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"Be One! Community" 40 Days of Giving and Annual Vision Banquet!

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Transformational Giving: A collaboration between the giver and God, in which He infuses the gift with His grace, as you offer it in the way He asks, to the people/purposes He directs. The "Be One! Community" Banquet kicked off our end of year 40 Days of Giving campaign for 2020 (online now at givebutter.com/BeOneCommunity). Many of you celebrated with us, holding "watch parties" at your home, business, or church. From the feedback we've received, you loved the video's storytelling of life transformation! We want to invite you to share this campaign with those in your spheres of influence, so that they, too, can experience transformational giving. Transformational giving is an act of worship and a testimony to the faithfulness of God! We trust that God is calling us to create a partnership that impacts the entire community for Christ, transforming both the giver and recipient. Thank you for partnering with us this year. Because of you, families were kept housed and whole, unemployed learned the power of community and the redemptive nature of work in their lives, loneliness was met with love and friendship, hopelessness was turned upside down and dreams constructed a home. 2020 has been a year to remember, let us celebrate God's faithfulness with an act of worship and thanksgiving! ♥

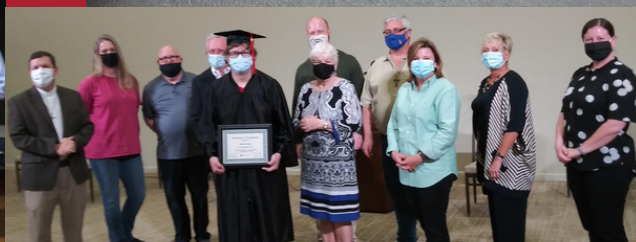


H4WH Jobs for Life... Graduations!

Our Jobs for Life family rose to the challenge this fall and held FOUR graduations- including our first classes at St. Paul's Episcopal & Central County Jail!

H4WH Jobs for Life in 2020 - BY THE NUMBERS:

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| • # of Classes held: | 5 | • # of Nat'l CORE trainings: | 11 |
| • # of Graduates: | 15 | • # of Champion/Facilitator | |
| • # of New Sites: | 2 | Trainings: | 6 |



5th Annual Golf Tournament

JENNIFER COWAN, CHAMPION RELATIONSHIPS SPECIALIST

On October 5th, under clear blue skies, 91 players (22 teams) gathered together at The Country Club of Winter Haven to enjoy the 5th Annual H4WH Golf Tournament, presented by CenterState! After months of lockdowns and other restrictions, these excited players were thrilled for an opportunity to experience community together in an expansive outdoor environment!

We want to express our sincere thanks to the amazing volunteers, interns, sponsors, raffle item donors and venue staff for making this event such a success. In a year of changes, we are especially grateful to be in community with flexible and faithful partners who are committed to making an impact on individuals and families throughout Winter Haven and beyond! ♥



(Photos courtesy of Paige Elizabeth Photography)



H4WH Housing Partnership in 2020- BY THE NUMBERS:

- # of Families assisted: 438
- # of Evictions/Foreclosures prevented: 260
- # of Families rehoused: 7
- # that received utility assistance: 210

TOTAL # OF COUNSELING
HOURS IN 2020:

160

The Beatty Beat

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Call me an idealist or a dreamer for thinking that people of good faith and goodwill can work together for a community...

On more than one occasion, it's been whispered (or shouted) that non-profits, churches and businesses working together is a pipe-dream, or worse, a "nice," but impossible, idea. In reality, I'm a recovering skeptic- there is no idealism (or any ism) in me. Leading that recovery is a growing belief in the abundant goodness of a great God, who has called us all to play a part in His plans for our redemption and restoration. Look no further than 122 Ave Q NW (Scholarship House), or at the Jobs for Life class graduation at St Paul and Holy Cross Episcopal/ Living Word of Faith Assembly. See how non-profits worked with local WH businesses to help get their employees financial help with COVID Relief funds. In 2021, the best is yet to come... the Center for Well-Being will offer expanded mental, emotional and spiritual health services; the WH Non-Profit Consortium will coalesce that sector more strongly with the City of Winter Haven; Congressman Soto's office will be working with us to advance our work with homeless families in Winter Haven. Have courage, cynics, hope and love have moved into the neighborhood, and He is here to stay. Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. ♥

WAYS TO HELP

- **PRAY!**
- **GIVE:** To make a year end **donation**, please visit us online at givebutter.com/BeOneCommunity.
- **SERVE:** Looking for a place to serve? We can help! Please email admin@heart4wh.org.
- **SPONSOR:** Sponsorships for our spring golf tournament are now available. For information, email brad@heart4wh.org.
- **HOUSING PARTNERSHIP:** We are looking for available land for 3 donated houses (3 lots) to expand this program. If you can help, please email brad@heart4wh.org.

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