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Volunteer Voice

Volunteers lending a helping hand

Summer is Here!

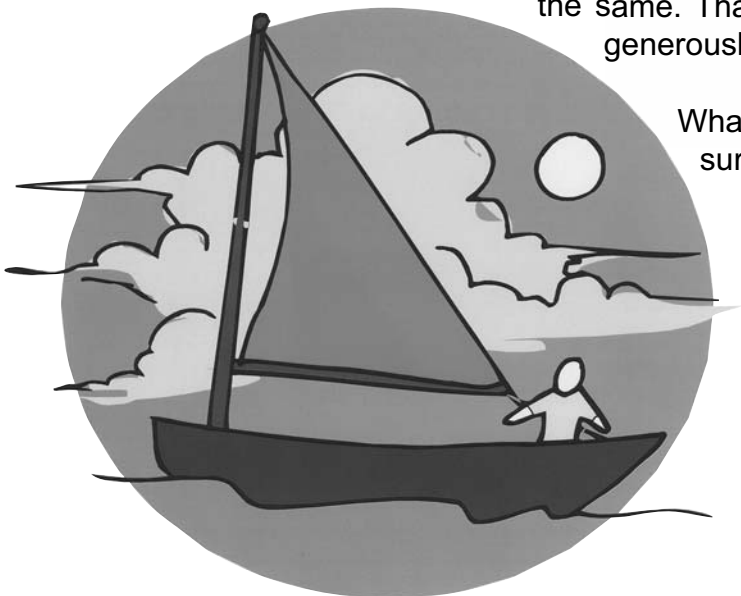
At this time of year, we bid farewell to our “snowbird” volunteers and look forward to the summer months and local help that we have come to depend upon. We hope to find some of this help in schools and other learning institutions in the area so we may continue our work to benefit the elderly.



We all look forward to vacation time, it's true, but what wonderful memories our youth could gain from helping those less fortunate than themselves. Hopefully, parents can see the benefits of our programs and will encourage their children to do something worthwhile during the summer vacation.

Our elderly population continues to grow daily, particularly in this area of Florida. That is why it's so important that Neighborly Care Network continue its work to help the elderly stay independent in their own homes. And as you know, we could not accomplish this without the help of our many volunteers who serve diligently to meet the needs of our elderly.

We want you to know how much you are appreciated. Without your help, our programs would not be the same. Thanks to all of you who give your time and talents so generously.



Whatever you do this summer, have lots of fun. And be sure to make good memories along the way.

“Down in their hearts, wise men know the truth that the only way to help yourself is to help others.”

- Elbert Hubbard

It was a Full House at Casino Night!

For the second consecutive year, Comprehensive Healthcare of Clearwater sponsored a Casino Night to benefit the Neighborly Care Network Meals on Wheels program. Comprehensive staff members, along with staff from many other Pinellas County organizations, hosted another fantastic event on June 13th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Hundreds of guests enjoyed good food, silent auction items, and door prizes donated by local organizations and restaurants.

In addition to the good food and auction items, guests listened and danced to wonderful music provided by a live DJ. And of course, the gaming tables were lots of fun. Some guests were even adventurous enough to enter the Texas Hold 'em tournament.

Neighborly thanks Comprehensive, all of the sponsors, those who donated food and auction and/or door prize items, and last, but not least, the people who put countless hours into making the event such a success!



Local restaurants and organizations were very generous in donating food and silent auction items.

Neighborly's Adult Day Services and Nutrition Director Marsha Coke (pictured below) came in second in the Texas Hold 'em tournament.





JACOB BANDY - SUNSHINE PERSON

About five years ago, Jacob (Jake) Bandy decided to pursue "the perfect job." He was looking for a new adventure that would give him the opportunity to truly make a difference in his community. Jake explored animal shelters and nursing homes, but did not find his passion until he began serving meals to the elderly through the Neighborly Care Network Meals on Wheels program. From his first day walking into the Dunedin Senior Dining site, where he picked up the meals to deliver his first route, Jake has been a force to be reckoned with. No bad weather conditions, funding cuts, or illnesses could change his course or stand in his way.

That is "par for the course" for Jake and his family, as they have blazed a trail in the world of developmental disabilities. Jake, who has Down Syndrome, was born into a society that was a little less than tolerant, let alone accepting, of individuals with disabilities. But that never stopped him or the rest of his family. Despite obstacles that might have discouraged another man, Jake has continued on his course because he feels that he has a job to do. He knows that the homebound seniors on his meals routes need him.

Not only has Jake delivered four routes a week, he has also retrieved mail, moved trash bins, and performed other odd jobs since he came to Neighborly. He delivers to many of the same individuals today that he did in the beginning. Most of the clients know him by name and look forward to his visits.



Jake is truly a compassionate individual. When Hurricane Ike hit and severely damaged Texas, Jake was not only concerned about the people in Texas, he thought about those in our own community. While his heart went out to the people affected by the storm, he wanted to know what would happen to all of the seniors on his routes should a storm hit this area. He expressed that even if the Meals on Wheels program was shut down, he would try to do whatever he could to make sure the clients on his route received whatever they needed.

Having "adopted" each one of his Meals on Wheels clients, Jake worries when he doesn't see them for even a day. Recently, he suffered his first loss of one of his Meals on Wheels recipients. While at the memorial service, Jake consoled the individual's wife, letting her know that he would still be there for her if she needed him.

Because of his dedication and compassion, Jake has been nominated for Volunteer of the Year on several occasions. He exemplifies the perfect volunteer!

Jake is the youngest of Russell and Rebecca Bandy's three sons. His brothers are Jason and Justin. Justin is also developmentally delayed and has lived in a group home in St. Petersburg for the past 15 years. Jake graduated from Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Center, which he attended from age 5 to 21. He is most proud of being an uncle to nephew Ryland (age 9), and nieces Rebecca (age 7), and "little baby girl" Ava Elizabeth (age 2).

Candy Quiz

(Answers on the following page)

1. A famous swashbuckling trio of old: _____
2. Indian burial ground: _____
3. Galaxy: _____
4. Red Planet: _____
5. Home of the movie stars: _____
6. Not laughing out loud: _____
7. Someone who drops things: _____
8. Famous author: _____
9. Famous former baseball player: _____
10. Famous New York street: _____
11. Twin letters: _____
12. Superman's other identity: _____
13. A sweet sign of affection: _____
14. Favorite saying for working people: _____
15. What bees make: _____
16. Nut happiness: _____
17. Pleasingly plump: _____
18. Two female pronouns: _____
19. A feline: _____
20. Single women look out for him: _____
21. Round flotation device: _____
22. Sun explosion: _____
23. Bite with crackling noise: _____
24. Dry cows: _____
25. Children of the cane: _____
26. Two minus two equals: _____

Neighborhood Care Network Volunteer Code of Ethics

Neighborhood Care Network adopts and implements a code of ethics to help ensure ethical standards regarding the volunteer/client relationship. During the provision of authorized services, the volunteer **WILL NOT**:

- Act disrespectfully or unprofessionally, or engage in illegal behavior.
- Use the client's vehicle, or take the client to the volunteer's residence or anywhere else.
- Consume the client's food and/or drink, or use the client's personal property without consent.
- Consume alcohol, medicine, drugs, or other chemical substances not in accordance with legal, valid, prescribed use and/or in any way that impairs the volunteer in the delivery of services to the client.
- Discuss religion, politics, or personal issues with the client and/or others in the care setting.
- Accept, obtain, or attempt to obtain, money or anything of value (including gifts or tips) from the client, household members, and family members of the client.
- Engage with the client in sexual conduct or in conduct that may reasonably be interpreted as sexual in nature, regardless of whether or not the contact is consensual.
- Engage in behavior that causes, or may cause, physical, verbal, mental or emotional distress or abuse to the client.
- Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as inappropriate involvement in the client's personal relationships.
- Be designated to make decisions for the client in any capacity involving a declaration for mental health treatment, power of attorney, durable power of attorney, or guardianship.
- Market or sell products/personal items to the client, or purchase items from the client. The only exception occurs when the client is a family member and the volunteer is not delivering services.
- Breach client's privacy or confidentiality of the records.
- Endanger their own safety while performing service duties.
- Risk personal safety in order to ensure the client's safety.

Answers to Candy Quiz

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| 1. Three Musketeers Candy Bar | 10. Fifth Avenue Candy Bar | 19. KitKat Bar |
| 2. Mounds Candy Bar | 11. M&M's | 20. Mr. Goodbar Candy Bar |
| 3. Milky Way Candy Bar | 12. Clark Bar | 21. Lifesaver |
| 4. Mars Bar | 13. Hershey's Kisses | 22. Starburst |
| 5. Hollywood Candy Bar | 14. Payday Candy Bar | 23. Nestle's Crunch Bar |
| 6. Snickers Candy Bar | 15. Bit-O-Honey Candy Bar | 24. Milk Duds |
| 7. Butterfingers Candy Bar | 16. Almond Joy Candy Bar | 25. Sugar Babies |
| 8. O'Henry Candy Bar | 17. Chunky Bar | 26. Zero Candy Bar |
| 9. Baby Ruth Candy Bar | 18. Hershey Bar | |



Calendar of Events

July 3: *Independence Day Holiday Observed*
Neighborly Offices Closed

July 7 & 21: *Volunteer Orientation*
Neighborly Administration Building
12425 28th Street North, Suite 200
St. Petersburg, Florida
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

July 25: *Painting at Ridgecrest Senior Dining*
Ridgecrest Community Center
2253 119th Street North, Largo
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Thought for the Day:

Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it – because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for OTHERS.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.
American Minister
and Civil Rights Leader

DATE	TIME	SITE	ADDRESS	STAFF ATTENDING
7/14/09	9:30 a.m.	Seminole Recreation Center	9100 113th Street North Seminole	Robert Paolini Pat Hazell
7/15/09	9:30 a.m.	Sunshine Center	330 5th Street North St. Petersburg	RuthE Hargray Pat Hazell
7/16/09	9:30 a.m.	Tarpon Springs Dining Center	431 East Spruce Street Tarpon Springs	Pat Hazell
7/20/09	9:30 a.m.	Enoch Davis Center	1111 18th Avenue South St. Petersburg	Ilene Beacham Pat Hazell
7/23/09	9:30 a.m.	Gulfport Multipurpose Center	5501 27th Avenue South Gulfport	Jay Edwards Pat Hazell
7/28/09	9:30 a.m.	Ridgecrest Community Center	2253 119th Street North Largo	Dawn Smith Pat Hazell

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