

October 2008 thru September 2009

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE



COMMUNITY RESOURCES, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH

RESOURCE CENTER HOURS/CONTACT NUMBERS:

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. We are open during lunch and special event times, as scheduled.

Vickers House Main Tel.: (561) 804-4970.

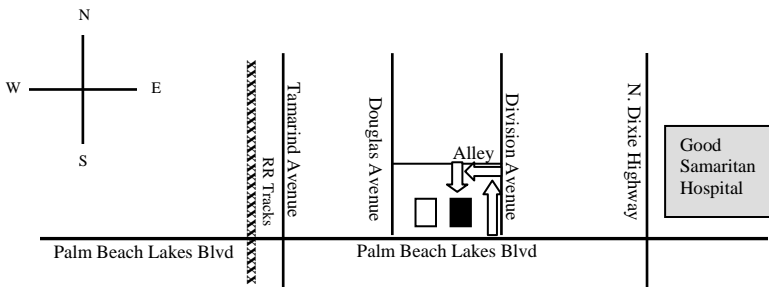
Fax: (561) 835-7150.

Physical Address: 811 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3366, W. Palm Beach, FL 33402

DIRECTIONS:

The Vickers House is located at 811 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. From Good Samaritan Hospital, go west on Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Turn north onto Division Avenue, then west onto alley. Proceed down the alley to the parking lot. The Vickers House is a 2-story white house with teal shutters and shares a parking lot with the Jenkins House.



SOUTHRIDGE EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER

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Vickers House South Main Tel.: (561) 804-4975.

Fax: (561) 835-7183.

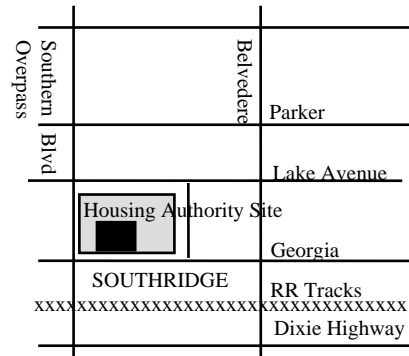
Latino Outreach Office: (561) 804-4978.

Physical Address: 3801 Georgia Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33405.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3366, W. Palm Beach, FL 33402

DIRECTIONS:

The Vickers House South - Southridge Education & Training Center is located at 3801 Georgia Avenue. From I-95, go east on Belvedere Road. Turn right (south) on Georgia Avenue. Follow Georgia and proceed to our facility on the right. Located at 3801 Georgia Avenue (west side of street) just before the Southern Blvd overpass - Parking is available on the street.



Services Offered at Both Locations

What's Inside.

- **Wish to Become a Citizen? Take this Important Course Before you Apply!**
- **Want to Learn English? We have Classes for you and your children!**
- **Want to Gain Experience on how to use a Computer? We have it here!**
- **Are you Homeless and want to go Home to Family? Call about our Homeward Bound Program!**
- **Do you need a Resume. . . Looking for a job. . . .We can Help!**
- **Are you Elderly, No Family, Low-Income. . .Have a Code Violation . . .We May be able to Help!**
- **Need Information on Low-Cost Housing, Shelters, Food Pantries, We Have it all Here!**
- **What about your Taxes, We offer Free Tax Help, Find out More. . . .**
- **Make an appointment for Assistance with Medicaid, and Food Stamps Applications!**
- **Flu Shot, HIV-STD Testing, Hepatitis and Tetanus Vaccinations, Get them Here!**
- **Need Community Service Hours for School, or Court Ordered—Do it Here!**
- **Many Volunteer Opportunities for All ages and abilities!**
- **Like to Paint Houses, Conduct Food Drives, or Donate your Time and Money! We Need You!**



VICKERS HOUSE NORTH – SOUTH LOCATIONS

All Services we offer are FREE, call for more information:

(All Services are offered at both locations unless otherwise indicated)

MENU OF SERVICES

- **Latino Outreach Office** -Bilingual Outreach worker provided to assist with information and referrals-available Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

-**Hurricane Shelter Applications—People Pet Shelters, Special Needs Shelter, Applications for Transport to Shelters**-available year round

- **Assistance with filling out Palm Tran Paratransit Applications**- available Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (must meet eligibility requirements, call for information)

- **Free KidsCare Kits for Children** (contains photo and fingerprints of child, for parents to keep in case the child becomes missing) Call to schedule an appointment

- **Homeward Bound Program** (Assists homeless to reunite with their families within the United States, Greyhound ticket Paid through donations) Come to the office or call for more information

-**Assistance with filling out various public benefit applications such as: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Health Care District**- Available Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (by appointment only)

-**Special Health Services** provided year round as advertised such as: Flu shots, HIV/STD Testing, Hepatitis Vaccinations, etc. Call for schedule

- **Special programs** offered throughout the year such as: Immigration training, domestic violence, hurricane preparedness, various health topics, safety presentations, nutrition education and other educational programs as scheduled. Call for details

- **Updated informational flyers** created and provided such as: community assistance programs, community resources, rental and utility assistance, educational and program information on a variety of services offered throughout Palm Beach County addressing topics which impact every walk of life low cost housing availability, food programs, shelters for the homeless, health care information

- **Blood Pressure Checks** (Vickers House South Only – Pre-registration required) Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

- **Assisting the Elderly with reading Mail, in English and Spanish** Service Available Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

- **Information, Referrals, Counseling for people in Crisis**, such as the homeless, domestic violence victims, elderly in need of services, teens in trouble, etc.

- **FREE Tax Preparation for those who made less than \$40,000 per year** - begins January through April. Call for details

- **Community service opportunities** offered to fulfill court ordered sentence - Call for details

- **Volunteer opportunities** for the young and old, working at either center, or out in the community serving the poor, homeless, or elderly community by providing food, clothing, house repairs, painting or neighborhood clean ups. Youth groups or other organizations are welcome. Call for details.

- **Non paid internships** available for College Students Call for details

- **English as a Second Language** (Vickers House South Only - Pre-registration required) Monday through Friday in the morning

- **Ellis Classes – Learn to speak English through the use of a computer** Monday thru Thursday – Call for details (Vickers House South Only – Pre-registration required)

- **Computer Classes in Spanish** (Vickers House South Only - Pre-registration required) Monday thru Thursday – Call us for schedule

- **Citizenship classes to help people prepare for their United States Citizenship exam** – Call for details (Vickers House South Only – Pre-registration required)

Reflection of our past. . . .a note from the Director

Youth and Family Services Division, was created in 1997, over ten years ago-- at that time, as a Division of one person, I was told to go forth, see what the needs are in the community, pull together resources to address those needs or create new resources to find solutions. Thus the Path was set.

After conducting an extensive study over 6 months, the issues I would strive to address presented themselves: Homelessness, Critical unmet daily living needs for elderly including housing repair, food, healthcare; the increasing needs of the immigrants moving to the area; low income families struggling for self-sufficiency including lack of jobs, and education, Healthcare for those without documentation including addressing the lack of assistance for people with special needs such as mental illness; yes, these were just a few of the needs that were to become the focus for the Youth and Families Division.

To address these needs, in 1999 I was offered the opportunity to rehab a dilapidated structure which I envisioned would be a place where I could help people who needed it most. By June of 2000, the Vickers House at 811 Palm Beach Lakes was restored --with the help of volunteers (mainly teens) and donations, this center was to become the First Community Resource Center—a center where people can walk-in—no appointment needed--for whatever kind of help they need—Free of charge. Over the years we have developed community partnerships with other agencies, non-profits, faith-based groups, health care providers, and volunteer groups, both young and old to respond to our residents who need help.

If there were gaps in services—the Vickers House created services and programs to address those gaps: such as our Homeward Bound program, which has now sent over 600 people back home to family with all donations from the community, over \$65,000 --all for bus tickets! Because the low income residents living in our Vickers House Neighborhood needed help, we created Job Fairs, assistance with Resume development, help with obtaining Public Benefits and Healthcare, and more, plus we became one of the First VITA sites in the County offering Free Help with Tax Preparation, leading the County each year in numbers of clients assisted.

When the Second Vickers House at 3801 Georgia Ave was opened in 2004, due to the generosity of the West Palm Beach Housing Authority (allowing us to use their building), we began addressing the needs of the Hispanic community, thus we began a partnership with the Palm Beach County School District and created classes in Citizenship, Family Literacy, ESOL and Computers.

But it is our Vickers House Assistance Programs for those who are in Crisis where we really excelled! Besides helping the Homeless find their way back home, we also provide assistance to law enforcement, code enforcement, schools, businesses, faith-based groups and neighborhoods all with calls concerning homeless, elderly in distress, families in crisis--often pulling together donations from Vickers House Friends in order to offer some resolution to the problem—being creative tailoring the solution to the case at hand. Unlike many organizations in the community, the Vickers House has no eligibility requirements, we help everyone, with anything, “we just get it done”—help those who need it, anyway we can!

Two years ago because of the demand for more assistance with the elderly we began the “Elders on the Edge” program, in partnership with Legal Aid—collecting donations which have been used mainly to relocate elderly losing their homes! And since last year we have helped over 80 elderly homeowners with code violations --making repairs and painting with the help of volunteer youth groups, such as M-Fuge. Since 1997 this division in partnership with youth groups and faith-based groups has repaired and painted over 300 homes in the City.

Yes--the work we do could not be done without the support of the community and our volunteers --our youngest volunteers has been 10 years old and our oldest 96! And your donations have included equipment, and furniture for use at both Vickers House locations—yard tools, paint, clothes, disaster supplies, food, toys, diapers, etc . . . all these donations have been directly donated back to the community we serve---all **41,694** of them. . . **Yes that’s how many people we have served this past year—41,694!** With only a total budget of \$462,294--roughly it cost us **\$11.00 per person—in some cases-- to save a life!**

With our small staff of 4 full-time employees, and 2 part-time interns we could not do so much, for so many, without the help of our community and for that we thank you again!

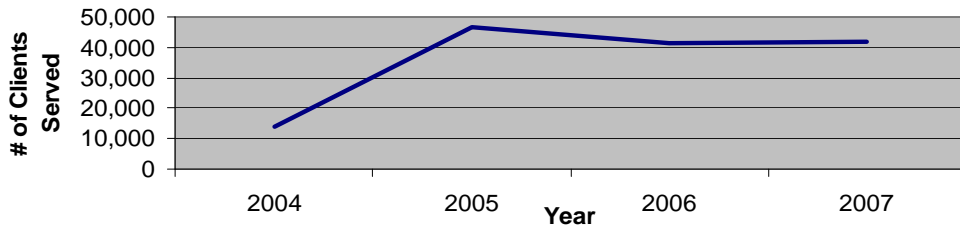
From all those we have helped over the last 10+ years --we Thank you! And we hope you will continue supporting us in the future!

In our current times, we know we will have to become even more creative in keeping the Vickers House alive! In this newsletter I have included some charts and graphs, indicating how we are becoming busier and busier as time moves forward—but most of you who know us and come to the Vickers House already know how we work, and know how many souls come to us for help!

Please know how much we thank all our friends in the community who not only help the Vickers House, but who also do their own good deeds in the community, which most often, go totally unnoticed--- but those who are homeless, hapless and helpless know who you are---and so do I!

From my heart, Thank you, Lela Jordan

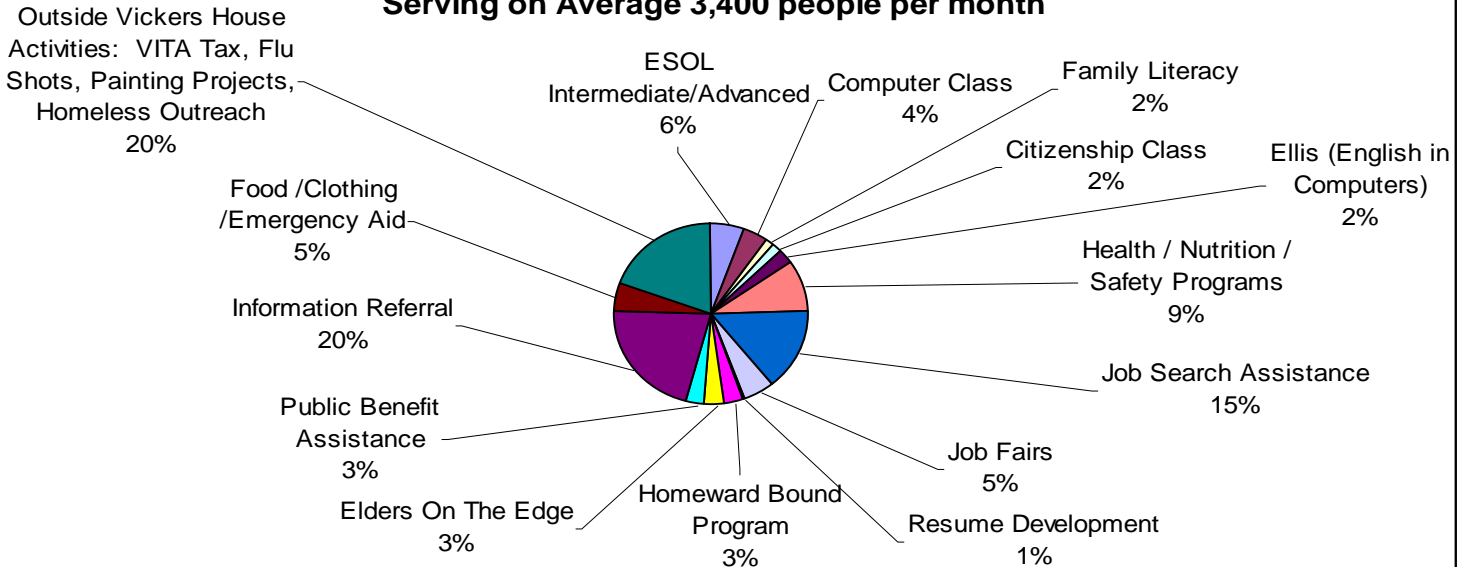
**Total Clients Served Each Year at
Both Vickers House Locations 2004 - 2007
January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007
(41,694 people)**



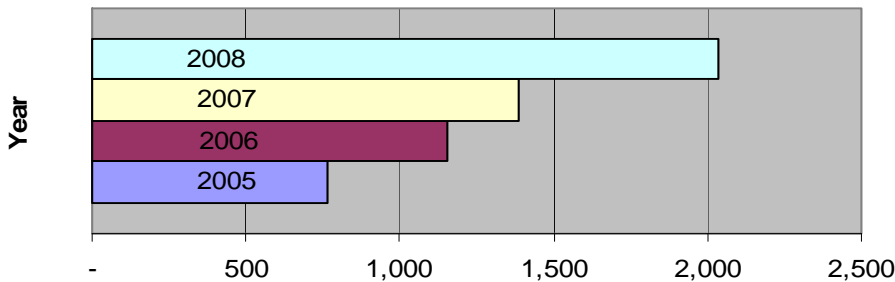
Vickers House has only a Staff of 4 full time, and 2 part-time employees – staff are split between the two Vickers House locations, staff also spend time in the field working with the homeless, picking up donations, painting houses for elderly, traveling to the bus station for our Homeward Bound Program and many other miscellaneous duties.

**Breakdown of Services Provided Each Month at Both Vickers House
Locations
January 2008 "Snapshot"**

Serving on Average 3,400 people per month



**VITA TAX PROGRAM
2005 - 2008**



**Total Number of Returns Prepared For People
Note: Last two years Vickers House did more returns than anyone in Palm Beach County!**

Vickers House staff run the Vita Program from January thru April each year- handling scheduling, registration, information and client assistance! United Way provides the Volunteer Tax Preparers and their Coordinator!

Taxes Done Free at Both Vickers House Locations!

Free VITA tax preparation service is only available if you earned less than \$41,000 in 2008. You may be able to get Earned Income Tax Credit.

Free Tax Preparation for those earning under \$41,000 per year. Beginning January 20, 2009 thru April 15th, 2009. Please call to make an appointment. (Spanish Translation Assistance available at both locations)

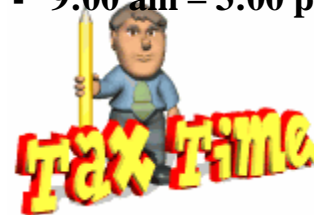
Schedule for Both Vickers House Locations:

Vickers House South (561) 804-4975

Monday- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tuesday - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Thursday - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Vickers House North (561) 804-4970

Monday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Please Bring:

- **Photo ID's (you and your spouse if filing jointly - Joint returns require both filers to be present to sign return),**
- **W2's and all form 1099's for 2008,**
- **Social Security Cards for All family members,**
- **Correct Birth dates for all family members,**
- **Voided check or savings account number for direct deposit of your refund (optional but gets your refund to you the fastest).**

VICKERS HOUSE SOUTH

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COME TO VICKERS HOUSE TO
IMPROVE YOUR WORKFORCE SKILLS
THROUGH COMPUTERS!

3801 Georgia Avenue, West Palm Beach
or call 561/ 804-4975

**LEARN TO USE A COMPUTER -
FREE!!**

**COMPUTER TRAINING IN
SPANISH --ALSO
LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH THROUGH
THE USE OF COMPUTERS!**

CLASS SCHEDULE
**Classes offered Monday
through Thursday
From 8:30 am to 12:00**

Basic computer training in Spanish with software in English— The use of the mouse, the keyboard, basic typing on the computer, use of the internet, e-mail, introduction to Word and Excel, etc. No experience necessary

ELLIS is a program designed to help students write, read and speak English efficiently. It combines the technology of computer-assisted training with audio, video, grammar, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation and more!!!

CALL TO REGISTER NOW

What you will Learn in Ellis:

BEGINNER: Students will learn basic vocabulary and communication skills.

INTERMEDIATE: Students will re-enforce their communication, grammar, listening and vocabulary skills.

ADVANCED: The activities in this level are designed to strengthen the students skills in communication, culture and pronunciation.

SENIOR (Upper Level): This program allows students to improve fluency and skills in preparation for higher education and the work force.

MASTER PRONUNCIATION: This is a complement for every level. It is designed for learners of all ages and levels to help reduce the accent.

ELLIS BUSINESS: This is designed for students that have completed their Senior Level. In this level students will practice realistic situations and will have the opportunity to role play in business situations, acquiring strong skills to communicate at a professional level.

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LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH FREE!!

English as a Second Language (ESOL)

Call (561) 804-4975 For Information

Schedule:

**Monday to Friday:
8:30-12:30**

Classes include those for beginners, intermediate and advanced! You will be tested then placed in appropriate class to meet your goals!



At Vickers House South
3801 Georgia Avenue
West Palm Beach
For more information call:
(561) 804-4975

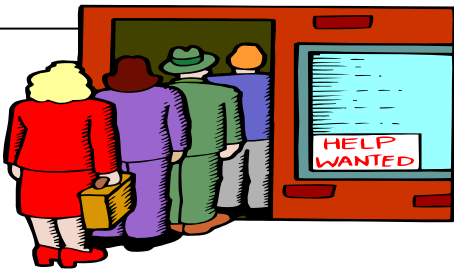
Classes Provided by the Palm Beach County School District

Note: Children 2-4 years old are welcome to attend with parents in our Family Literacy Program!

FAMILY LITERACY AT VICKERS HOUSE SOUTH



This is an opportunity for children ages 2 to 4 years old to come to school with their parents, while parents are in the ESOL Class they are in the next room improving their English skills and developmental skills.



Job Day Vickers House North & South

Every Thursday from 10:00 till 11:30 am

Every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 different businesses are at the Vickers House offering jobs, be prepared to fill out applications. The schedule below is subject to change without notice. You may wish to call to confirm who will be coming on the day of your choice. Come prepared for an interview. Telephone: (561) 804-4975 or (561) 804-4970

Employers who may attend throughout the year:

ADDECO	CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH	COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
FIESTA RENTALS	FLORIDA PAINTERS APPRENTICESHIP	FOUNTAINVIEW BY SUNRISE
GOPPERT'S LANDSCAPING	HILTON HOTEL	HOLIDAY INN
HOME DEPOT	IBIS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB	JFK MEDICAL CENTER
KEYSTAFF	LABOR READY	LOWE'S
MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB	MANPOWER	MACY'S
MEDSTAFF	MEDVANCE	NEW ENGLAND TECH
PB COUNTY	PB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	PALM BEACH TRANSPORTATION
PB SHERIFF'S OFFICE	PGA NATIONAL RESORT	PUBLIX
RADIO FIESTA	RANDSTAD	RYBOVICH SPENCER
SAM'S CLUB	SNELLING PERSONELL	SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
SYKES PAINTING	THE BREAKERS HOTEL	THE PALM BEACH POST
TROPICAL SHIPPING	USA PARKING	US ARMY
WACHOVIA BANK	WACKENHUT	WESTSTAFF

Self Improvement Programs and Help with your Job Search!

FREE JOB SEARCH THROUGH JOB KIOSK / INTERNET (conduct your own job search)

Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

JOB BOARDS (job postings from throughout

the county in a wide range of fields) Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (updated weekly)

RESUME DEVELOPMENT /FREE COPYING AND FAXING OF RESUMES-Our Staff helps you develop your own resume

Free Service -Every Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



FREE! Citizenship Classes

The Vickers House South in conjunction with the Palm Beach County School District Offers FREE Citizenship Preparation Classes

At 3801 Georgia Avenue, West Palm Beach
Tuesdays and Thursdays:

From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
From 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Call for more Information (561) 804-4975

"All participants must Speak English!"

Prior to enrollment - For those who wish to obtain Citizenship but do not speak English, we offer ESOL Classes daily!
Come and see us for the schedule!!!

Vickers House North and South can now assist with Applications for Food Stamps, Medicaid and Cash Assistance as a Community Partner in the Department of Children and Families Project Access Network!

- This can be new applications, as well as re-certifications.
- We have a dedicated computer at each center to assist people with filing on-line, as well as faxing needed items to DCF and acting as a liaison for the clients with the Change Call Centers located in Lake Worth and Riviera Beach.
- Translation assistance at both centers is available in Spanish

Call for an appointment or for more information:

Vickers House North

811 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: (561) 804-4970

Vickers House South

3801 Georgia Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
Telephone: (561) 804-4975

REGISTER NOW FOR HURRICANE SHELTERS FOR YOU AND YOUR PET

Residents living in a Hurricane Evacuation Zone, Mobile Home or Manufactured Home should evacuate during severe tropical storms and ALL Hurricanes. If you require transportation to a Hurricane Evacuation Shelter call (561) 649-9838 or 1(877) 870-9849 toll-free to request an application.

To find out if you reside in a Hurricane Evacuation Zone, you may contact the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management at (561) 712-6400.

Special Needs Shelters for the Elderly and others with Special Medical Needs or Dementia

If you require special care or have special needs, you are urged to pre-register for the Special Care Unit (SCU or Special Needs Unit SNU) with the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management at (561) 712-6400

People/Pet Shelters

To pre-register for the Pet Friendly Shelter (disaster shelter for pets and people) call PBC Animal Care and Control (561) 233-1266 for more information. The Pet Friendly Shelter is for pets and people living in mandatory evacuation zones or in mobile homes.

Some of the requirements:

Pet owners are required to bring a kennel, cage or carrier, food for two to three days, bedding, bowls, toys, and any special medications for their pets – Birds must have a health certificate and a carrier cage with cover – No livestock or reptiles will be accepted – All dogs and cats must have a current rabies vaccination and license tag, microchip, and provide date of last application of flea and tick preventative medication – You can apply on-line at www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animal/PetShelter.htm

For people who do not have access to computers we have all 3 applications: Hurricane Evacuation Transportation Reservations, Special Needs/Special Care Unit Shelter Reservations, and Pet Friendly Shelter Reservations. These can be found at both Vickers House Locations (3801 Georgia Avenue & 811 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.) At the Vickers House we also have flyers we have developed on related hurricane topics such as: Preparations for Elderly, preparing your pet for the storm, lists of all the hotels/motels in Palm beach County which will take animals, kennels and veterinarians who will house pets during the storm, applications for pet reservations at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue Shelter, food safety for power outages, important brochures on FEMA, and other related topics. Feel free to come by and pick up any of this important information. For further information you can call Lela Jordan 561 / 804-4975



We would like to thank our many partners who give special presentations at the Vickers House year round, who offer special one on one assistance to our clients and offer support for our programs and services so the Vickers House can continue to serve the community!

John Cleary Law Office
Legal Aid Society of the Palm Beaches
West Palm Beach Housing Authority
Palm Beach County School District Office of Adult and Community Education
PB County School District Family Literacy Program
Palm Beach County Sheriff Foundation
Community Foundation for Palm Beach & Martin County
Temple Judea
The Episcopal Church of Bethesda -By-the Sea
United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches
Costco Wholesale
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Oakwood Center of the Palm Beaches
Florida Resource Center for Women & Children
Union Congregational Church
United Way-Vita Volunteers
Internal Revenue Service
Healthy Mothers/ Healthy Babies
Palm Beach County Health Department
Area Agency on Aging
Critter Connection
El Cid Animal Hospital
Cole Animal Hospital
Solid Waste Authority
Brad Aldridge Contracting
M-Fuge
Workshop-Palm Beach Atlantic University
Downtown Development Authority
City of West Palm Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
City of West Palm Beach Parking Department
City of West Palm Beach Fire Rescue
City of West Palm Beach MIS Department
City of West Palm Beach Housing & Community Development Department
Palm Beach Post
Jobview
Seagull Industries
Home Depot
Greyhound Bus Lines
Volk Restoration
Palm Beach County Leadership
And all our Individual Volunteers and Donors!



Value of Total In-Kind & Cash Donations for 2007

Total Donated \$446,722.54

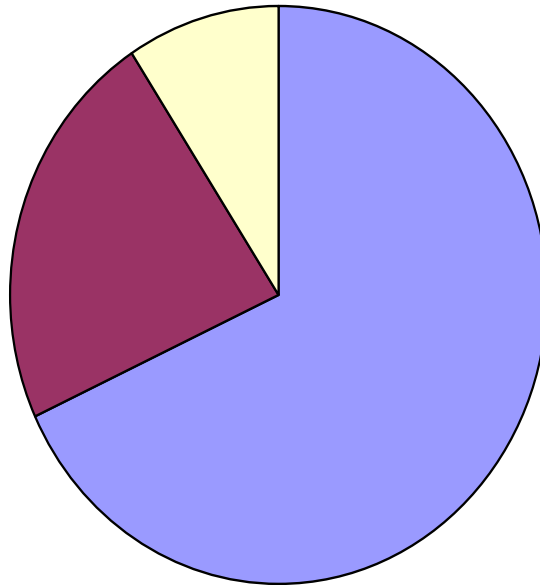
Vickers House Total Budget \$502,512

Almost Dollar for Dollar

Value of Cash Donated to Elders on the Edge & Homeward Bound, \$40,409.54

Value of Materials Total Donated (In-Kind), \$102,349.00 Based on Donors Established Value

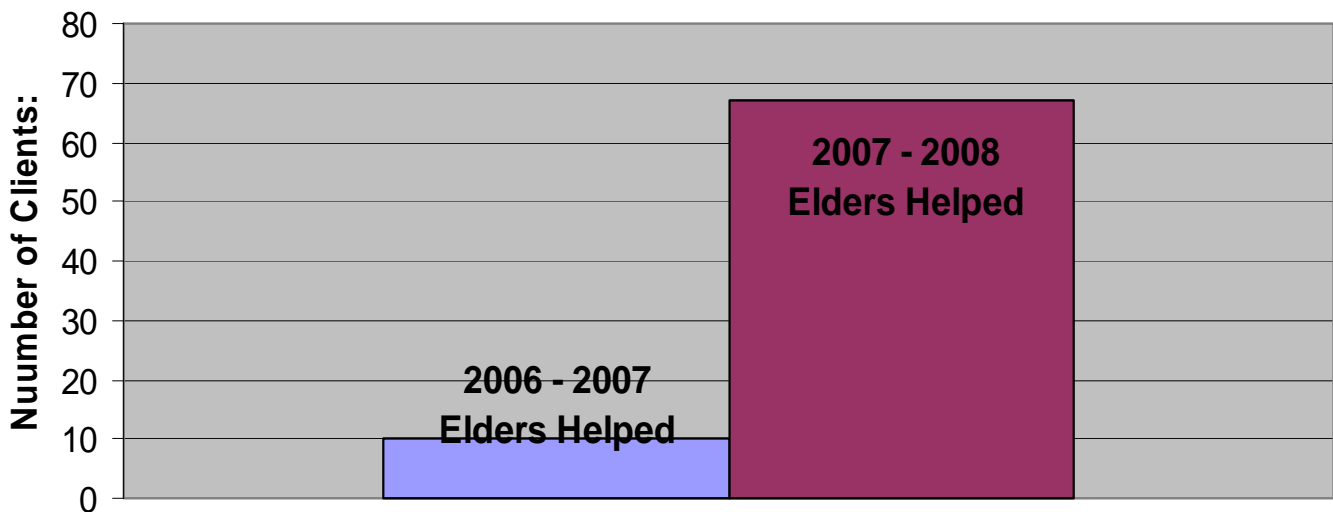
Value of Total Volunteer Hours Donated, \$303,964.00 (Based on Established Volunteer Rates)



Vickers House could not help so many in our community without the help of hundreds of volunteers—from the M-Fuge kids each summer painting houses, to the elderly stuffing envelopes, we have volunteers from 10 to 96 years old, all who give of themselves to help others in our community! And without the donations from the community we could not keep all of our wonderful program going---from funds to food, we take it all and make sure it gets to those who need it most!

Elders on the Edge & Painting and Repairs for Elderly with Code Violations

2007 - 2008 (67) people assisted to date



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HEALTH SERVICES AT VICKERS HOUSE

Spanish Translation is Provided

Free Blood Pressure Screenings Daily

Free Hepatitis Vaccine

First Wednesday of every other Month, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. (October, December, February, April, June, August). No appointments necessary. If you are at high risk for this disease you should be vaccinated. Palm Beach County Health Department will administer the series of injections. Free Service – No appointments needed!

Free and Confidential HIV and Syphilis Testing.

First Wednesday of every Month 10:00 am -12:00 pm at Vickers House South - Translation Assistance available. Palm Beach County Health Department will administer test and contact individual in two weeks if positive results! Confidential! & Safe! Free Service - No appointments needed!

FREE!

Flu Shots for everyone: 50 years of age and older, people with chronic health problems or caregivers for elderly or infants

WHERE: Vickers House South
3801 Georgia Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

WHEN: Call for schedule of dates & times



CALL THE VICKERS HOUSE TO PRE-REGISTER PRIOR TO IMMUNIZATIONS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: 561 804-4975 or 561 804-4970

Sponsored by: The Palm Beach County Health Department / Area Agency on Aging / West Palm Beach Fire Rescue

3801 GEORGIA AVENUE, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, 33405
MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 3366, WEST PALM BEACH FLORIDA 33402
Telephone: 561/804-4975 Facsimile: 561/835-7183

“Elders on the Edge”

Elders on the Edge is a program designed to give people in the community an opportunity to sponsor a Senior in need of assistance (such as assistance with utility payments, rental payments, relocation payments for those who are losing their homes, sponsorship for adult day care, assistance with household repairs, building of wheelchair ramps, homemaker assistance, assistance with the purchase of medical devices or medications, and assistance with legal costs and other unmet needs. If you would like to donate to this program, make checks payable to our Fiscal Agent: Any amount appreciated.

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.
423 Fern Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Attn: Elder Law Office

Please designate check: “Elders on the Edge Program”

All donated funds are used for the direct purchase of the needed service for the senior in crisis!

These donations will be accepted and disbursed by the Legal Aid Society. The maximum allowance per family is \$1,000 per annum. Funds will be paid directly to the Service Provider. If you have further questions about this program, please contact us Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at either location. Senior recipients will be screened by Vickers House, then once accepted placed on a waiting list until funds are donated.

Seniors must be age 60 years or over, indigent or low income (must be able to provide proof of income), without family support or other financial resources (Social Security, SSI, or Pension—only available income) referred to or client of Vickers House or Legal Aid Society. The senior must be willing to receive services provided for by this program and follow guidelines for our services. Legal Aid Society and Vickers House will partner to insure our seniors receive all possible care and compassion through their crisis situation.

We have now created a New Program- “Elders on the Edge Pet Fund”-

To help our low income elderly by providing a fund for emergency veterinary care for their beloved pets---so no longer will these pets suffer in pain or be euthanized needlessly, because of lack of funds.

If you would like to donate to this special program, please mail to Legal Aid Society’s address, but specify check to-“Elders on the Edge Pet Fund”!

Thank You for your support!

PLEASE HELP OUR FRAIL LOW-INCOME ELDERLY.

If you have a Youth Group, Civic Club, Faith-Based Organization or Neighborhood Group who would like to paint houses, cut lawns, or do minor repairs for Frail low-income elderly, who have no family to help them----- Call the Vickers House!!!!!!

We have many elderly who cannot afford to pay someone, and have no family to help take care of their homes – and often these Elderly are cited by Code Enforcement. If no one helps these Elderly Homeowners they could be

fined for the Violations! We Need Your Help!!!! If you or your group would like to do a good deed or if you need to earn community service hours for school! Please Call Lela Jordan at 804-4975.

A Special letter from those that made it Home!

May 29, 2008

My name is Elizabeth S., in January of 07, I came to you at The Vicker's House asking for help for my 7 year old son, and myself to get back home to Waynesville, NC.

I am now writing to let you know that we are doing wonderful here and that we will forever be grateful to you and the staff of The Vicker's House for giving us the chance we needed to get back a life we thought we had lost forever. I want you to know that we are around our family and we are doing great. I have been working full time for over a year and Allen is doing great at school (he made honor roll twice!!!). We are living on our own and love the area.

If there is ever anyway that we can repay you for giving us hope again, please do not hesitate to ask. I know that you work with hundreds of people and probably don't remember them all, but we will always remember you and the wonderful way that you were there for us. I hope that you will always know that what you do is very much appreciated.

Elizabeth & Allen S.
Waynesville, NC 28786

Homeward Bound Program

This program offers homeless the opportunity to reunite with their families back home. Verification of acceptance by a relative is mandatory. If homeless are eligible then a non-refundable / non-transferable bus ticket is purchased through donations, each ticket costs approximately \$150.00 If you would like to donate to this program , make checks payable to our fiscal agent:

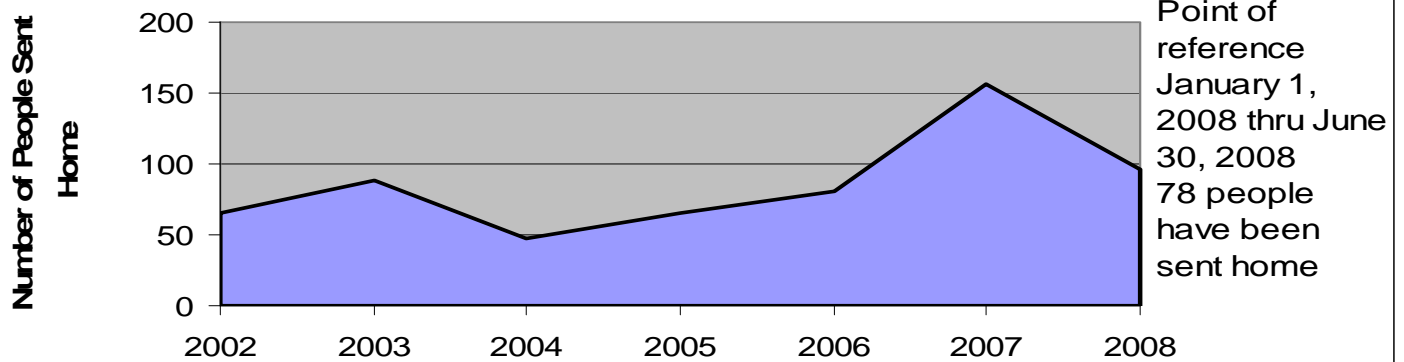
**Friends of the Needy, Inc.
Post Office Box 6506
West Palm Beach, FL 33405**

Please designate the check for the Homeward Bound Program. All donated funds are used for the purchase of the Greyhound ticket!

Some of the journeys for the homeless are across the country therefore take several days on the bus! At the Vickers House we strive to give them some food they can eat on the bus during their trip home. We need your donations of snacks such as: Cheese n crackers, peanut butter and crackers, cookies, dried fruit, nuts, beef or turkey jerky, candy bars, chips and juice drink boxes.

Homeward Bound Program Since 2002 - To date we've sent 602 people home

■ Total People Sent



Vickers House Wish List

- ❑ Volunteers for our Vita Site Program who have computer and math skills, be trained as a tax preparers, also greeters, working January thru April 15th, Bilingual Help needed. All those signing up will be trained by the IRS! Call now for information. Adults and College Students Needed. Work available- Days, Nights, and Saturdays.
- ❑ Volunteer Groups, Youth Groups, Civic Groups, Faith-Based Organizations, to Paint Houses and make small repairs for low-income elderly who have no resources or family support. Call year round for opportunities! Community Service Hours for School can be earned! Work based on your availability!
- ❑ Volunteer Youth needed to cut grass year round for elderly who have no means to pay! Community Service Hours for School can be earned. Work based on your schedule.
- ❑ Volunteers to Supervise Youth Groups who are painting houses-providing safety and security observation. Adults needed.
- ❑ Volunteers for helping elderly prepare for Hurricanes- Assistance for putting shutters up and down, clean-up after a storm, etc. On Call as needed. Adults or College Students needed.
- ❑ Volunteers Groups to organize and operate fundraisers for our “Homeward Bound Program” and “Elders on the Edge” program. Funds needed year round. Volunteer Groups can conduct fundraisers based on their schedule.
- ❑ Volunteer Groups who would organize themselves to feed Homebound Frail Elderly, there are over 1000 Elderly on the waiting list for Meals on Wheels in Palm Beach County, The Vickers House gets calls daily for this need in our city, if your group would like to organize to start a feeding program we have Elderly who need help. Call for more information.
- ❑ Volunteers to provide outreach at community events, fairs, and festivals, manning booths, talking to attendees about Vickers House Services. Adults and College Students Needed. Bilingual Needed. Weekend Work.



- Apartments for low-income elderly needed. Please send fax of your apartments with rent required to Vickers House 835-7183, include all contact information and specifics about your apartments. We are in need of Low Cost housing for Elderly who are being displaced—rent less than \$400 a month. Please Safe Areas Only!

- 14- Seat Passenger Van needed to pick up people who are Homeless – delivering them to the Greyhound station for our Homeward Bound Program, this van will also provide transportation to our youth groups who are painting houses and conducting other community projects, other uses include: to provide transportation for our elderly volunteers conducting volunteer projects in the community, to provide transportation during Hurricanes when elderly need to be transported to safety or shelters, to transport people in crisis such as clients who are homeless, and mentally confused to mental health facilities for immediate assistance.

If you would like to help with any of these services please contact Lela Jordan at 804-4975.



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Community Resources Center
 Youth, Family & Community Services
 City of West Palm Beach
 Office of the Mayor
 P.O. Box 3366
 West Palm Beach, FL 33402



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About the Vickers House

This Resource Center offers the Community a compassionate place to receive information, referrals, counseling, translation assistance, and aid with problems and issues.

We have also established an outreach program for the Guatemalan and Latino community, as well as referrals and assistance for any member of our Latino Community. For the Spanish Speaking Community, Please Call 561