

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY
White Springs H.O.P.E. Committee
February 2010

Dear Residents of the Greater White Springs Area,

We ask for your input to help determine the needs and priorities of our community. Would you please take some time to complete this survey so we can base our current and future efforts on the actual needs of the community. **Please return completed surveys to Town Hall, the Library or your Church Secretary.** Thank you for your participation.

Adult Education. White Springs now has an Office of Adult Education located in the new Town Hall addition. Individualized instruction is available Mon-Thurs 9 AM to 12 noon and M,W, F 6 PM – 9 PM. Services are free. Please check if you are interested in

_____ FCAT instruction _____ GED instruction

Summer Enrichment Programs for youth (6 to 12) and teenagers/young adults. Free breakfast, lunch and snacks, and transportation provided on an as-needed basis. \$20 per week (limited number of scholarships available, and parents can volunteer in lieu of fees). Programs begin June 14 and conclude on August 6, 2010. A limited number of internships for teens/young adults will be available to assist volunteers with program delivery. Please check areas of interest:

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| _____ Arts & crafts | _____ Reading for Fun | _____ Yoga |
| _____ Cooking | _____ Computer searches | _____ Field Trips |
| _____ Sewing projects | _____ Computer applications | _____ Choir |
| _____ Sports | _____ Money management | _____ Musical instruments, |
| _____ 4-H (gardening) | _____ College requirements | Specify _____ |
| _____ Flower arranging | _____ Career choices | _____ Tutoring, specify |
| _____ Jr. Park Ranger | _____ Etiquette | subject(s) _____ |

_____ Service learning project: preparing history of the Old Carver School for publication. Project includes conducting interviews of teachers and students, collecting photos, yearbooks, and any related historical documents.

_____ Other areas of interest, please specify _____

Essential Services – Please check if you agree these services are needed in White Springs!

_____ **Fuel Bank.** Residents could register at the Fuel Bank for free fire wood. Residents able to help stock the Fuel Bank could volunteer their services throughout the year. Residents who need wood for heat/cooking could draw wood as needed. Please check if you would like participate.

_____ **Food Bank.** Please check if you would like to participate in a Food Bank (low cost/ free food commodities, or bartering). Suwannee River Economic Council delivers free Senior (age 50 & above) Meal Program (at Community Center) on Mondays & Fridays, 11:30 am to 1pm.

_____ **Discount cards for prescriptions not covered by insurance.** Please check if you would like free enrollment. The Town of White Springs in partnership with the National League of Cities will have the discount cards available in mid-April.

_____ **White Springs needs a pharmacy.** Please check if you agree.

_____ **Health Fair.** Check if you participate in free blood pressure and other health testing.

_____ **Partnership for Strong Families** provides comprehensive child welfare services for Hamilton County, and has been awarded a grant to implement and conduct research on Family Team Conferencing, i.e., the goal is to strengthen families and prevent further abuse. Please check if this service is needed in our community.

_____ **Employment services** (Workforce Solutions for North Florida's Economy) available in mobile unit every 4th Thursday of the month at the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail Nature and Heritage Tourism Center (9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 1:30-3:30pm). Please check if needed in our community.

_____ **White Springs needs a Storm Shelter that could double as a Community Center** (much larger than our current Community Center). The Storm Shelter/Community Center could house the Office of Adult Education, Food Bank, Thrift Shop, Senior Center, Day Care, Computer Lab, Catholic Charities, United Way, and an after-school youth program to provide tutoring and fun learning projects. Please check if you agree.

_____ **Public access transportation.** Residents of White Springs need access to public transportation to reach services not currently available in the community, i.e., medical care, prescription drugs, post-secondary education and training, etc. Please check if you agree.

_____ **Skateboard Park.** The youth of White Springs would benefit from access to a community Skateboard Park. Please check if you agree.

Please provide any additional comments about the needs/priorities of White Springs on the back of this page. Thank you!

Name _____

Physical and mail address(es) _____

Phone (s) _____ e-mail _____

Names/ages of children you would like to pre-register for the Summer Programs.

