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The Sharing Center Walk-a-Thon A Huge Success



Longwood, FL – October 1, 2008 – A lot of happy kids were seen running around Cranes Roost Park for the “Love Your Neighbor” Walk-a-Thon on Sept. 29. They were having fun with a purpose of making other kids happy.

Here’s how it works: The Sharing Center uses part of the funds raised at the walk to provide new shoes for needy children in Seminole County, and the rest of the funds help The Sharing Center to assist low-income children, families, and elderly with many other basic needs throughout the year.

Walkers, both adults and children, collect donations for The Sharing Center before heading to Cranes Roost for walking, face-painting, bounce-housing, music, and more fun stuff. “It’s fun for everyone, but it’s a ‘kids helping kids’ kind of thing for children,” said Angie Romagosa, President/CEO of The Sharing Center.

Romagosa said any walker who brought in \$100 for the event this year got a free T-shirt, “and we were surprised at how many children made that goal! It just goes to show what kids can accomplish, and how eager they are to help someone in need.” Among the diverse groups participating were Choices in Learning Charter School, Holy Cross Lutheran Academy, FedEx Billing Department employees, Institute of Internal Auditors, Safeharbor Christian Church, and members of Curves Altamonte Springs.

Honorary Walk-a-Thon Chairman was Brenda Carey, Commissioner District 5, Chairman of Seminole County Board of County Commissioners. Walk Sponsor was Community United Methodist Church, Casselberry. Other sponsors included Blackadar Insurance, 20/20 Property Inspections, FastSigns Casselberry & Sanford, Florida Business Interiors, Nativity Catholic Church, Park Avenue Insurance, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Uno Chicago Grill, and Walk on Water.

As today’s economic situation affects more and more families here in Seminole County, The Sharing Center is seeing more people who are newly jobless and losing their homes, as well as flood victims and people with extremely high medical expenses. Romagosa said The Sharing Center has experienced a 30% increase in the number of families needing help in the last few months. This is about 200 additional families each month.

For information about how you can help, visit online at www.thesharingcenter.org or call 407.260.9155 ext. 12.

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