



# Sharing Matters

Fall 2006

## Fall Events

*"Love Your Neighbor"*

### Walk-a-thon

Sun., Sept. 24

1:00-3:00 pm

Cranes Roost Park, Uptown Altamonte behind Altamonte Mall Kids' activities planned. Strollers & wheelchairs welcome! Pizza party for church youth group raising the most funds!

### Annual Golf Scramble

Mon., Oct. 16

at the exclusive RedTail Golf Club at Heathrow Country Estates Don't miss a chance to play on this exciting private course!

**Thank you, Community United Methodist Church, Casselberry—2006 Golf Sponsor!**

Read more on the Walk and Golf, page 2 Get Corporate Sponsor Forms for Walk-a-thon and Golf online at: [www.thesharingcenter.org](http://www.thesharingcenter.org) or by calling The Sharing Center 407-260-9155 x13

## Focusing on a Vision to Care for Our Poor



Dear Friends,

There is much excitement around The Sharing Center as we prepare to welcome a free medical clinic for the uninsured to our plaza. Like The Sharing Center, Shepherd's Hope is a faith-based non-profit and relies on volunteers to reach out to those in greatest need.

When we purchased Fairmont Plaza two years ago, The Sharing Center realized its dream of owning a permanent home. With that came the opportunity to realize another dream: creating a "one-stop" non-profit center where struggling families might more easily find help with a variety of needs and assistance to a more stable future. Shepherd's Hope is a step toward making that a reality.

The Rev. Paul Hoyer, chairman of The Sharing Center Board of Directors and pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Min-

istries, said Holy Cross and Shepherd's Hope are working closely with Seminole County Department of Health to open the clinic. The clinic is scheduled to open this winter with 10 examining rooms, where people in the lowest income bracket will be able to find non-emergency medical care provided by volunteer physicians and other health care professionals assisted by general office and support volunteers.

Eight of 10 uninsured people receiving treatment from Shepherd's Hope are from working families. We are proud to be partnering with Shepherd's Hope to respond to a great need for quality medical care for those who have not been able to afford it.

In Christ's love,  
Angie Romagosa  
President/CEO

## Sometimes It Makes You Feel Sad Faces of Poverty

When 18-year-old Tara graduated from high school this spring, she had already entered a grown-up world of woe. Her close-knit family has been drawn even closer after her mother's diagnosis of Huntington's Disease, but they all know Jeanne is in the end stage. Tara's Dad, a once-strong, laughing young man who would carry his little girl on his shoulders, now seems so tired as he grieves the

imminent loss of his wife even as he and Tara tend to her and to Michael's elderly mother.

Some of the tiredness and hurt is his own. He wears a battery-operated gadget that sends shock waves into his back to lessen the pain of an injury that resulted in spinal surgery and "six screws and plates holding me together." Jeanne receives some Supplemen-

tal Security, but Michael, no longer employable, has not yet received disability payments.

The Sharing Center was able to assist with payments to keep the electric from being cut off and provide several bags of food and toiletries to ease the stress while the family awaits approval of Michael's disability payments . . . and loves each other through Jeanne's final days.

1986— 500 families served

Last year— 7,151 families served

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## Wish List

Call 407-260-9155, x12

- Sign on Plaza, estimate \$1,000
- New Commercial Walk-in Cooler and Freezer
- Portable roadside sign
- 3 New Computers, estimate \$1,500 each
- QuickBooks Pro Multi-User program, estimate \$700
- Shopping Carts for Thrift Store
- New A/C units
- New 4-drawer locking file cabinets; 12 needed
- Walk-behind forklift

## The Sharing Center Board of Directors 2006-2007

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## Mission Statement

*"Sharing the reality of God's love with those in need by providing material assistance and promoting Christian generosity."*

## "Love Your Neighbor" Walk-a-thon



1:00-3:00 pm Sunday, Sept. 24 / Cranes Roost Park, Uptown Altamonte

A portion of proceeds to provide new school shoes for needy children; remainder to help The Sharing Center continue to assist with basic needs. Walk the one-mile boardwalk over and around the beautiful lake behind Altamonte Mall. Bounce House, face-painting & more for kids. Sponsor the Walk: \$4,000 (company or church name/logo exclusively on banner and walker T-shirts or visors). More Sponsors: Gold \$2,000; Silver \$1,000; Bronze \$500; Footprint \$200. Chairman: Mark Romagosa, 321-945-2895.



These guys didn't win the gorgeous Nissan hole-in-one prize, but they did win last year's golf tournament—they'll be back to defend their title & take another shot at the car this year!

## Annual Golf Scramble

Mon., Oct. 16, at exclusive RedTail Golf Club, Heathrow Country Estates

Register 7:30 am; tee-off 8:30 am

**Players \$150**, includes fees/cart, lunch buffet, 4 hole-in-one tries, continental breakfast, prizes.

**Corporate Sponsorships** (all sponsors listed on our Web site): Gold \$2,500: link on website, loads of recognition, name on tourney shirt & more

- Silver \$1,500: 4-some, luncheon recognition, hole sign
- Bronze Special \$1,000: 4-some, exclusive hole presentation
- Hole Sign \$200.
- Golf Chair: Bob Kohl, 407-333-4384.

## Get a Special Gift and Support The Sharing Center

Jewelry from 2,000-year-old Roman glass; soaps, lotions, oils & foods from the Holy Land, Christian-themed toys and games. All are available by visiting [www.thesharingcenter.org](http://www.thesharingcenter.org) and clicking on "Buy Christian-themed gifts" link at page-bottom. This takes you to the Religion, History & Values Network, which will donate 10% of your purchase to The Sharing Center.

## Have You Seen Us? The Sharing Center has been featured

in several print and broadcast media recently. Look Up Orlando Publisher Mark Goldstein interviewed our president, Angie Romagosa, on *Look Up Orlando Live*, which airs at 7 pm Fridays on 1190WAMT as an extension of the monthly magazine's focus on inspiring stories about good things happening in our community. The Sharing Center was featured in *Lake Mary Life Magazine*, *The Orlando Sentinel*, and *Crossways* magazine. The fall *Crossways* will have an article by a mother who once needed our help and then created a way to help us.

## Here's How You Can Help

### Drop off household items at our Distribution Center

9:00 am-4:30 pm Mon-Sat / 747 Commerce Circle, Longwood / Tel: 407-260-0270  
from 17-92, go west on Longdale (north of Courtesy Pontiac), right on Commerce Circle

**Volunteer Opportunities** — Call Michael Kenyon 407-260-9155 ext. 14  
Morning & afternoon receptionists; cashiers; sorters.

**Food Pantry Needs** — Special need for Toilet Paper ▪ Dish Soap ▪ Bath Soap ▪ Shampoo  
▪ Laundry Detergent ▪ Canned Pasta ▪ Soup ▪ Tuna ▪ Mac 'n Cheese

### The Sharing Center Thrift Store & Boutique

Open 9:30 am-5 pm Mon.-Sat. Special discounts every day of the week. Come, visit in person or check out specials on the web at [www.thesharingcenter.org](http://www.thesharingcenter.org).

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Nancy Nolt, Newsletter Editor

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