

## Greatest Impacts/Accomplishments to Report October 2014:

**ESP Press Release:** Pasco County's Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent, **Betsy Crisp**, was honored as the Southern Region's ESP **Diversity Multi-Cultural - Individual** winner for 2014. A graduate of Florida State University, she has worked for Extension for over 27 years, and currently a licensed dietitian and *ServSafe* instructor/proctor. She has served in numerous leadership roles in both ESP and the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. She earned many career honors at the state, regional, and national levels. Her Extension program is extremely visible in the community, as she presents on the average over 150 programs and reaches almost 8,000 citizens each year in the areas of food, nutrition, health and safety. In addition, over the past seven years, her Pasco Family Nutrition Program has brought in considerable grant funding to support several program assistants and many volunteers as they presented almost 1,000 classes for almost 6,000 people (of all ages) with over 57,000 educational contacts to make healthier food choices, increase physical activity and improve their health. Crisp was also honored for the Southern Region's Continued Excellence Award in 2013 and Southern Region Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

**Background:** The reason for her success in the area of Diversity/Multi-Cultural Programs started with collaborative efforts with two fellow dietitians/nutritionists at the Pasco County Health Department working with a group of "Lost Boys" (Sudanese Refugees) in 2006. This proved to be one of the most interesting opportunities of her career. Pasco County Government then asked her to work as a team with two other presenters to help educate their 2,000 employees in "Diversity and Harassment Prevention in the Workplace." (Started in approx. 2009 and still going) With the increasing diversity of Pasco County (Hispanic ethnicity rose 3% to 12% in the 2010 census) Betsy realized the need to reach more individuals and created a program "Diversity through the Eyes of Children" for Annual Regional Conferences for the Early Child Care Coalition (started in 2012 and requested again 2014).



**Pasco FNP 2014 Report:** (FNP is grant-funded thru USDA-SnapEd – FCS agent is PI)

- Three Pasco FNP Program Assistants (PAs) taught **890 classes to 5,693 unduplicated** (Note: all ages, not just public schools but also includes 9 Pasco County Parks & Recreation and Pasco County Elderly Nutrition Program clients in 4 low-income sites)!
- Because of multiple classes/series of 7 lessons they reached 15,670 (duplicated numbers) and another 56,544 (also duplicated) with the help of teachers and other volunteers (Teachers, MGs, Chefs) = **72,214 TOTAL! (duplicated)**
- The 966 hours donated to Pasco County by those volunteers x \$21.24 in FL (2013) = **\$20,517.84**
- The survey data was submitted to UF and will hopefully be available in time to report impacts/outcomes in my 2014 ROA/2015 POW.



**The Florida Association of Home & Community Education (FAHCE volunteers) just celebrated 90 years of service (1924-2014) in Altamonte Springs.**

Our Pasco members established their first "Fort Dade" club in Pasco back in 1922!



They are best known nationally for starting hot lunches in schools and book mobiles and so much more! Locally they have supplied local clinics with "ouch dolls," "fidget aprons" for Alzheimer's patients, raised money to fund the Mary Harrison Professorship to honor their agent advisors (Pasco Agent received the award in 2006 and used \$500 funding to support Pasco County Employee education Series of three classes on "Wellness: Diet, Stress, and Finances") In their later years they are down to one club and 15 members but still donate to 4-H and FCS when they can and serve on various committees (FCS Advisory, Overall Advisory Committee)