

It is so hard to believe the commitment we made 2 years ago is almost upon us. Altrusa International, Inc. of Ocala, FL is looking forward to hosting you at the 2010 District Three Conference where we will be “Lighting the Way” from the First Timers Event on Thursday until the end of the Governor’s Banquet on Saturday evening. Our goal is to have a quality conference at an economical price all in a fun environment, and we have that planned.

We have secured outstanding guest speakers, planned relevant workshops; put together tours and one exciting Fun Night Activity – Altrusa’s Got Talent! We selected an awesome hotel and negotiated the very best rates for our conference attendees. We also secured a wide variety of vendors to offer their “goods” to you along with door prizes to be given away at selected events. We also feel that we selected a very worthwhile district-wide service project which will benefit many children in our community.

The conference service project will be supporting “Food 4 Kids” backpack program. Interfaith Emergency Services started the Food 4 Kids program in 2003, providing about fifty (50) children with enough food to feed them three (3) meals a day on Saturday and Sunday. They are now in fourteen (14) schools and providing this service to over nine hundred (900) children on a weekly basis. The food is packed into a rolling backpack and sent home from school with the child on Friday. The child returns the empty backpack on Monday and the process starts again. Altrusa International, Inc. of Ocala has supported this worthwhile program since its inception.



We are asking conference attendees to bring food items (see list below) or monetary donations to help support the Food 4 Kids program. Any cash donations received will be used to purchase new rolling backpacks for the 2010-2011 school year.

- Canned Meat (tuna, Vienna sausages, Spam, etc.)
- Canned Pasta – 14-15 oz (spaghettios, ravioli, beefarone, etc.)
- Canned soup
- Milk – 1qt (shelf stable non-refrigerated)
- Juice boxes (any flavor)
- Macaroni and cheese (boxed)
- Peanut Butter (plastic containers)
- Pudding cups (lunch box size)
- Cereal (variety pack-single serving)
- Snack bars (cereal bars, ganola bars, etc)
- Pop Tarts
- Crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese)
- Snacks (pretzels, cookies, raisins – all single servings)

The only thing missing is YOU! Make your plans now to attend. Reunite with old friends, come make new ones and leave refreshed to “Light the Way” only the way Altrusans can. We are looking forward to seeing you in Ocala, April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>!

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