

# BEAM News



Sustaining Families For 26 Years

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BEAM'S Mission is to keep families in their homes and help them become self-sufficient.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL WITH BEAM



The 18th Annual "Back to School with BEAM," saw hundreds of volunteers come together to help children once again. Over 1,100 children received everything they need to start off the new school year. Almost 9,000 clothing items were distributed, hundreds of accessory items, 3,309 pairs of sox and underwear, plus vouchers to purchase new shoes. 1,200 bags of grade specific school supplies were prepared and about 1,100

backpacks given away, also thousands of books. Twenty hair professionals from Ten Salon, Compliments by Sherry & Co, Great Clips - Harbour Village, Great Clips - Ponte Vedra Beach, Great Clips - Southside Blvd and SoCo for Hair stayed busy all day giving 130 free hair cuts. The Exchange Club grilled 800 hot dogs and Rotary Club members provided drinks and healthy snacks.

The whole community came together, with about 250 volunteers, to make this wonderful project possible. Some of the comments heard by volunteers and participants were "Amazing" , "Thank you BEAM", and "Tiring, but oh so worth it".

It is hard to imagine the scope of "Back to School with BEAM" unless you have seen it.

Tour the "Back to School with BEAM" 2011 event on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/embed/0LVdCSj1flc> (YouTube BEAM BTS 2011).



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# Volunteer Spotlight



**Peggy O'Neill**

When Peggy O'Neill retired from work providing Physical Therapy home care in New Jersey, she did not retire to sit around, she came to Florida and immediately started volunteering! She says "I am a firm believer in doing something for the community." And, Peggy has spent about ten years helping the community by volunteering with BEAM. In the beginning Peggy would interview clients as well as get food for them. Now, other volunteers interview, and she gets the food ready and fills the grocery cart for them. Over the years she has seen "a massive increase in need and in the amount of food that BEAM moves." Peggy says it "fascinates me that people at the Beaches are so generous that the food keeps coming in." Now she says "BEAM's food pantry needs more room!"

Peggy, along with Jerry Nordsiek, Paul Krouse and Sharron Cantrell have volunteered for years together on Tuesdays. The group preferred to be the only ones shelving foods, so they could carefully check the expiration dates and shelve them accordingly. These days the food moves in and out of the food pantry so quickly that there is no longer a need to store the food by expiration dates. Peggy noted that there is always a need for canned meats, jelly, soups and spaghetti sauce. Peggy loves volunteering at BEAM, the friends she has made there, and knowing that she is working with a worthwhile group that has a good purpose, and Peggy adds, she "needs the exercise!"



**Dolores Jamele**

Dolores Jamele volunteers three days a week facilitating food stamp and Medicaid applications, which includes people from any zip code. Dolores thinks it is wonderful, seeing how happy people are to get help. She loves helping people and has been volunteering at BEAM for about five years but these days, she says she "is seeing more middle class people coming in needing help - people that have never asked for help before." In her volunteer work at BEAM, Dolores is seeing so many people that are losing jobs and houses in these tough economic times.

Dolores and her late husband began volunteering at BEAM because their daughter, who knew about BEAM from Beach United Methodist Church, insisted that they spend their volunteer efforts at BEAM! And Dolores is glad she did, she agrees that BEAM is a wonderful organization and says "It's marvelous what we can do for people at BEAM."

Before retirement and volunteering at BEAM, Dolores, was originally from Connecticut, but because of her husband's corporate relocations, they lived in Ohio, and several places in Florida - Boca Raton, Hollywood, Sarasota, Clearwater and twice in Ponte Vedra before settling there.

Dolores is active at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and has children and grandchildren in the area, and others in Texas and Idaho. If she's not with her family or at church, she's at BEAM and she's "Proud to be a part of it!" and BEAM is thankful that she's a part of it, too!

## What's New at BEAM



**Young Professionals  
Ellen Guenther & Chris Hoffman**

Young professionals who want to support BEAM now have their chance! While there is no specific age limit, most members of BEAM's YP Group range in age from twenties to forties and represent some of the beaches most active and influential. "I wanted to start the group because I realized there were not a lot of people my age volunteering for BEAM because most volunteer opportunities are during the work day" said Chris Hoffman, Fundraising Chair of the BEAM Board of Trustees. "It was apparent to me that we had a lot of support from this age group when I saw how many came out to support Beach Ball."



**Young Professionals  
at Back to School with BEAM**

Since the YPs tend to be working professionals, most events and volunteer opportunities will be after work hours. So far, the YPs have come out in full force for "Back to School with BEAM" and organized, "Back to the Beach with BEAM" at the Lemon Bar on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The group is loosely organized and is still looking for the perfect name. Anyone interested in getting involved or finding out more about this group, look for the "BEAM Young Professional Group" on Facebook.

# Letters from clients



Dear BEAM,

Today, my child and I came to you in great need of food. Not only were you kind and generous, but you showed us great respect in our time of ultimate humility. I am a single parent of a young child, in my final semester of college, and reside with my parents. Humility has become a way of life in recent years and I am ok with that as it's soon to change. I share a brief synopsis of my life as TODAY, YOU MADE AN IMPRESSIVE IMPRINT. You and your organization are the epitome of a "joyful giver." Thank you for giving me both help and hope.

A BEAM Recipient

Dear BEAM,

I would like to thank BEAM and its volunteers for all the help you have given myself and my children for my mortgage, food, and most of all Christmas.

We had no Christmas or gifts for me to give them. I cannot put into words what it has meant to us. BEAM is truly a Blessing and from the bottom of my heart I Thank you. Everyone at BEAM is pleasant and understanding and friendly. "May God Bless you all and keep your families safe."

A BEAM Recipient

## BEAM needs your help!

The shelves are empty and the need is great. Please help us feed our families who are truly hurting and hungry, with your gift of food today!



**URGENTLY NEEDED  
NOW!**

**Canned meat or pasta**

**Peanut butter**

**Jelly**

**Spaghetti sauce**

**Canned vegetables and fruit**

**Powdered milk**

**Soup**

**Instant rice or potatoes**

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- 100.....BEAM Blessing
- 1,000..... BEAM of Light
- 2,500.....Lighthouse Keeper
- 5,000..... BEAM Saint

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