

Professional Organizers Provide a Nonprofit Makeover

January 2010 – FORT MYERS, FL – In celebration of National Get Organized (GO) Month, the Professional Organizers Association of Southwest Florida (POASWFL) sponsored a community service project at the PACE Center for Girls of Lee County to help the nonprofit facility become more efficient.

On January 4, 2010, a team of professional organizers spent the day working with Melissa Simontis, Director of Development, and her staff to purge, declutter, and organize PACE's main office areas, files, storage areas, donations and conference room.

"Our PACE Lee Center has been open for nearly three years. In that time, we've grown and accumulated so much, but haven't had the resources to keep up in an organized manner," Simontis explains.

POASWFL members donated their time, expertise and organizing products to get the job done in just one day. The result was a well-organized facility that will benefit PACE staff, guests and students.

"After the organizing session, our staff felt as if they had a clean slate," says Simontis. "We were amazed by the energy, enthusiasm and talent of the professional organizers. They flew in like superwomen and rescued us from disorganization."

The project was a huge success and POASWFL members hope to help other nonprofit organizations in the future. "We plan to follow up with PACE to help them maintain the systems that were created," explains POASWFL President Jane Samargedlis, Designed 2 Organize. "The best part of what we do is that it's very hands on and I feel we can really making a difference with our volunteer efforts."

Launched in January 2010, the mission of POASWFL is to educate, support, and empower professional organizers in Southwest Florida to better serve the needs of their clients and to raise awareness of the organizing profession. For more information visit www.swflorganizers.com.

About Get Organized Month

Get Organized MonthSM, sponsored by the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), is a national industry-wide event aimed at raising awareness of the benefits of getting organized and hiring a professional organizer. Whether an individual, business, or organization, everyone can benefit from the increased order, decreased stress, and greater effectiveness that results from getting organized and working with professional organizers.

About NAPO

Founded in 1985, NAPO is a national association dedicated to the field of organizing. NAPO is dedicated to serving its members through education, networking, industry resources and promotion of the organizing profession to the public.

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Professional Organizers from left to right: Roxy Hambleton, CPO®, Tracy Colleran, Cindi Barone, Jane Samargedlis, Karen Bucy and Connie Kippycash.



Professional Organizers Connie Kippycash (left) and Roxy Hambleton (right) sort through office supplies during the Get Organized (GO) month event at the PACE Center for Girls of Lee County.



Before: this storage closet was cluttered and office supplies were hard to find.



After: clear storage containers and labels take the guesswork out of finding everyday supplies.