



New Vision News

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"Vision Impairment Services In Our Neighborhood"

Lake-Sumter Community College

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Sneakers and Paws for New Vision - 5K Run/Walk and costumed Dog Contest



We are pleased to announce our annual fundraiser set for **October 17** to raise funds for rehabilitation services for individuals

with blindness or low vision.

Sneakers & Paws will be held at Lake-Sumter Community College in Leesburg. The **5K Run/Walk** route is around Silver Lake, located behind the college. A shorter walk route is available around the college track for those wishing to participate but not wanting to walk the full 5K.

A **Costumed Dog Contest** will also be held. Doggie participants don't have to run or walk the 5K at all. Dog owners are invited to show off their dressed-up doggies. There is no limit to the possibilities of how your dog can be costumed—a hot dog, dog catcher, tornado! (You may even dress your dog as a cat, but please DON'T bring costumed cats!)

Dog obedience demonstrations and doggie games will be conducted courtesy of Central Florida Obedience Dog Club. When was the last time you took your dog out to play games?!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Please remember that this is an important fundraising event for New Vision. Invite your friends, neighbors, & co-workers. We also have event posters that can be posted at businesses, pet shops, clubhouses, etc. within your community. **Call now for registration forms, posters, team information, or to volunteer.** Prior to the event, **participants are encouraged to request donations for New Vision. You can even help your dog request donations!** 100% of the funds raised will be used for rehabilitation services for the blind in Lake & Sumter Counties.

Sponsorships are available starting at \$500. If you know of someone or a business that may be interested, please call Terry at 435-5040.

Prescription Assistance Program

Assistance is available for low-income residents of Lake County. To be eligible you must:

- Have an income at or below 150% of federal poverty limits
- Not have assets of more than \$5,000 cash value excluding your home and one vehicle
- Must not be receiving Medicaid

To apply, contact the Lake County Health Department at 352-357-1668.

Donations Needed - We are still accepting used eyeglasses. And now, in conjunction with Deaf & Hearing Services, we accept used hearing aids for redistribution to those in need.

Our Mission Statement

New Vision for Independence is committed to excellence in providing rehabilitation, community education, and support service for people with low vision or blindness, and their families, to promote independence, acceptance, and self-confidence.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome 1 new employee and 1 returning employee.

Char Bagnato, who was very instrumental in getting New Vision on its feet, has returned after a brief retirement. As our Early Childhood Interventionist she is developing and establishing the Blind Babies Program and also providing direct service to these children and their families.

Julie Engel is our new Case Manager for the adult programs. Julie brings a wealth of experience in Community Relations, Marketing, programs assisting the elderly, as well as Case Management.

The experience, dedication, and enthusiasm both Char and Julie bring to New Vision will help us continue to provide quality service to a growing population.

Grant Awarded!

New Vision has been awarded a grant of \$5000 from The Community Foundation of South Lake County, Inc. The money will be used for various supplies to enhance our Independent Living Skills and Braille programs. Thank you to CFSLC!

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane Season began June 1st and ends November 30th so we are half way through the season. It was a quiet start but with 3 named storms within a couple of days it is a reminder that we need to be prepared. Lake County Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Division has a Special Needs Program for those "persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities." They are required to maintain a registry of persons with special needs located within their jurisdiction.

To receive a special needs application, call the Emergency Management office at 352-343-9420. Mail the completed application to Lake County Emergency Management, 315 W main St, Room 441, Tavares, FL 32778. A committee reviews each application and makes a determination of the applicant's special needs category.

All eight primary shelters in Lake County provide for pets. Pets must be crated and have documentation of up-to-date rabies vaccinations.

If you must evacuate your residence, it is recommended you bring:

- At least 2 weeks of medications
- Any medical equipment and supplies you use at home
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags
- Basic toiletries
- Extra clothing
- Battery operated radio & flashlight
- Personal items, including books & magazines
- Important papers, such as valid identification

Lake County Emergency Management has a Public Shelter Registry which assists residents who may not have reliable transportation to a public shelter. Those residents who may need transportation to a shelter are encouraged to register.

To receive a public-shelter registry application, call the Emergency management office at 352-343-9420.

Hurricane Supply Kit Checklist

- Water - 1 gallon per person, per day (at least a 5 day supply)
- Non-perishable food including canned and packaged food and juices, food for infants and elderly, snack foods
- Non-electric can opener
- Cooking tools
- Grill, grill lighter & cooking fuel
- Paper plates & plastic utensils
- Garbage bags & resealable bags
- Toiletries including toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shaving equipment, personal hygiene supplies, moist towelettes, shampoo, wash cloths & towels, toilet paper, tissues, prescription medications, first-aid kit
- Blankets & pillows
- Extra clothes, rain gear, hard sole shoes
- Battery operated NOAA Weather Radio, AM/FM radio, flashlight & extra batteries
- Supplies for infants including diapers & formula
- Camera to record property damage
- Hand sanitizer
- Bug repellent
- Reading material
- Supplies for senior citizens including special dietary consideration and incontinence pads
- Waterproof container with important documents - extra cash, insurance information, financial records, social security cards, list of important phone numbers

Did You Know?

Samuel M. Genensky, the scientist who invented video magnifiers for people who are visually impaired and founded the Los Angeles based Center for the Partially Sighted, died June 26, 2009. Dr. Genensky was blinded shortly after birth when a delivery room nurse administered the wrong eye drops, leaving him with 20/1000 vision in one eye and no vision in the other. While in high school, he modified his father's World War I era binoculars so he could use his remaining vision to see the blackboard. As a mathematician at RAND Corporation he hooked up a closed-circuit television with a camera for use at his desk. He did not patent his invention, and various manufacturers developed video magnification systems based on his design. Dr. Genensky was universally known as a pioneer of assisted technology for people with partial vision. He travelled internationally to raise funds and bring attention to the cause of people who had low vision.

Thank You to all who donated no longer used eye glasses. We have been able to fill 4 boxes to pass on to the Lion's Club.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In these tough economic times non-profit organizations are also facing drastic cuts in budgets. No non-profit is secure from funding losses. If you are fortunate enough to be in a position to offer financial assistance, please contact our office.

Items for Sale:

Television Screen Magnifier

Accepting donations of computers, CCTV's, low vision aids

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