

*December 2006*

Thanks to Bloomingdale's for a successful Toy Drive!



## 2006 - The Mustard Seed News Archives

### 20 November 2006 - New Osceola County Programs

There are **814 homeless children in Osceola County**, living in hotels and in tents in campgrounds. Our goal is to get them properly clothed and back in the school system. The Mustard Seed is asking for donations of childrens' clothing, sweaters, jackets and shoes for both boys and girls of all ages (K-12).



In partnership with the Osceola County Council on Aging, the Mustard Seed is opening a **Clothes Closet**. It will be located in the old Community Action Bldg at 1300 Central Ave in Kissimmee.



It's near Orange Blossom Trail and Rose Avenue in Orlando!!

Longtime supporter, [The McNulty Group](#), has sponsored this first billboard to help raise community awareness of the Mustard Seed and its mission. If you would like to sponsor additional billboards featuring your company's name and logo, please contact Sharon Whitley at (407) 448-4587.

### November 2006 -

Congratulations to **Felecia Cotton**, winner of the **REAL Bike!**

The Shannon Burke Show on **Real Radio 104.1**, raffled off this incredible chopper, custom built by **JZ Riders**, with all proceeds benefiting the Mustard Seed. Many thanks to Shannon Burke and Real Radio!



**6 October 2006** - Be on the lookout around Orlando for the new **Mustard Seed Billboard** in the next few weeks!! It features our colorful logo and a picture of one our littlest clients.

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Hey, Mr. President and General Powell !! (impersonators John Morgan and Miguel Maldonado shown here with staffer Sharon Whitley) ... How about volunteering in our warehouse? We might even let you borrow a Mustard Seed T-shirt so the suit and uniform don't get wrinkled.

**4 October 2006** - Thanks to all who turned out for **The Celebrity Dance Party** to mingle with the "rich and famous". The event raised \$3300 for the Mustard Seed!

**4 September 2006** - **Sharon Whitley** joined the Mustard Seed in July as its new Chief Operating Officer. Sharon has jumped into the fray with energy and enthusiasm, spending time in each of the functional areas to learn first hand what makes the Mustard Seed tick. She has also been offloading some public relations and events organization responsibilities from our overloaded founder Carol Kane.

**Welcome, Sharon!**

**4 September 2006** - **The Mustard Seed has several benefit events planned for the upcoming months. Mark your calendars to save the dates!** Come back to this page later to check for information on the 2006 Chairs for Charity. *Go to the **Events Page** for more information.*



**Celebrity Dance Party** - Saturday, September 23rd, from 7:30 pm (Silent Auction), 8:30 - 11:30 pm (Dance Party) in Ballroom C of the **Rosen Plaza** on International Drive.

Party and have your picture taken with Celebrity Impersonators from Elvis to Marilyn!

**Ice Cream Social** - Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Alafaya Trail **Coldstone Creamery**. Come see the **Real Radio 104.1 Real Bike!**





[Toucan Willie's Restaurant & Bar](#) presents

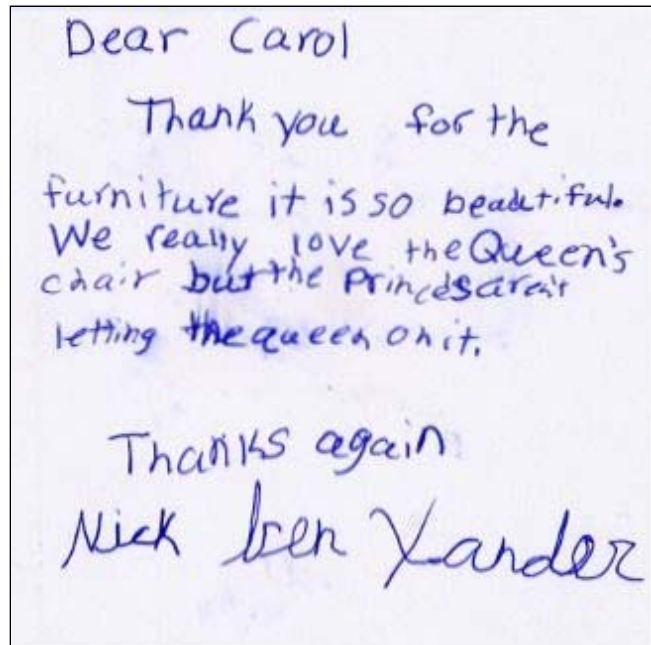
### 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, October 9th at the beautiful [Tuskawilla Country Club](#) in Winter Springs.



*24 August 2006* - Carol Kane and The Mustard Seed has helped [Bright House Networks](#) select Eric and Alice Johnson as recipients of its **Making Life Easier** Community Outreach initiative.

The Johnsons youngest son Xander suffers from a life-threatening rare genetic condition that causes him to develop extreme obesity. He is only three years old, yet weighs nearly 100 lbs. The couple struggled with huge medical bills to the point of losing their home and moving into a motel with their three children.



A thank you note from Nick, Ben & Xander Johnson

The Johnsons are now in an apartment with furniture and household goods they received from The Mustard Seed. Bright House has provided them with a new television and free cable, digital phone and high speed internet service for a year.



*18 August 2006* - Thanks to everyone who came to **The Wine Room on Park Avenue** for the evening of wine tasting to benefit The Mustard Seed. We had a great time for a worthy cause.

17 July 2006 - **The Wine Room on Park Avenue** in Winter Park is pleased to host a Wine Tasting to benefit The Mustard Seed on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, from 7-9pm.

There will be complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres and Wine courses for both the Novice and Connoisseur.



13 July 2006 - **Jim Philips** and Real Radio 104.1 Presents **The 2nd Annual Philips Phile Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament** to benefit The Mustard Seed on Saturday, August 12, 2006, at The Ballroom at Church Street Station.

Last year's tournament was great fun and a huge success, raising more than \$29,500 for the Mustard Seed. In addition to the tournament, there will be other casino games and raffles. The best player will win a cruise for two aboard the World Poker Tour Boot Camp at Sea!

Click [here](#) for more information.

### Children's Furniture!



16 May 2006 - Ninety-four companies showing products at last week's **International JPMA Show** in the Orange County Convention Center, have donated furniture and other items to the Mustard Seed. We often receive requests for cribs and now can provide new, safe beds for our littlest clients. **The retail value of these donations total a generous \$105,565!**

Many, many thanks to **K.I.D.S.** and Michelle Silver for coordinating the donations and to Board Members Vera Rushmer, Paul Ihrig, and Maria Weber for their hard work helping the Mustard Seed warehouse guys move the furniture from the Convention Center to our facility.

### Orlando City Commissioner Arrested!

6 March 2006 - Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando District 4, was arrested as part of the **Mustard Seed's Charity Jail-a-Thon**. She was charged with Identity Theft - impersonating an LPGA Golfer. To regain her freedom, Commissioner Sheehan enlisted the help of her many friends and supporters to raise enough to post bail.

**The Citrus Club**, on the 18th floor of the Citrus Center in downtown Orlando, served as a luxurious holding cell for Ms. Sheehan and other "persons of interest", including several members of the Mustard Seed Board of Directors who called on friends and family to scrape up enough to post their respective bails.

This event raised \$15,000 to aid the Mustard Seed in its mission to provide furniture, clothing, and other household goods to those who need them the most. Thanks to all who participated and contributed!



**11 February 2006** - The American Red Cross and News 13 have recognized Carol Kane as Central Florida's 13th and brightest Shining Star. Congratulations, Carol!



### Do you recognize this woman?

**5 February 2006** - Never let it be said that Carol Kane couldn't even get arrested in Orlando... Carol is the first prominent Central Floridian to be arrested for The Mustard Seed's Charity Jail-a-Thon !!!

Carol is counting on her many friends and supporters to band together and post her bail ... which has been set at \$5000.

On February 27th and 28th, **The Citrus Club** on the 18th floor of the Citrus Center in downtown Orlando will serve as the rather luxurious minimum security lockup where other Central Florida "persons of interest" will be held pending raising their respective bails.

