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No Access Flagler First event in August

August 2, 2018 – There will be no Access Flagler First event in August this year. The next event will be held in October.

“We are making a couple of changes,” said Human Services Program Manager Janet Nickels. “We are taking August off because of the heat. We will continue to be every other month for October and December, but in 2019 Access Flagler First will become quarterly.”

Access Flagler First has been bringing together social service agencies for those who need it for the past seven years. Free goods, services and information such as: food, the federal WIC (Women, Infants and Children) nutritional program, SNAP (food stamps) and phones are available at the event.

At the last event in June, 185 families were served, made up of 135 children, 14 young adults and 422 adults. Six percent of the people served were veterans, and 22 percent were disabled.

“Twenty-eight social services agencies and volunteers got together to provide services, information and education,” Nickels said. “This includes 36 UCF students who greeted our citizens, helped with registration, and packed and transported food. They also checked the blood pressure of 150 people, and provided information about hydration and other health topics.”

Contributing agencies include: Alpha Women’s Center, Assurance Wireless, Azalea Health, Career Source of Flagler/Volusia Counties, Center for Visually Impaired, Children’s Home Society, Daytona Fresh Start Program, Division of Blind Services, Early Learning Coalition, Easterseals – Early Steps, ElderSource, Family Life Center, Family Matters, Family Share, Flagler County Human Services, Flagler County Senior Services, Flagler Free Clinic, Flagler Technical Institute, Flagler Schools – TRAIL Transition Program, Flagler County Veteran Services, Florida Department of Children and Families SNAP, Florida Department of Health-Flagler, Florida RX Card, Grace Food Pantry, Halifax Hospice, Kiwanis Club, Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Palm Coast Lions Club, People Helping People, Rural Partner for Healthy Kids, Sally’s Safe Haven, Senator Rubio’s Office, SHINE, SHIP, St. Johns Housing

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Partnership, Stewart-Marchman-Act, Talking Books Library, The Sheltering Tree, United Way, Veteran Marine Corps League 876, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

“Most of the agencies have contributed to this program, which is one of a kind, since its inception,” said Joe Mayer, community services director.

The next Access Flagler First will be held from noon to 3 p.m. October 5 at Cattlemen’s Hall on the Fairgrounds, 150 Sawgrass Road, Bunnell. Upcoming 2019 dates include: March 1, June 7, October 4, and December 6.

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