

## **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN'T DONATE!**

So you think you can't help someone in need just because things are tight these days? Well, think again as some of your fellow HBA members have broken the code.

At the October GMM your Foundation featured one of the four selected charities, New Hope for Kids, the grieving center and wish foundation for children in need. If you were there, you would remember the compelling story told by a young interior designer who suddenly lost her spouse a few years ago and didn't know what how she would survive life after. She had children, had recently moved to Central Florida and suddenly had lost the breadwinner of the family. After a few months of floundering with no direction, she sought help from New Hope for Kids. Today she is a successful interior designer and her family is back to living a happy life.

I tell you this story because it hit home with some of our members. After the meeting, several of them sought out Dave Joswick, the Executive Director of New Hope for Kids. They all had the same story, "I can't give your organization any money, but I want to do something to help."

As Dave Joswick tells it, one of our members, Nathan Cross, was asking what he could do. Dave mentioned they needed to fix up one of the toilets in the Grief Center where they counsel the children and had no funds to do it. Nathan Cross completed the job. Dave reported back to me that it was a job well done and the kids were very happy.

Another member offered to help New Hope secure necessary permits for the new center they hope to build in the near future. It was reported that Ed Hampton made some very generous comments about the value of New Hope for Kids in our community at a recent public hearing.

Dave also mentioned he has a 2500 sq ft parking lot at the Grieving Center that is in serious need of repair. Contact your HBA Foundation for more information on how you can assist.

So you see folks, even in these tough times, we can reach out in other ways to help those less fortunate than us. So you think you can't donate? Think again!

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The Mid-Florida Home Builders Foundation would like to thank all the members who contributed prizes and cash for the Builder Invitational Golf Tournament raffle. And a thank you to all the golfers who purchased raffle tickets! It was a very successful event and the Foundation was able to raise \$1,700 for the children!