

BASKET OF CHEER. For Family Renew Community. (FRC)

The *basket of cheer* is presented through the social worker to the most deserving family each month. The Alliance provides the items and place them in a collapsible laundry basket each month at their meeting, then Jeanne Young and Joyce Nelson, FRC advocates, take it to the monthly FRC meeting for the social worker to give to the client.

There are 18 faith based organizations serving as advocates and we seem to be the only one doing any outreach, beyond the Thanksgiving turkey and the \$25 gift certificate at Christmas.

We meet at the original FRC facility in Holly Hill the first Tues. of every month at 10:30 a.m. The social worker reviews each family. If the family is home in your unit. (ours is 15) we go and talk to them, just being a good listener. However, most are working and many are not receptive. This facility gets the most donations through local organizations and clubs, but Daytona and Deland get little.

Daytona Beach and Deland FRC do not have this monthly meeting, but I know there is a real need for more help, not just a basket, but any type of education that will help them move forward. If anyone is interested in visiting a meeting in Holly Hill, please contact the Alliance President - Jeanne Young @ jeannebyoung@yahoo.com and she will give you directions. FRC executive director and social worker are always happy to see interested parties.

Suggestions for Basket:

Collapsible laundry basket (we usually buy this with cash donations - purchased at Publix or Walmart) Detergent, dish detergent body wash, shampoo, toothbrushes, tooth paste. combs, paper towels, toilet paper, healthy snacks. deodorant, lip balm, tissues, cash ---- just about anything that is not covered by food stamps. Keep your items small or a moderate size. These families live in 600 square feet and can accommodate 2 adults and 4 children.

They do have a food bank on the campus and they are learning to budget to purchase food so we don't usually give food.

You can learn more about the organization by going to www.familyrenew.org.

They provide transitional housing for homeless **families** with children . It is a drug and alcohol free program.

If there are anymore questions you can feel free to email Jeanne or myself.

Sincerely,

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