



September 2008



# New Hope... *New opportunities*



*Students dissecting a squid*

## **New Hope goes Scientific!**

“New Hope Children had a terrific summer camp,” says Director Guillermo Rivera, “It makes me feel proud that we are not only making children feel safe and have fun, but also learn.” Learning while having fun is our way of bringing hope to a generation desperately in need of role models. Learning while having fun is our way of bringing hope to a generation desperately in need of role models. This year NHC in collaboration with The Science Museum, held an educational workshop giving our students the opportunity to learn “hands on.”

## **Summer fishing!**

The Family Center took several students on fishing trip aboard Lady K, as part of New Hope Summer Camp in collaboration with the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation.

## **Pahokee Champions!**

*Summer 2008*



*The New Hope Pumas Soccer Team*

New Hope is proud to announce the next generation of soccer players; The New Hope Pumas Soccer Team. The team was responsible, faithful and committed to team spirit, and as a result of that they were UDEFEATED this summer. We thank the Boys Scouts Pumas for their soccer module.

# Auntie

**Dear Auntie Hope:** The Holidays will be coming soon and, since our children moved away, my husband and I are celebrating it alone for the first time. I would love to buy gifts for poor children. How do I go about it? A desperate Holiday Shopper in Wellington.

**Dear Desperate Holiday Shopper in Wellington:** You may want to contact New Hope Charities, a wonderful non for profit organization, recruiting Santa Helpers in the area of Pahokee, the second poorest city in the United States. Every year New Hope Charities distributes over 2,000 gifts to children and young adults. You can donate cash, volunteer, and/or buy gifts not exceeding the \$10 to \$15 range. You and your husband will rediscover the spirit of giving all over again. I know I do year after year. Say hello to Santa for me, and by all means join others in these holiday season. If you have any questions put them in writing: Auntie Hope, 626 N. dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL, 33401.

## Christmas in October Celebrates 20 Years

### Christmas in October unveils a success story!

*An Interview with Fífi Lopez Oña*



On October 1, 2008, Mrs. Lian Fanjul de Azqueta and her “girls”, now grown up girls, celebrate 20 years of a successful idea. In 1988, Lian thought it would be a good idea to buy food for families who were having a hard time keeping food on their tables. Lian called some of her girlfriends to buy and pack food from her mother’s garage. A team of workers evolved! Berta Pons approached Father Santa Viviana who provided the names of 40 needy families in Pahokee. Lian and Berta would drive up and down the single lane street in Pahokee trying to identify those in most need. Fífi Lopez Oña recalls those days as of an epiphany. “We became acutely aware of the depth of the poverty in the community, where whole families lived in rotting and run down trailers. One can see a father, mother and many little kids sleeping in a one bedroom trailer. Father Duffy, on the other hand, helped the busy girls with ideas to collect funds and donated items. Berta Pons visited some families to assess their needs, which entailed opening their refrigerators and checking the cabinets for stored food. One of the families did not have anything in their house, and Berta and Lian got some furniture donated. They went back to the little house when the family was not there and furnished the whole house, filling the fridge with food. A picture of that family should have been taken when they returned to their house and found it filled with the love of a group of people. Food was purchased at “Daily Bread Food Bank” as the food was donated by manufactures and local businesses. This food included overruns, leftover bread, fruit and meat unsold, that would soon have gone bad. Everything we purchased would be bought by Lian and taken to be stored at the Huge Center. “Lian had the motivation and we were fueled with energy”, says Fífi, and we noticed that while the parents were working, some kids were locked in their houses with huge padlocks, while others would accompany the parents. That motivated us to start a day care center for 64 children in Collaboration with RCMA. We also noticed that the incidence of pregnancy in young girls was high, which was associated it with lack of supervision. We put our best efforts together and started the after school program in an old warehouse we called the “Center”. The building was huge, which made it difficult to cool down in the heat of the summer and impossible during the winter. We had to work “bundled up,” says Fífi, sometimes wearing winter coats and gloves.

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# 20 Years of History, Christmas in October Remembers !!!



## *Christmas in October unveils a success story! CONT...*

Initially it was a handful of us; Lian, Berta, Diana Macias, Mari Suarez, Alina Freyre, Margarita Zayas and me. Sometimes, Father Mericantante would join us to fill out rice bags with the food gathered earlier. Florida Crystals provided the building, financial and administrative support, assisting with bookkeeping, rice bags and other miscellaneous. We cannot thank enough people like Jose Valdivia, George Dominicus, Oscar Hernandez, Sharon Haskins Leonard, Domingo Macias, his secretary Maria Izzo and Vicky Reynolds. Norberto and his secretary Marta were also a big help, among so many others.

Charles (Chaz) Wira, a volunteer from The Catholic volunteers of America, from New Hampshire, came to help us out and stayed for two years. He got involved in every single program, which was such a relief! Meanwhile, Lian asked me to go to the Children's Council and gather information about grant proposal. Soon it became my learning project as I had to read books, talk to people and made a sound proposal. Although, I had taken the lead, I could have never done it without the help of Chaz and my friend Laura Gonzalez. Laura provided the budget structure necessary for the proposal. Since she used to work during the day, she would come to my house and stay up late crunching numbers and getting new ideas. The day our proposal went in, we were blessed by Mr. George Dominicus' who stood tall while presenting our project. We got our first grant for \$25,000, and have since received the Council's yearly support. I think that getting the grant was like winning an Oscar, as we were recognized for our hard work and validated as a humanitarian entity. Those were great years, and I am so proud of Lian and feel privileged to have been part of such a great cause. New Hope is indeed a place where hope is shared in buckets!

## **The Carpenter's followers!**

Catholic Youth leaders take hammer and nails to fix homes of poor residents in Pahokee on June 28, 2008

*New Hope Charities hosts lunch for 200...*



Low income families received unexpected visit from a group of volunteers following a Carpenter's journey. Members of "Youth in Action" have been very busy fixing homes in the Pahokee area. These young adults are not afraid to take hammer, nails and paint to express their faith.

Youth in Action, have been helping the needy residents of Pahokee with home repairs and various community projects throughout the summer. On June 28, 2008 the Catholic Volunteers sponsored an appreciation lunch for nearly three hundred young adults held at the New Hope Youth Center in Pahokee

## Western Golf ...did it again!

*Golfing for fun raised \$22,000 net for children in need.*

Johny Fanjul and his team were very busy sending letters, making phone calls and shining their golf clubs, yes sadly but true they spend hours shining the clubs for the 10th Annual Golf Tournament.



On September 6, 2008 the streets were busy, with cars running all over the lawn at the Binks Forest Golf Course. After 7 years, the gang returned to the Binks where they started. The Binks Forest Golf Course is known for its tight fairways and challenging greens. The 10th Western Open Tournament sold-out, making the event one of the best of its kind. Playing for fun helps New Hope Charities continue to provide children and their families with monthly food bags, after school care, courses in English as a second language, free medical health care and much more. The staff and the children of New Hope Charities thank Johnny and all his volunteers for such a gracious and fun gift. If you missed this event, make sure you mark your calendars because next year it promises to be even

## JOB Training in Pahokee



New Hope Charities, with the collaboration of Wellington businessmen Mr. Terry Clark and Mr. Kevin Enterlein, began a Summer “Job Training” program. The program provided youth with weekly training on how to interview for a job, dress for success and project a positive image. Youth who successfully completed this summer program received a one week internship at, Wellington Regional Hospital, The Wellington Chamber of Commerce and / or Palm West Surgical Associates. Seven students were successfully placed and each received a \$200 stipend from their host agency. Thank you Mr. Clark and Mr. Enterlein, and all of you who made this possible.

We need more people like you . Big Kudos!

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### Upcoming Events: 15th Annual Holiday Bazaar!!!



*Prepare for the holidays with our  
Silent auction items!*

The 15th Annual Holiday Bazaar is the New Hope Charities' main fundraising event at the SailFish Club in Palm Beach. Elegant Dinner, Silent Auction, Bazaar Vendors and a lot of fun! For more information and to make a reservation call: 561-366-5093

On December 4, 2008, Cathie and Andres Fanjul will be hosting the 15th Annual Holiday Bazaar. For the past 15 years, the Holiday Bazaar has been raising money to provide a healthier environment for children in the Western Palm Beach county. More than 220 bags of food are distributed monthly in an effort to prevent children from going to bed hungry. Although the current financial economy affects us all, it is having a tremendous impact on our children. Please mark your calendars



**What You Can Do**  
Give Hope by Joining our Family  
and Attending a NHC Event