



***Dasie Bridgewater Hope  
Center, Inc.***

*Wabasso, FL*



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Center*

## *Our Mission*

*Offering a nurturing  
environment where children  
and adults can learn, dream,  
and aspire by developing their  
self-esteem and learn life  
survival skills.*





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*The Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center was incorporated in 2001 and began with 3 kids, with only 1500 sq. ft. of space, where our high school kids were taught outside. Today we serve over 100 kids daily.*





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## *The Need*

*We are determined to break the cycle of poverty within our community, by providing quality after school academic and recreational programs, and college opportunities.*





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# The Need

*Without Dasie Hope Center, kids would have:*

- *No extra help with homework*
  - *No hot dinners*
- *No safe environment to share fun things to do*
  - *No outlook for a productive future*
- *No one to fill the gap of a single parent struggling*
  - *No one at teacher conferences*
  - *No one to care.*





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## *Whom We Serve*

*Dasie Hope Center serves youth within the  
Wabasso Community ages 5 to 18, who do  
not have transportation to other after school  
programs that are located at least 10 miles  
away north or south of them.*

*This means 98% of the youth who utilize  
Dasie Hope center services would be  
latch-key kids.*





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## Whom We Serve

*We are located in Wabasso with  
an average attendance of 90-104  
kids each day during the school  
year and 125 during the summer.*





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*We have a waiting list of kids hoping  
to join due to economic conditions  
,the list grows longer weekly.*





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# Achievements

- *The Kidz Café cooking program fed over 600 kids weekly including the summer.*
- *Dasie Hope remodeled the kitchen, which has become a teaching lab for teaching kids how to prepare nutritional meals.*
- *Every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader has passed the FCAT for 4 straight years at Dasie Hope Center*





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## Achievements

- Dasie Hope Center was recognized by (former) Gov. Jed Bush Points of Light Award for an outstanding afterschool program
- “Thanks to the Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center’s efforts, children have been given a place for community learning and involvement,” said Governor Bush





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# Achievements

- *In 2008, we moved into a 2000 sq. ft building, which includes:*
  - *A state of the art computer lab*
  - *Media/Multi-purpose room*
  - *2 classrooms*
- *We sent 5 students to college. Two of those students started at Dasie Hope Center when they were in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.*
- *5- star Brigadier General Eugene Cromartie returned home to visit DHC, joined our board, to encourage our kids*  
*“Look at me I’m from Wabasso, you can do it”*





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# Achievements

- *Honor role and A/B grades increased by 30% in 2008*
- *Letter Grades increased by 50%*
- *In 2008 our parent support program boosts a membership of 32 parents who attend regular meetings at DHC.*
- *Our 1<sup>st</sup> African America male is in his sophomore year of college at the University of Central Florida.*





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# Our Partnership with CSAC





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*Through our partnership with CSAC, we have provided hope, encouragement, laughter, enlightenment, guidance, and a shoulder to cry on. As well as food, clothing, transportation, and exposure to new experiences.*





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# Partnership with CSAC

*The support of CSAC has helped us provide over 2000 sq. ft. of classroom space to accommodate our overcrowding. Youth now have a state of the art computer lab, 2 classrooms and a multi-purpose room, that also doubles as a business leadership classroom.*





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## What If?

*Without the support of CSAS, Dasie  
Hope would not have:*

- *Building space (Old Douglas School Cafeteria) to house our current program*
  - *County water or sewer*
  - *An Air Conditioned building*
  - *a new 2000 sq. ft. building*





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## What If?

*This would result in a reduction of our services, staff and most importantly the number of kids served. There would be NO more afternoon meals for many kids who would go home hungry.*





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# What If?

- *We would have to reduce our staff*
- Cancel our waiting list of students
- Stop providing afternoon “hot” meals
- Reduce our student enrollment drastically
  - Cancel Summer Camp





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*Dasie Hope Center is a small organization that gets large results. Our future depends on the youth we serve today, where we always:*

- Provide a warm, loving atmosphere*
- Stimulate the desire for academic excellence*
- Promote social, emotional, and physical development*
- Expose our kids to a healthy lifestyle through positive prevention and intervention*
- Instill honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty to themselves, their families and others.*





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*Cowardice asks the question: is it safe?*

*Expediency asks the question: is it political?*

*Vanity asks the question: is it popular?*

*But conscience asks the question? Is it right?*

*And there comes a time when one must take a  
position that is neither safe, nor political, nor  
popular but one must take it simply because it is  
right.*

*- Dr. Martin L. King.*



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*We are ordinary people  
doing extraordinary  
things....*



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*Thank you for supporting Dasie Hope  
Center making it possible to change  
so many lives for the betterment of  
our community.*

