



Nonprofit Newsletter September 2020

INTRO

September is here already. It is the ninth month of the year and has 30 days. Sapphire is the birthstone and Forget-me-not is the flower. With the schools starting in various ways, we are struggling to find the best choice for our children. It is not easy making this decision; however, I am sure that the entire situation will settle down shortly and we will all be where we want to be.

Not only have we been living the Covid 19 life since late February, but as it has dragged on all of a sudden, it is September. The leaves are changing in the North and Fall is coming on the 22nd of this month. For sure, I am praying for relief from the humidity and heat. As the numbers drop in the cases of Covid, more and more businesses are reopening and it is starting to resemble life, as we knew it albeit we are all a bit financially strapped. Your chamber is opening to both in person and virtual meetings. We would love to see more of you attending via your method of choice.

This month's nonprofit feature:

SUPERFIT KIDZ FOUNDATION

Superfit Kidz is a non-profit 501c3 educational organization serving the needs of children of all ages. SuperFit Kidz foundation was established in 2008 as a children's nutritional awareness and exercise program that promotes a healthy lifestyle through unique physical activities, nutritional programs and events. SuperFit Kidz both manages, implements and sells signature programs targeting children and families, organized youth groups, accredited schools, healthcare professionals, fitness facilities and health insurance companies. These children, with reinforcement from parents and role models, will learn a healthy and active lifestyle from the beginning and learn to live it. The partnerships we create facilitate an educational, fun and innovative delivery system of safe and effective exercises for children of all ages.

The Mission of SuperFit Kidz Foundation is to enhance the health and wellness of children and families providing education, resources, funding and programs that motivate people to adapt healthy lifestyles.



SUPERFIT KIDZ

Each year they host a fitness charity event at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Dunedin, Florida to help children and their families become healthier and stronger through our unique fitness and nutrition programs. Sponsorship opportunities provide your business with exposure and the proceeds will go to their parish school in Haiti for all the children in need. Haiti remains the poorest country in the Americas. Proceeds will also help children in our local community participate in the programs we offer, overseen by our Nurse practitioner, Dietitian, Fitness Expert and Behavior Therapist. For more information, watch the video attachment on their website. www.superfitkidzfoundation.org

Their goal is to reach \$100,000 and we are hoping you can help us get there. Should you decide to become a sponsor, please contact Connie Jo Russo @ 727 992-1696 or jazzcon@gmail.com. Your generosity at any level through sponsorship, food, products and / or joining our marketing promotional campaign is greatly appreciated. Vendor tables are available upon request. They are looking forward to your responses and thank you for your time and efforts. Volunteers are much appreciated as well.

SHOUT OUTS FROM AUGUST

Project POP Drop

From August 1st thru August 23rd Sharon Edwards gathered generous donations from our communities and delivered them to The Spring of Tampa Bay shelter for victims of domestic violence in Tampa. Their delivery was made by Sharon and her band of Angels on Saturday the 24th. The difference that Sharon makes in the needs of folks each month is remarkable. When you see one of Sharon's Pop Drop boxes, help out and drop a goody in it. You are making a difference in someone's life and that is huge.

Top of the Bay Kiwanis

Several of the members of the Kiwanis brought school supplies for our member Lori Gerval's Aston Gardens' Backpacks and Brownies Event on Aug. 19th. They have been very attentive to the needs of Oldsmar Cares with the plastic grocery bags and dozen sized egg cartons. Bravo and Thank you Kiwanis.

Chi Chi Rodriguez

Preparations continue to welcome the students to return for the school year 2020/2021. Thank you to all who donated so many of the needed items for the school and the students.

Jan Stephenson Crossroads Foundation

The Patriots Bar and Grill has welcomed its fellow nonprofits to hold their meetings there and so far, the Top of the Bay Kiwanis is utilizing them. It's a wonderful thing, as I love to see nonprofits sharing like this. The Jan Stephenson's Wine Tasting was held for the second month in a row. I'd say that the number of people attending was almost half again as many as the July Tasting.

Jan signed every bottle of wine that went out the door. FYI...This would be a great present for birthdays and Christmas for a fan of the Golf Game. It was a very enjoyable early evening again and the food that the Patriots Bar and Grill sold was scrumptious as well.

The UTB Education Foundation

The Education foundation have met and are in the process of developing a plan for local businesses to become COMMUNITY ALL STARS by supporting a local school. Two or three businesses can also join forces and make one STAR. A donation of \$500.00 will get your business recognition as a Community Supporter with a large Star in your business as well as at the school. Pictures will be taken at the time of the donation at the school and placed in local news outlets. That is great recognition for you. Each year the Education Foundation gives 18 schools funding for the principals and teachers to use as a discretionary funds to fill the gaps in the classroom needs such as things that their budget does not allow for. The need for businesses to reach out to better the school experience for our children will pay you back in so many ways. Contact: Joe Elmer at 727 741-2555.

Road to Recovery Scavenger Hunt

July 10th – December 11th 2020

In an effort to help our local businesses survive this pandemic, let us all get together and have some fun. Passports are \$20.00 (with a value over \$500.00) and list over 100+ participating business locations.

Visit the locations in the passport. Get a selfie with the Chamber sign and post on Facebook tagging the store and The Upper Tampa Bay Chamber. Show the store manager your post and they will stamp your passport. Almost 5 months to get your passport completed. There will be a Wrap-up party December 11th, 5:30pm until 8:00 pm. Check back the location is to be determined. Vendor tables available at the wrap up Party (\$50.00). Get a gang together and go around or make it a family affair. If you dine as you go on appetizers, that is a joy in itself. The businesses are ready to welcome you no matter if you purchase anything or not. Let's get going, prizes to be had at the end and discounts from so many of the businesses as you go.

NONPROFITS ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Mattie Williams Neighborhood Center

Mattie Williams Neighborhood Center is open for after school care once again but at a greatly reduced number due to the Covid reductions. Please continue to remember to donate to the center as their needs during Covid are so much higher. Money, gift cards, food and gently used clothing would make such a difference in someone's life. Thank you for your considerations.

NONPROFITS ACTIVITIES FOR SEPT. (CONT.)

Project Pop Drop

Sharon's chosen Need collection for this month is Hearts and Hands for the Homeless & Hungry Shelter in Tampa. It is open now for sharing your canned or nonperishable foods, new or gently used clothing, shoes, Brand new Socks, Brand new Underwear, toiletries, etc. Walmart gift cards are always good for them to receive as well. If you have any questions or need items to be picked up, please contact Sharon Edwards of Project Pop Drop at 727 475-1393. The delivery date to the Shelter is September 26th. Thank you, Sharon and her band of Angels for your relentless work at feeding and clothing those in need.

Oldsmar Cares

Oldsmar Cares has yet again been coming to the aid of so many more families than normal, due to this Covid19. If you can help in any way with donations, they can always use milk, eggs, yogurt and other perishable foods. They are still using precautions and will be looking forward to the day when they can invite you in to see all the good your donations are doing. They are located at 149 State Road 580 West, Oldsmar, Florida in the warm but bright yellow building.

The hours of operation are:

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00am – noon
Monday and Wednesday 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Chi Chi Rodriguez Foundation

First of all, A huge thank you for all the donations of school supplies for the beginning of school year. They are very happy to see the student's smiling faces and to be a part of their educational journey. The Golf Club and Driving Range are busy and are looking for volunteers on a weekly basis. If interested call Laura @727 642-6758. The First Tee classes will begin late September. The classes are for kids from ages 5 to teen and will be Tuesdays thru Saturdays.

The 41st Chi Chi Charity Classic will be held Nov. 8th & 9th 2020. The golf tournament will be played with a limited field following all safety guidelines. Instead of holding a dinner/program the Foundation will host a Virtual Event with a live and silent auction. They need volunteers for both Sunday and Monday in a variety of jobs. They are looking for auction items to make this event spectacular! So, if any company is looking to involve their employees in an outreach opportunity, they have 20 acrylic jars that need filling. The object is to decide on an item to fill the jar with and have each employee donate one to fill the jar. You can be creative and think of items people would want to bid on, 727 642-6758 for further information.

Conclusion

Thank you to all those that participate in our focus for nonprofits, we hope our newsletter and program of work has shown its value for your membership. We are wishing you all the best and a fantastic wrap up to your 2020 year.

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