

# Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

## April 6, 2011

**Dear Residents,**

The Sugarmill Woods Civic Association Board of Directors established a new committee this year to focus on Community Service Opportunities. The committee is working to identify a variety of organizations within Citrus County that are looking for volunteers to help them accomplish their specific mission, to help those less fortunate, and / or to help those individuals that need a little extra assistance in some way. This is the **second** in a multipart series of SMW Bulletins to identify two or three of these organizations for your information and awareness. If you are able to provide help with your time and talents, please consider it. A complete list can be found on our web site at [www.sugarmillcivic.org](http://www.sugarmillcivic.org) under the link Membership / Volunteers. Here is the second group of three such organizations.

### **11. We Care Food Pantry, Inc.**

**We Care Food Pantry, Inc.** is a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to provide needy families a hand up, not a hand out. Their "income based" program helps ensure that your neighbors in need have enough nutritious food to put on the table. Their **all-volunteer work force** donates many, many hours, to uncover new and promising food sources and they try to get that food as quickly as possible to people who are hungry. Volunteers are the backbone of the entire program. Volunteers do everything from office work to food distribution to unloading trucks. You can also work in your neighborhood or organization to raise money or collect food. Each year there is a Sugarmill Woods Community Food Drive sponsored and supported by many organizations within and around Sugarmill Woods to help those in need and benefit the We Care Food Pantry. Many SMW residents volunteer at the We Care Food Pantry. If you wish to get more information about the We Care Food Pantry, please contact them via phone at 352-628-9333 or via email at [info@wecarefoodpantry.org](mailto:info@wecarefoodpantry.org). Also visit their web site at [www.wecarefoodpantry.com](http://www.wecarefoodpantry.com).

There are immediate needs for volunteers on 1) Saturday mornings to pick up food at Publix at Shoppes of Sugarmill Woods and Publix on Halls River Road and deliver it to the We Care Food Pantry distribution offices; 2) Saturday and Sunday mornings a van or truck is needed to pick up food at Sweetbay Supermarket and deliver it to We Care Food Pantry distribution offices. If you are interested in helping or would like to know more about these and other volunteer opportunities, please contact Bobby at [wecarefood@gmail.com](mailto:wecarefood@gmail.com) or call 628-9333.

### **8. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Citrus County**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Citrus County** is a program that emphasizes help for children who need us most, including those living in single parent homes, growing up in poverty, and coping with parental incarceration. Starting something begins with finding a great match between a Big and a Little. Making these matches, and performing all the background work involved with them, is possible because of donations from people like you. It's also why they are able to offer such a wide variety of programs that pair children, ages 6 through 18, with role models in one-to-one relationships. Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable things you'll ever do. Not to mention, one of the most fulfilling. You have the opportunity to help shape a child's future for the better by empowering them to achieve. And the best part is, it's actually a lot of fun. You and your Little can share the kinds of activities you already like to do. Play sports together. Go on a hike. Read books. Eat a pizza with extra anchovies. Or just give some advice and inspiration. Whatever it is you enjoy, odds are you'll enjoy them even more with your Little — and you'll be making a life-changing impact. Volunteering just a few hours a month with a child

can start something amazing. So why not apply to be a Big today. There are kids out there ready to get started. Are you? If interested, please contact **BBBS of Citrus County**, 701 White Blvd., Suite A, Inverness, FL 34453. The phone number is 352-344-0400. The Citrus County office is a remote office of BBBS of Pinellas County in Largo, FL. Their web site is [www.bbbspc.org](http://www.bbbspc.org).

## **9. Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County**

**The Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County** mission is to "enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. As a youth development agency, the Club delivers programs dedicated to the health, social, educational, vocational, character development and guidance of youth, 6-18 years of age. The Club is open to all youth, with special emphasis on providing quality services to those members from disadvantaged circumstances. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County is a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, a national organization with over 2000 Clubs, serving over 3 million youth. If you wish to volunteer to help staff and / or Club members by sharing your time, please contact the Unit nearest you which is the Westside Club (Homosassa) by calling 352-795-8624. There are many ways you can help . The Club supports parent volunteer participation and will be happy to welcome you and familiarize you with their activities. If you have a particular skill, why not share it with a youngster? The link to download a Volunteer Application Form is <http://www.citrusbgc.com/images/VolunteerApplication.pdf>. For more information about the overall program, please visit their web site at [www.citrusbgc.com](http://www.citrusbgc.com).

Please consider joining other SMW residents who volunteer their time and talents to various charitable organizations like these to help improve the quality of life for all within our community and Citrus County.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker,  
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA