

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

July 24, 2012

Dear Residents,

The Sugarmill Woods Community of residents held their Sugarmill Woods 3rd Annual Community Food Drive early this year to support the **We Care Food Pantry** here in Homosassa. It is one of the events each year where SMW residents come together to help those less fortunate in time of need. The mission of the **"We Care Food Pantry"** program is to provide needy families a hand up, not a hand out. The program is a very closely monitored income based program which helps ensure that our neighbors in need have enough nutritious food to put on the table. Their prescription for success is nothing fancy. They have an **all-volunteer work force** which donates many, many hours each week to uncover new and promising food sources and get that food to people who are hungry as quickly as possible.

The We Care Food Pantry has scheduled an official Grand Opening of their new warehouse complex.

Official Grand Opening We Care Food Pantry Warehouse

10:00 AM

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

**We Care Food Pantry Distribution Center
5259 W Cardinal Street
Homosassa, FL**

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony by State Senator Charlie Dean at 10:00 AM. Grace Nelson, wife of US Senator Bill Nelson is also scheduled to speak as well as Diane Toto, President of the We Care Food Pantry. There may be a few other speakers as well. The Sweetbay Supermarket organization will be delivering a 53-foot semi truck load of food to the site as part of the ceremony as well. Sweetbay Supermarkets were the first to donate money toward the freezer / cooler at the site and wanted to help celebrate this occasion by delivering a semi truck load of food. Light refreshments will be served.

Diane stated in her recent July Newsletter, "I am filled with emotion and gratitude when I think of the many, many people and organizations in this community who cared enough to help with the construction of our new food warehouse. Every donation, big or small and every hour served brought us closer to this moment. The We Care Pantry warehouse is finally ready to open its doors. The warehouse will assist us in storage of food for our needy clients. The We Care Food Pantry was, and still is, funded only by donations, grants and the efforts of many volunteers. To accomplish a project of this magnitude is nothing short of miraculous! Thank you to everyone."

The We Care Food Pantry continues to look for all types of volunteers. I am told they need all skill sets from book keeping and grant writing to CDL truck drivers and food boxers.

If you are interested in attending the event, I suggest you go early and car pool because parking is limited.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker,
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

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