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Foster Children Benefit from Pine View School Student Engagement Class

Sarasota, FL – Pine View School students will begin volunteering at Everyday Blessings, a foster home that cares for sibling groups in Sarasota, in October as a part of Pine View’s Engaged Citizenship Class. Four Pine View high school students will work with up to nine children during Everyday Blessings’ homework hour, two times a week.

“We are thrilled to have the students from Pine View coming to work with our kids,” said Trish Adams, Residential Manager for Everyday Blessings Sarasota. “The children that live at Everyday Blessings have often fallen behind in school due to circumstance beyond their control. We work hard to find resources to help the kids thrive academically; having students from Pine View offer to be a part of that is wonderful. I think kids from *both* groups will learn a lot from the experience.”

The Sarasota home is one of two Everyday Blessings foster homes that focus on keeping sibling groups together. It houses 12 children between birth and 18 years; the headquarters location in Thonotosassa is home to 28 children. To learn more about the mission of Everyday Blessings and how you can help siblings in the foster care system stay together, please visit www.everydayblessinginc.org.

About Everyday Blessings

The mission of Everyday Blessings, Inc. is to provide high quality care for sibling groups through a live-in caregiver model. We partner with community agencies and the children’s families to transition each child into a safe, stable and permanent home. With two locations, our original program in Hillsborough County and our second location in Sarasota, Everyday Blessings provides sibling groups the opportunity to remain together. Live-in, 24/7 caregivers provide ongoing emotional and social support, transportation and child advocacy. Additionally, the agency’s support staff provides counseling, medical oversight, crisis intervention, case management, tutoring and developmental daycare. For more information on Everyday Blessings and its Springboard program for young adults transitioning out of foster care and those at risk of becoming homeless, visit www.everydayblessings.org and www.springboardsrq.com.

About Pine View School

Pine View School was established by the Sarasota County School System in 1969 as a full-time program for intellectually gifted students (Grades 2-12). It is the only program of its kind in the state of Florida, and one of the few full-time gifted programs in the nation. Pine View has a rich tradition of providing students with an extensive, challenging academic program in which excellence is fostered, attained, and celebrated. For more information on Pine View School, visit <http://www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/pvs/overview.html>.

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