

MISSION STATEMENT

To be a blessing in providing services back to the people who brought us this far, our senior citizens.

Mathew 25:32-46

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2006 FEDERAL STATISTICS:

As of 2006 Citrus County Population: 138,143
30.1% 65 yr old and up.
Meaning 41,522 are seniors over the age of 65.

THE VISION:

That people will become excited about helping those that are in need all over the world using **unconditional** love rather than judgment.

Our Volunteer of the quarter is Mr. Fred Bernard of Inverness Florida. Thank you for all your hard work!(smiles)

Client Appreciation:

"What a Blessing it was ..."

OAFCM dedicates it's **first** newsletter to the memory of **Mr. Floyd Wilson** of Floral City, Florida. Mr. Wilson was born September 16th, 1931 and quietly left us February 7, 2006. Mr. Floyd and Bonnie Wilson were married for 30 years. Together they raised seven children. They have thirteen grandchildren and six great-grand children. "I really miss him," said Mrs. Bonnie. "We were so compatible, you would not believe how much. Everything we did together, we agreed on. Life, sports, fishing working out in the yard or even going somewhere. We were always so compatible. There was never anything we disagreed on. If he went out in the yard working, I was right there with him."

"Each time that OAFCM needed us to do some minor work at Mr. Floyd's, he would be right there overseeing the projects and conversing with Mr. Jackie and I would work and talk with Ms. Bonnie," said Ms. Crystal who is a volunteer. "I always found Mr. Floyd and Mrs. Bonnie to be so pleasant and filled with so much knowledge. Mr. Floyd was a man of many talents and I have to say that he really taught me some thing new each time I saw him. After all, He built his family home from the ground up!" stated Mr. Jackie an OAFCM volunteer.

Mrs. Bonnie expressed her thoughts about OAFCM stating, "What a blessing it was to meet you guys. You helped us out when we really, really needed you." By the time OAFCM met the Wilson's, Mr. Floyd had a leg amputated.

"I know it had to be God," said Mrs. Bonnie, "or else we would have never even got you.." Mrs. Bonnie continued by saying, "We just love you! You don't know how much we love you! With you coming and helping us, made our hearts feel so good. It took the worry from Floyd about the yard, 'cause he wasn't able to do it like he use to. Ya'll really, really blessed us. If you could help one other person like you helped us, I know God will bless."

Mrs. Bonnie has moved from the home her husband built for them and is now residing further north. She stated that she misses her husband terribly but she is not alone nor sad. She is very happy and has a puppy to keep her company while her children are all a phone call and a couple of miles away.

OAFCM Blurp!

We are excited about our first newsletter and we hope you are too! Our next editions will be June 2008 for (Jul-Sept) and Sept. 2008 for (Oct-Dec). We thank you for your support and hope that you are continuously blessed in all you do. In our next edition we will have some photos of our work.

Hurricane Season Preparation

Hurricane season starts this year on June 1st. It is very important that we began to prepare. In 2007 we did not experience a lot of activity from hurricanes, however we did experience some tornado activity around Sumter, Lake and Volusia counties. This year it is predicted that there will be at least 15 named storms. Possibly four of these storms will be defined as major. (category three or higher) Let's start preparing ourselves. Citrus County Sheriff's Office, has an All-Hazards Preparedness Guide. You can call 352-746-6555 to inquire about the information and how you may be able to receive a booklet Or you can go onto the website: www.sheriffcitrus.org. The department has a registration program for those who are disabled, which ensures that you are checked on during a hazard. You can go to the same website to register for this program also. Just click on "codeRED Registration" or "Special Needs Registration."



To OAFCM Volunteers:
As the young people say
"You Rock!!"

We adore each and everyone of you.

**OAFCM
NEEDS:**

- PRAYERS
- DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS
- GRANT WRITERS
- WORK TRUCK
- SMALL ENGINE MECHANIC



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INSPIRATIONAL:

Be True To Your Word

Mathew 5: 33-37(English Standard Version)

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Remember:

It's important that Christians act and speak so that the Savior is glorified. When you give your word, keep it. If you make a commitment, honor it. If you take on an obligation, fulfill it. So never give your word unless you intend to keep it. Jesus Christ said it best, let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no'.

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A Special Thank You

We at OAFCM would like to send a special "Thank you" to Mrs. Andrea "Katrice" McCray-Holly, Founder and Executive Director of the Community Action Foundation of Citrus County Organization for her support and commitment to our community.

Important Dates:

- June 2-** 1130 a.m. at Inverness Community Center; information on Medicare Updates
- June 4-** 11:45 a.m. at Central Citrus Community Center; Speaker for Diabetes -10:00 a.m. at Annie Johnson Center; speaker for Medicare Updates
- June 5-** 11:45 a.m. East Citrus Comm. Center; speaker for Medicare Updates
- June 9-** 11:45 a. m. Central Citrus Comm. Center; Speaker for Medicare Updates
- June 10-** 11:30 a.m. Inverness Comm. Center; Speaker for Diabetes 11:45 a.m. West Citrus Comm. Center; Speaker for Medicare Updates
- June 12-** 11:45a.m. East Citrus Comm. Center ; Speaker for Diabetes
- June 16-** 11:45 a.m. Central Citrus Comm. Center; Speaker OAFCM on community services
- June 17-** 10:00 a.m. Annie Johnson Comm. Center; Speaker for Diabetes
- June 23-** 11:45 a.m. West Citrus Comm. Center; OAFCM speaks on community services
- June 24-** 11:30 a.m. Inverness Community Center; OAFCM speaks on community services
- June 25-** 10:00 a.m. Annie Johnson Comm. Center; OAFCM speaks on community services
- June 26-** 11:45 a.m. ;East Comm. Center; OAFCM speaks on community services