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Is it fun?



CEO, Hearts Hands and Hope

Eric Wilson is the CEO of Hearts Hands and Hope, a 501(c)3 non profit since 2016.

Prior to his current position, he served in Desert Storm with the 857th Strategic Air Command from 1988-1992.

During his last year in the service, stationed in Minot, ND, he began a broadcasting career in 1992 which lasted until 2010.

He worked in Minot, ND; Buffalo, NY; Detroit, MI; and finally here in Central Florida with the CBS affiliate.

His accomplishments:

He was the first on air meteorologist in North Dakota in 1995, with a degree in Atmospheric Science from Mississippi State University, MS. He helped created predictive precipitation (later called future radar) in 1996 while in Buffalo where he also worked closely with the National Weather Service Department to help develop better forecasting for Lake Effect Snow location and amounts. Became the first double certified (AMS and NWA) meteorologist in Buffalo, NY.

Post Newsweek of Detroit, MI hired him in 2000 to become the morning meteorologist and part of a 'new' digital Department that would oversee the oncoming 'Internet of Things' as it applied to the company's weather department. He would help build a more robust weather experience on their new company wide website(s) and start building a weather app for the oncoming iPhone for distribution in 2007.

Post Newsweek moved his family to Central Florida (Seminole County) in 2008 where he would later end his broadcasting career and start his entrepreneurial career in 2010.

After many attempts, he finished his app called AtmoScan in January of 2019, after graduating from Full Sail University with a Computer Science Degree specializing in UX/UI in 2018.

His wife, Michelle, and son, Aidan (17) have lived in Heathrow (Lake Mary) for 13 years. Michelle is the Development Director for their son's school for those with learning disabilities at Pace Brantley School. Aidan is an amazing actor, singer and performer and builds life sized characters using scraps from the family garage (and lots of Duct Tape!). Hearts Hands and Hope focuses on changing the cultural norm in abandoned areas of Seminole County by starting with the most basic need of all, removing food insecurity.

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Last year they fed more than 350,000 meals, and this year they have fed more than 150,000 to date. Partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, HHH has become the number one (1) independent food distributor for Second Harvest Food Bank in Seminole County as they continue to feed 7,000 meals every Thursday at 5 different locations. No other Seminole partner provides this level of service, consistency and size.

Hearts Hands and Hope is a one of a kind food distribution company as we go to the need, with two (2) programs.

The first is the 'box program' where each child receives a weeks worth of food, every week. Cities served are:Midway

Goldsboro (Sanford), Warley Park (Sanford) Georgetown Seniors (Sanford) Logan Heights and various apartment complexes surrounding Seminole High School.

The second is the 'food bag program' which feeds children on long weekends away from school, holidays and during the summer months. Cities served are:Sanford schools Altamonte Springs schools Markham Woods Middle school.

Eric is a member of the Seminole Leadership class #31.



Potential Members

Do you have input for the newsletter? Send email to

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Member Dates District Events

09/01



Jomar Bonano

08/22 Christopher Puccio

08/24 Bruce Skwarlo

Wedding Anniversaries

Jason Reichard / Amy - years

Brian Bacon / Denise - 40 years 08/29 Ernst Urbainczyk / Gitta - 47 years

Member Anniversaries

08/30 Wes Hohman - 9 years



A very special welcome to newly inducted members, from left to right, Malek Evans, Christina Hollerbach, and Andy Griffin



Demel Gonzales completing his Red Badge program

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