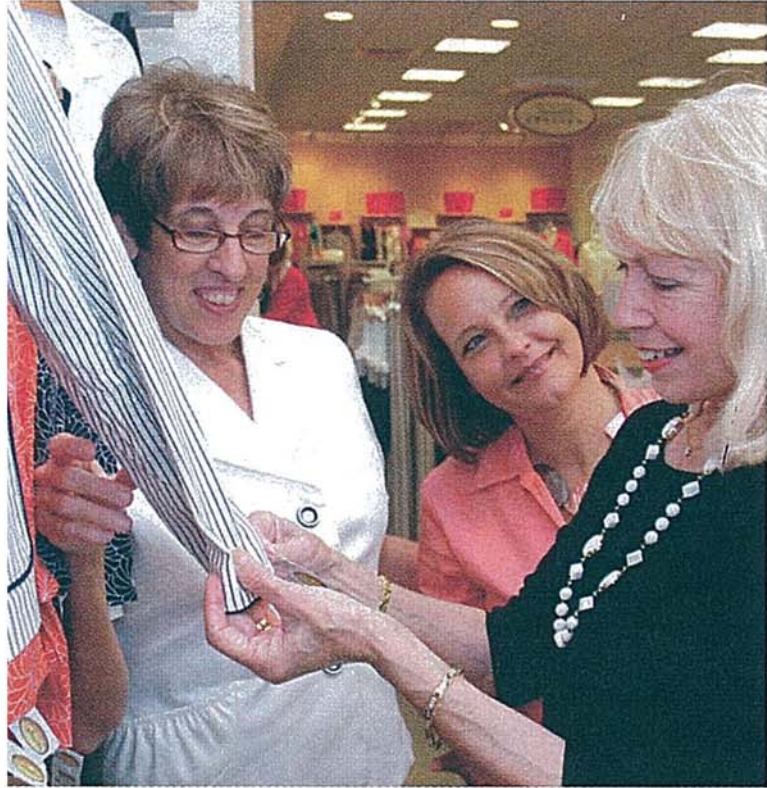


Gas card donations fuel volunteers



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Fashion show coordinator, Pat Siminak, right, discusses her ideas for the September Meals on Wheels benefit luncheon with Community Services Council CEO Cindy Flachmeier, left, and Watersong Executive Director Shelly Lockhart, center, while selecting fashions at Talbot's in Viera on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

COMMUNITY ASSISTS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

BY MARY BROTHERTON

Watersong, Viera's newest retirement community, has teamed up with the Community Services Council and local fashion show coordinator, Pat Siminak, to create an invitation-only fashion show/lunch/wine tasting at Duran Golf Club in September to benefit the Meals on Wheels. Invitees to the event will be asked to bring in a gas gift card which will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Watersong and its residents, who chronologically may be seniors despite their active lives, want to challenge other Brevard County business leaders to collect gas cards in their own offices and donate them to Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels has provided nutritious, hot meals to the frailest homebound elders five days a week, every week of every year for almost two decades and now they deliver on Saturdays, too.



the food throughout the county in their personal cars. These remarkable people give up one or two

hours about once a week, but they do so without any compensation. In fact, they are not reimbursed for the gas they use for their deliveries.

These volunteers range from home schooled youngsters and their parents, to seniors who are grateful to continue making contributions and business people delivering on their lunch hours.

For more information about Watersong, visit water-song.com or call 321-253-6324. For information about Meals on Wheels, visit communityservicescouncil.org or call 321-639-8770.

These deliveries would not be possible without the 900 drivers who volunteer their time to drive