

the VOLUNTEER *Vixens*

ORDINARY WOMEN. EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT.

2011

What a Wonderful Year

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since the first talks about a "giving circle" began...and now today the Volunteer Vixens are a strong and proud group of women that have made an amazing impact in the Central Florida area. These women have grown in themselves and in each other. Friendships have blossomed; bonds have been formed. It has been an incredible year and as the Vixens welcome the new year, they are excited to see the larger impact that they can continue to make in 2012!



2011

- \$5700 raised for a variety of causes
- 700 total volunteers hours
- 90 cell phones collected
- 1000+ school supplies collected
- 30 pints of blood donated
- 150 bars of soap collected
- 500 toiletry items collected
- 7 pounds of trash collected
- 118 pairs of glasses collected
- 23 causes supported
- 75 people volunteered with us

Clean the World...one bar at a time

The Vixens kicked off the fall with some "clean" fun! They collected bars of soap for Clean The World; an organization started here in Central Florida that provides soap and other appropriate educational materials to impoverished countries worldwide, and to domestic homeless shelters. The Vixens collected 150 bars of soap and were able to do some of the actual cleaning of the bars with the organization. Along with other volunteer groups that day, the Vixens cleaned 5500 bars of soap, which will help 550 families for 1 month! Please visit <http://www.cleantheworld.org> to see how YOU can help!



"The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have."
Norman Vincent Peale



Keeping Our Waters Clean

The ladies were also able to help keep the waters of the Wekiva River clean by participating in the Keep Seminole Beautiful project. The Vixens enjoyed the amazing weather and the breathtaking sites, as they helped to pick up over 7 pounds of trash from the waters! Look for this event on the 2012 calendar...it was a favorite!! Also, please check out <http://keepseminolebeautiful.org/> to see how YOU can get involved!



A Grown Up Lemonade Stand

In October, the Vixens teamed up with the Lake Mary Tilted Kilt and hosted an event for Alex's Lemonade Stand to help to raise money to go towards childhood cancer research. \$5 of every "Pint and a Pound" order went to the cause and over \$200 was raised that night! To learn more about Alex's Lemonade Stand, please visit <http://www.alexslimonade.org/>



Dressed for Success

In today's economy, finding a job can be difficult, especially if you are not fully prepared. Many times applicants do not have the right clothing to wear to

their interviews. Some of the Vixens spent one Saturday morning and helped the Dress for Success Greater Orlando chapter to collect business wear and accessories during their Donation Day. These ladies accepted and sorted through over 150 pieces of clothing! Way to go!! <http://dressforsuccess.org>





Painting Orlando Purple

For founders Christina and Katy, this event was closest to their hearts; in August 2010 they lost their PawPaw, Minus J. Leleaux to Pancreatic Cancer. On November 13th 2011, the Vixens along with over 1,000 other walkers and runners “strode” along for the 5th annual Pancreatic

Cancer Action Network’s Orlando PurpleStride! Team “A World MINUS Pancreatic Cancer” raised over \$3K and recruited 55 team members! It was a beautiful event! Please check the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pancan.orlandoaffiliate>

JANUARY 2012

JAN 16
Dove Real Beauty
Workshop

JAN 28
Wekiva River
Cleanup

JAN 31
“Just 1 Book”
Drop off



The Gift of Sight

In November, the Vixens held a month long drive for a particular item that most people have in their house and might not know it... a pair of eyeglasses! They get thrown into a junk drawer and forgotten, but these simple items can be a BIG gift for a person in need. The Vixens teamed up with The Lions Club and made the pact to change lives, one pair at a time. They collected 118 pairs of eyeglasses. If YOU would like to change a life and donate your old glasses, visit <http://www.lionsclubs.org> for more info!



"The more we develop the habit of noticing goodness, the more our own sense of wellbeing rises." - Brahma Kumaris



The Holidays... Vixen Style

Of course, the Volunteer Vixens are not all work and no play... they enjoy social time together as much as they enjoy their philanthropy work. December was no different. The ladies had a fabulous Very Vixen Christmas Party downtown Orlando at Ceviche Restaurant. Food, fun and of course "Secret Santa"... it was a great way to wrap up 2011 and get excited about the coming year!

The True Meaning of Christmas

December is an exciting time... all the wonder and magic in the air. But what if you were not able to give that to your children...not just the year's hottest toy, but the everyday necessities. The Vixens (along with their friends) adopted a family through Christian HELP and enjoyed playing "Santa" to make their Christmas a little bit brighter. It was one of those opportunities that you don't have to see it to feel it in your heart, and knowing that on Christmas morning, as the children rushed to the tree, their mother's heart was filled with love and joy. Visit <http://www.christianhelp.org/> to see how YOU can help a family in need all year round!



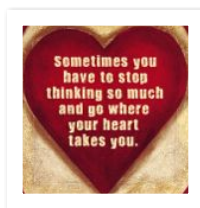
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- Janice Brown
- Roxanna Tarrab
- Chilly Spoons
- Tilted Kilt Lake Mary

Join Us?

Made your New Year's Resolution about volunteering? Pick one event a month and come work alongside the Vixens. You will be surprised at how much you will gain from the experience. Visit their Facebook page to see all the events listed and RSVP.



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