive attitude between the community and law enforcement officers; it shows the children that police officers do care and that they need not to be afraid of them.
Large portions of the donated funds come from law enforcement personnel and other city employees through the city's payroll deduction program. The donated money is used to purchase the toys and/or other wishes the children might have.
- Matt Leipau, Manager of Longhorn Steakhouse on Airport Road, for treating the Justice Coalition staff to a delicious Christmas luncheon. Thank you, Matt and staff - it was a wonderful treat we all enjoyed.
- Joanelle Mulrain who bought a new set of tires for Keisha Jackson (Radarius' mother) when she noticed all her tires were bald. Thank you, Joanelle, and all the folks at Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute for your many generous gifts. Keisha wept with gratitude at this outpouring of love for her family.

Special Thanks

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Ashes to Beauty Project

Earlier this year a drug dealer known as "Sugar Shack" and some of his cohorts were arrested by JSO, but not before they torched a Northside church, Christ Ministry of Changing Lives. Pastor Dan Jones, his staff and congregation are working hard to rebuild their church, which is a base of ministry aimed at freeing a neighborhood shackled by drugs, crime and fear. Donations of time, money and supplies from companies, churches and volunteers have facilitated their project, but they still need help to get it all done. Besides an obvious need for money, they can use:

Skilled workers:

- * plumbers
- * electricians
- * sheetrock finishers
- * painters
- * concrete finishers
- * tile installers.

Other things:

- * surveillance system (\$2500)
- * audio/video equipment
- * computers for Bible games and quizzes
- * materials for a youth basketball court

At a time when murders, drugs, prostitution, robberies and every other kind of crime threaten everyone in our community, this pastor and his church are working non-stop to change their area of influence. Call Pastor Dan Jones at 338-1345 to see how you can be a part of this effort.

What We Do

Services offered by the



- Provide immediate crisis intervention by assessing the victims' needs and implementing an appropriate plan of action.
- Educate victims regarding their rights as a victim of crime and criminal justice proceedings.
- Network our resources to provide the victim counseling and/or support groups, if needed.
- Accompany victims to court proceedings. This includes pretrial hearings, trials, depositions, meetings with prosecutors and injunction hearings.
- Act as a liaison between victims and prosecutors, law enforcement and the media.
- Assist victims in creating an effective impact statement to the court.
- Assist victims in applying for victims' compensation.
- Assist victims in publicizing rewards for unsolved murders and missing persons.
- Publish a monthly newspaper that prints crime victims' stories, pictures of unsolved murder victims, missing persons, wanted criminals and much more.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Delivering our *Victims' Advocate* newspaper
- Court watching
- Clerical assistance
- Research and newspaper writing
- Fundraisers
- Posting flyers for missing persons and unsolved murders
- Special events