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## ***Farmworker Program, Lions Club to Make a Difference to Local Migrant Children***

### ***Three Kings Day Celebration to include school supplies and vision screenings; Request of community support for treats***

*(Bradenton, FL—December 15, 2009)* **Manatee Technical Institute's Farmworker Education and Services Program**, in conjunction with the local chapter of the Lions Club, will be hosting a holiday celebration for the children at the Whisenant migrant camp in Parrish. The children will be receiving gifts of school supplies from the Farmworker Education Program, as well as free vision and diabetes screening for the families at the camp generously provided by the Lions Club. The celebration will take place on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, in observance of "Three Kings Day," a highly celebrated day for children in most Latin-American countries.

Anyone who would like to donate candies or cookies for the children may drop them off at the Farmworker Program office in Portable #202 of the MTI main campus. The program is also accepting monetary donations to purchase the treats; checks or money orders should be made payable to the Farmworker Education Program / MTI.

Community support is greatly appreciated and is sure to bring some joy of the holiday season to the migrant children, who often do not get to experience it.

The Farmworker Education and Services Program of Manatee County is a government organization that assists those who have worked or are currently employed in agriculture in the last two years. The Farmworker Education Program helps clients learn English, improve reading and math skills, learn a job skill, get a high school diploma, and become employed in a full time, year-round career.

For more information, please call the Farmworker Education and Services Program at 751-7947, or 751-7900 ext. 2165, or stop by the office on the MTI campus, 5603 34<sup>th</sup> St. W., Bradenton.

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