

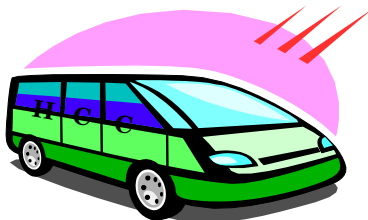
Lottery Winner

Sr. Gail is happy to give Aura Torres, a member of HCC's English class, a check for \$1,875. Torres's name was drawn at "A Night Honoring Hope & Diversity." Attending the event were over 500 people from the community. We raised **\$8,500** for our scholarship & college access program.



Central Florida Women's League Jeanne Fortier, and Nancy Nagy congratulate Sr. Ann Kendrick and Mary Carroll on \$25,000 award honoring HCC's work in the community.

Sue Goodwin and **Linda Cardilli** present check to HCC representatives for purchase of a new van. HCC is grateful for these amazing women who have been giving to the Central Florida community for 20 years.



Women's Giving Groups Care Deeply *And Offer Financial Support for Young Girls*



Women's Venture Philanthropists, of The Center for Women's Philanthropy, meet with Mary Carroll, Ann Kendrick and Grace Gonzales to discuss needs of youth at HCC. For two years the philanthropy group has generously supported HCC's Voices of Youth Program.

Disney Shines Big on Hope Community Center



Leojshka Almenas, Sophia Trejo, Karina Bermudez, Betty Martinez-Lowry (from Disney), Sr. Ann Kendrick, and Ivis Rodriguez gladly accept Disney Helping Kids Shine Award which recognizes HCC as a premier provider of services to Central Florida youth. A total of \$50,000 was given by Disney to Hope Community Center (\$35,000) and Pennies for Power Credit Union (\$15,000) staffed partially by AmeriCorps member, Jenny Trump.



And who will ever forget "The Sister Act?"

What's Next?
Golfing with
the Nuns' Golf
Scramble!
October 2





From Astrid

On March 27, 2009, I went gleanng with the youth group, Sin Fronteras (Beyond Limits). My experience gleanng oranges was awesome. I am not saying it's an easy job. No Way! It's really hard. While picking oranges, I thought about the people that really do the job, and I felt kind of sorry for them. I also thought about the people who were going to receive the fruits of our labor. We collected 1800 pounds of oranges which were going to those in need. Knowing this, made the experience more meaningful. Experiences like this teach me the importance of helping others.



Judges Jose Rodriguez and Pedro Gallegos



Jury listens to Prosecutor, David Barragan present case in mock trial.



Apopka High School Credit Union Members



In March, HCC Youth, AmeriCorps members and staff attended the Annual Conference at UCF on "Latinos in New America: Responding to the Needs of a Diverse Population," sponsored by the School of Social Work at UCF. One of the attendees commented: "Many come from different countries: Colombia, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Venezuela, and others; we all come with the same dream for a better life. Each of us knows about suffering, pain and struggle." Sr. Ann Kendrick who was one of the main conference speakers said, "They [immigrants] are rich in empathy, compassion, and yearn for a sense of community. The pain of one is the pain of all, and the success of one is the success of all."

From the desk of Representative Ivis



On March 31, I had the opportunity to go to Tallahassee to visit the House of Representatives and the State Senate. We were able to talk to representatives and senators about Kid Care, the Dream Act and unemployment issues. I had the greatest experience ever, because I gained so much knowledge about the Florida State Capitol and government. Seen here is Mayor Richard Crotty and HCC representatives for KIDS DAY in Tallahassee.