



PRIME CARES: A NEW CHAPTER

In 1971, Caridad Asensio began working with migrant families as a community health worker for the Palm Beach County school district. She witnessed the extreme poverty, the lack of medical and dental care, the substandard housing conditions and the lack of food and clothing facing these hardworking families.

Caridad Center, founded in 1989, provides crucial free medical and dental services to families in need, thanks to volunteer doctors and dentists and generous community support. Last year, Caridad Center saw thousands of patients who had no where else to turn, and the need continues to grow. Caridad Center also operates a food pantry to ease the way for agricultural workers, laborers and the working poor of Palm Beach County.

We're writing a new chapter in our Prime Cares program –funding a children's "library" for this remarkable organization.

It's not unusual for families to arrive at the Center before sun-up to wait in line and seek care. The simple pleasures of children's books or toys for the waiting room can make the time pass more enjoyably for kids waiting for treatment or having to accompany a family member.

So, over the next six weeks, wear your jeans, donate a dollar and make a difference. We'll also have a collection box in the lobby where you can deposit a new – or gently used – children's books.

Prime will also play a larger role with Caridad as we renovate the kid's playground with fresh landscaping and the repair and refurbishment of the playground equipment. We'll be replanting and mulching the entire area, sprucing up the equipment, adding benches and picnic tables and improving the irrigation to give it a bright new look. We will provide more information and request volunteers for this project as it progresses.

We all can be proud of how we are bettering our community. It's just one of the reasons Prime is successful. Thanks for your support!