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OUR HISTORY & MISSION STATEMENT

The Pine Manor Neighborhood Improvement Association is a private non-profit agency that provides services to approximately 3,000 children and families that are at risk in southwest Florida. We have been active in the community for 24 years. Pine Manor is one of six “blighted” neighborhoods designated by the Lee County Board of Commissioners, a neighborhood where 28% of the population is foreign-born, almost all of those from Latin America, and where 84% of the population rents rather than owns their place of residence. Many of these families do not speak English. Most of them live in poverty.

Our mission is to improve the neighborhood by developing effective, cost efficient, holistic neighborhood revitalization strategies designed to provide decent, affordable housing, suitable living environments and expand economic opportunities to our residents. We have a proven track record for meeting project objectives and have worked with Lee County Board of Commissioners to develop and work toward projects which:

- ***Empower the communities to promote safe, viable neighborhoods***
- ***Provide decent housing***
- ***Encourage economic opportunities***

As Of September 30, 2001 it was estimated that a total of 3,785 people lived in Pine Manor of which 54.6% were male and 45.4% were female. The median age was 26.1 years old with 31.1% of the residents under 18 years old and 6.3% were 65 years and over. We serve all of the youth and families within this blighted community.

PROGRAMS

Pine Manor Community Center currently has the following programs running out of the center:

1. ACCESS, where community members can come to our center to sign up for assistance with food, and medical expenses.
2. A referral program which provides information to residents regarding food pantries, medical assistants, and utility assistant referrals.
3. An Emergency Food Bank that can support families with a week worth of groceries
4. Clothing Referral program where residents can go and shop for 7 outfits per person in household in collaboration with Faith United Methodist Church.
5. Free monthly Health classes on different health issues, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, pregnancy tests, HIV/AIDS tests.
6. Self defense classes for women quarterly in partnership with Lee County Sheriff.
7. Annual Health /Job Fair with 25 providers bringing valuable health information into the community.



8. Free pre-school play group program for children in the community from ages 1-5. Approximately 20 children attend and a free snack is provided in collaboration with Early Steps Program.

9. Free summer camp/after school program that serves about 30 children Daily in collaboration with Children's Advocacy Center.



10. Summer feeding program PMIA in collaboration with Lee County Schools and Children's Advocacy Center children 0 -18 are able to get a free breakfast and lunch at the community center through summer months. .



11. Free Teen Program where Pine Manor teens get involved in community activities. Currently we have an active Teen Girl Group called Image Breaking.



12. Kids Crew a free children's program on Saturday, children ages 5-18 they meet, have a lesson, snack/lunch and free play in partnership with the Master's Commission from First Assembly.



13. Summer Youth Worker program in partnership with Career & Service Center, Pine Manor employed 7 youth that did not have a job previously, none of the youth had GED and all were over the age of 18. During the program we signed all 7 up with GED program through Cypress Lake and Lee County Schools, since that time 2 have completed class and have taken GED one passed one is still waiting on results. 4 others continue to take GED classes. 5 of the 7 currently have either a part time or full time job, during this program we did job interview skills, each learned how to do a resume and learned valuable skills for employment purposes.



14. Back to school supplies over 250 children in the community receive a free book bag and back to school supplies we provide them at our "End of Summer Event".



15. Annual Events include Health, Job & Safety Fair, Easter Event, Keep Lee County Beautiful "Trash Bash", Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, "End of Summer Fling", Celebrating Safe Communities, Make A Difference Day and the following.



2009 "Make A Difference Day"



2009 "Celebrating Safe Communities" March and Candle light vigil!



2009 "Trash Bash"



2009 "Easter Event"

16. Annual "Trunk or Treat", We have approximately 20 community providers fill the trunks of their cars with gifts and candy for children to trick or treat at Hunter Park, a central area for children to come and be safe and still enjoy the fun of Halloween.



17. Thanksgiving dinner for the community feeding approximately 500 residents each year sponsored by Children's Advocacy Center.



18. Thanksgiving we provide the food to 50 families so they have thanksgiving dinner available in their own homes.

19. Christmas dinner for the community feeding approximately 600 residents each year.



20. Christmas dinner and all the trimmings provided for 50 residents each year.

Collaborative Partners

Prevention services in Pine Manor are greatly needed. To maximize our funding, we collaborate with such community agencies as the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, Inc., Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc., the Department of Children and Families, Lee County Human Services, Children's Home Society, YMCA, Early Steps, Faith Fellowship, First Assembly and the Good News Baptist Church to maintain current programming and to begin much-needed new programs.

Grants Received

- Wal-Mart & Sam's Club Community Grant
- Price Foundation
- Sunrise Rotary
- BJ's Charitable Foundation