



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children



THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

April 2017 Issue

A Message From The Director:

In March, we celebrated ten years of Kids at Hope in St. Lucie County with “From Youth at Risk to Kids at Hope,” A Positive Youth Development Symposium. Hundreds of educators, case managers, juvenile probation officers, community activists, youth service providers and others came together to share best practices on addressing childhood trauma and racial disparities in juvenile justice, education and public health. We received incredibly positive feedback from conference participants, and it was exciting to see many new faces getting involved in the Roundtable’s work. I’d like to thank our keynote speakers: Rick Miller, Antwone Fisher, Michael Finley, Dr. Kelli Wells, Wydee’a Wilson, and David Wallace, as well as Roundtable staff and the Conference Coordinating Committee for a job well done. A big thank you to our sponsors – St. Lucie County, Children’s Services Council, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Fort Pierce Sheriff’s Office, Port St. Lucie Police Department, St. Lucie Public Schools, Life Builders of the Treasure Coast, Inc., and Indian River State College for making this event a reality!

Our next big project is to assist the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee (LPAC) and Village Coalition of Youth Activities (VCOYA) in taking 50 teens to the National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community, which is taking place in Orlando at the end of next month. This will be the second year youth serving organizations from across our community attend the conference together, to jointly plan how to bring information and resources back to St. Lucie County to make it a safe place for all. We are pleased to announce two sponsors have already committed to the project – Thank you to the City of Fort Pierce (\$12,000) and Children’s Services Council (\$10,000). Over the next month, you will hear more from LPAC, VCOYA and community youth about this important event. Please support if you can!

Thank you,

Shaniek Maynard



**Celebrating 10 years of
Kids at Hope in St. Lucie County!**

(L-R): Michael Hitsman, Shaniek Maynard,
Sheritta Johnson, Rick Miller, Vern Melvin,
Linda Bartz.

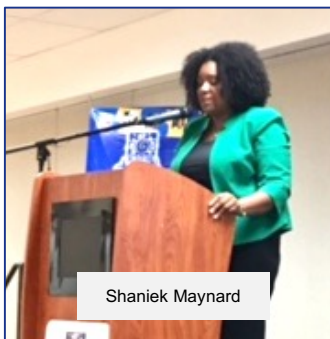
The Roundtable of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of agencies working together with partners and stakeholders throughout the community to address the issues our children face at the root level. Its members are leaders of all aspects of society who come together to build a community of opportunity where every child succeeds.

The Roundtable operates through networks, each of which focuses on key aspects that affect the lives of our children.



KIDS AT HOPE MINI-MASTERS

A Positive Youth Development Symposium



Shaniek Maynard



Rick Miller, Founder Kids at Hope



Michael Finley,
Rums Institute



Wydee'a Wilson,
Dent Juvenile Justice



Dr. Kelli Wells,
Florida Deputy Secretary for Health



David Wallace,
LaSalle School, NY

Panel Discussion:
(L-R) Dr. Kevin Perry,
David Wallace,
Antwone Fisher, Rick
Miller



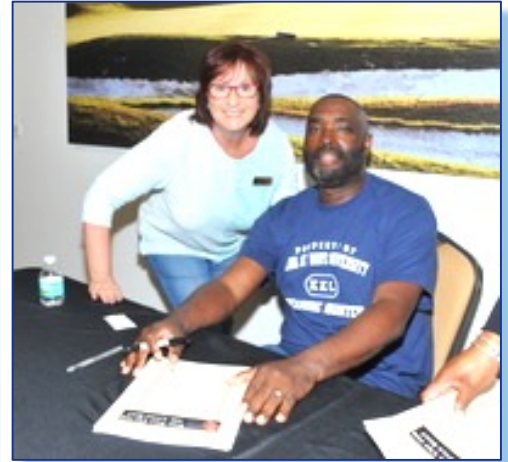
Antwone Fisher &
David Wallace



Shaniek Maynard & Rick Miller



Rick Miller, Antwone Fisher with RTVY1 staff, youth and
community members





Michael Hitsman, Shaniek Maynard, Sheritta Johnson, Rick Miller, Vern Melvin, and Linda Bartz



Rick Miller, Kids at Hope Founder



Sheritta Johnson, City of Fort Pierce Risk Manager



Denise Simons, Dana Stonelake, Megan Pack

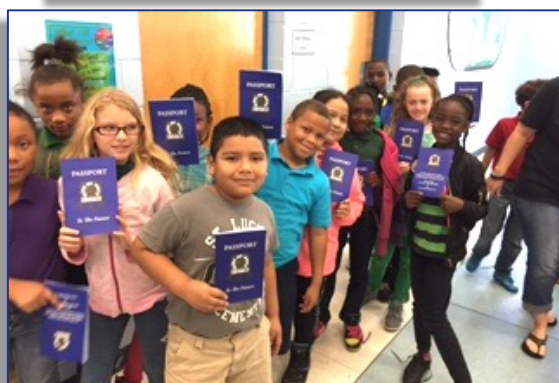
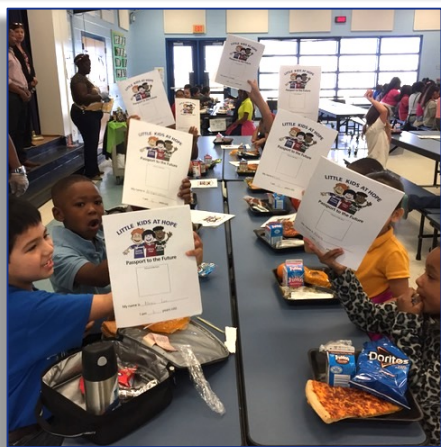
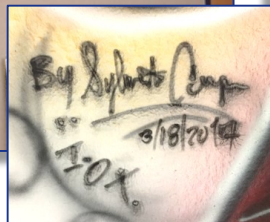


Michael Hitsman, Principal Weatherbee Elementary



Weatherbee Elementary Staff- Mellisa Hamblin, Heather Bolitho, Jennifer Avellino, Rick Miller, St. Lucie Elementary Staff- Octavious Robinson and Mr. Miller, Weatherbee Principal Michael Hitsman

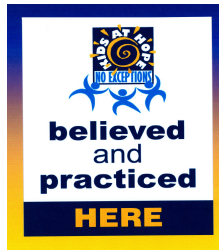




St. Lucie Elementary Believes, Connects, and Time Travels

Artist Sylvester Cooper has taken some of the empty walls of St. Lucie Elementary and adorned them with positive messages of hope letting students know that staff at their school believe they are capable of success, No Exceptions! The Kids at Hope staff went to the school and came up with ideas to visually let parents and students know that their school is a place where they can be successful. Principal Latricia Woulard embraced the ideas presented by Kids at Hope staff because she is working hard to create a learning environment where all the students at St. Lucie Elementary can be successful.

As part of this effort, all 760 students had the opportunity to take a journey through life, focusing on their future. The students started their Kids at Hope passports in Mr. Miller's Resource Class, identifying their ACES (Anchor Parent, Other Caring Adult, High Expectations, and Opportunities for Success) and then took their passports back to class where their teachers helped them time travel to the future in the four destinations (Home & Family, Hobbies & Recreation, Education & Career, and Community & Service). The passport also gave them space to describe the skills, talents and intelligence necessary to be successful in each of the destination points. After each child completed their passports they were able to take a trip to the cafeteria for an ice cream party. The students were so proud of their passports. Thank you to the Hunt Foundation, Children's Services Council, and United Way for sponsoring Kids at Hope at St. Lucie Elementary.



Preventing Crime in the Black Community National Conference The Kids at Hope Mentoring Program

The organizations that make up the Village Coalition of Youth Activities (VCOYA) and the Lincoln Park Advisory Council (LPAC) are collaborating once again to attend the 32nd Annual National Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference (PCBC) in Orlando May 31- June 2, 2017. This Conference is a collaborative effort sponsored by Florida Office of the Attorney General Pam Bondi and the Florida Consortium of Urban League Affiliates. The conference is designed to foster collaboration, communication and action among practitioners and youth by sharing innovative ideas, best practices and research relating to criminal justice, causative factors and violence prevention strategies unique to the black community. A major component of the program will be directed toward alternatives to violence among our young people. The agenda is designed to showcase successful programs and promote a positive exchange of ideas. Last year, over 1,300 people attended the conference in Miami. Seven organizations from St. Lucie County partnered to take 35 youth to the conference. Upon their return to the community, the students shared the information they received with community leaders, peers, and residents through a Peace Rally, Youth Panel and Community Fun Day. They also made appearances on various radio shows and at meetings throughout the community to share what they had learned.

This year, our goal is to take 50 youth from Boys & Girls Clubs, Liberty Truth and Deliverance, Sword Outreach, Performance Based Academy, Rehoboth Christian Center, PACE Center for Girls, Parents of Murdered Children, Kids at Hope, Restoring the Village Youth Initiative and Department of Juvenile Justice. So far, attendance at the conference is sponsored by Children's Services Council and City of Fort Pierce. We are looking for additional sponsors.

Prior to attending, each student is required to participate in a six-week Kids at Hope mentoring program, complete 20 hours of community and family service, complete assigned homework, submit an essay, and help with an implementation plan for when they return from the conference. In the mentorship sessions, the students are working on maintaining positive attitudes, the importance of becoming community activists and the obligation to contribute to society that comes with citizenship. We will keep you posted on this exciting event.





February and March were grant-writing months and the Roundtable staff was busy writing! We submitted the following grant requests:

- Board of County Commission Membership Dues - \$48,200
- Board of County Commission Gang Prevention - \$40,000
- Children's Services Council Kids at Hope - \$123,975
- Children's Services Council Restoring the Village - \$41,500
- Federal Drug Free Communities - \$625,000 (5 year grant)
- Federal Safe & Thriving Communities - \$333,000 (18 month grant)

In the upcoming months we plan to write grants for Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Substance Abuse Prevention and United Way Kids at Hope.

Keep your fingers crossed for these awards!





NETWORK MEETINGS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

First Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm at Children's Services Council.
Next meeting is May 3rd.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (Healthy St. Lucie/Healthiest Weight)

Second Thursday of every month at 3:00pm at the Health Department on Milner Rd.
Next meeting is April 13th.

CHILD WELFARE

First Tuesday of every month at 10:00am at Children's Services Council.
Next meeting is May 2nd.

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

Third Wednesday of every month at 12:00pm at the UP Center on Orange Avenue.
Next meeting is April 19th.

LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourth Thursday of every other month at 12:00pm at the Department of Health
714 Avenue C, Fort Pierce.
Next Meeting is April 27th.

SAFE KIDS COALITION (Unintentional Injury)

First Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Garber Buick GMC on US1.
Next meeting is May 4th.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

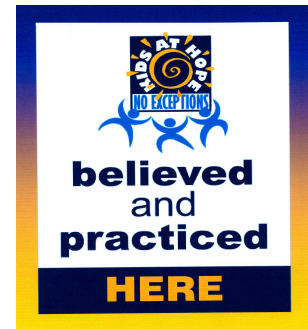
Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am. Location to be determined.
Next meeting April 18th.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Third Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Children's Services Council.
Next meeting is April 20th.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

Second Tuesday of every month at 11:00am at Children's Services Council.
Next meeting is April 11th.



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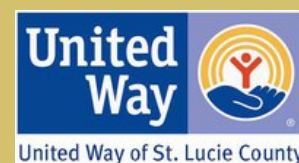


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