



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children



## THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

December 2016 Issue

### A Message From The Director:

This time of the year offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what we are thankful for. Today, I am thankful for the privilege of getting paid to do this work—it is something I love, and being able to do it and make a living at the same time is a blessing. I am also grateful for a team that worked tirelessly throughout 2016 to make the work of the Roundtable happen: Kim Thomas-Pate, Dana Stonelake, Denise Sirmons, Monica Jakobsen, Darcy McFolley and Steering Committee Chair Tonya Andreacchio. I appreciate these individuals, as well as the entire Roundtable staff, Board, networks, committees, funders, community partners and volunteers. Thank you all for the work you do to improve outcomes for children in St. Lucie County.

This month, we hope to see you at the Roundtable's Kids at Hope Toy Giveaway sponsored by the Viola G. Smith Foundation, the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee's Meeting and Luncheon on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:30pm, and the Children's Services Council's annual *Sounds of the Season* on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Also, don't forget to participate in the Guardians For New Futures Toy Drive which ensures all foster children in St. Lucie and neighboring counties receive Christmas gifts.

I hope this holiday season is a peaceful and happy one for you and your family. Merry Christmas!

Best,

**Shaniek Maynard**



Dear Law Enforcement Partners:

Kids at Hope & the Viola G. Smith Foundation for Underprivileged Kids will be hosting their Annual Toy Giveaway on December 17. Bicycles are the #1 toys requested by the children and due to the generosity of our law enforcement partners we have been able to distribute bikes for the last two years!

If you are able to provide bikes for this year's Toy Giveaway please contact:

Kim Thomas-Pate at  
[KThomas@roundtableslc.org](mailto:KThomas@roundtableslc.org).



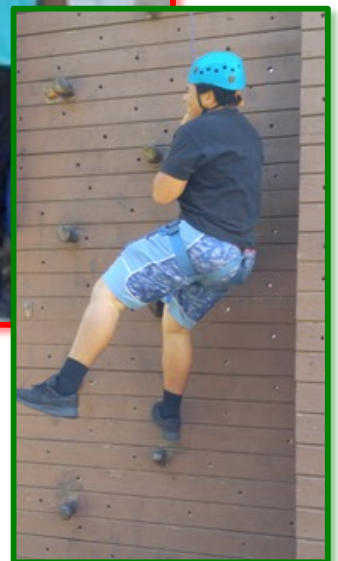
The Roundtable of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of agencies working together with partners and stakeholders throughout the community to address the issues our children face at the root level. Its members are leaders of all aspects of society who come together to build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

# RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

## #TEAMRTV!

The value of working together, finding available resources, facing consequences and asking for help were some of the key lessons learned by RTVYI youth and outreach workers during a field trip to Tigertail Lake Recreation Center in Broward County on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Funded by a public service grant from the City of Fort Pierce, the trip was part of a collaborative project between Fort Pierce, RTVYI, Department of Juvenile Justice, Sequel Care and the Children's Services Council to teach anger management, social skills, and moral reasoning to gang-involved youth through a 12 week curriculum, and to build trust among the youth, and with the outreach workers. At the Tigertail Recreation Center, talented facilitators engaged the youth in challenging team-building exercises, including daring climbs and balancing on ropes 35 feet in the air. Despite the difficulty of these activities, the youth showed resilience and learned how to work as a team to complete the tasks. None of the participants had ever done this before and they had a blast. Dinner at Golden Corral afterwards was a great end to a very successful day. Thank you, City of Fort Pierce and Children's Services Council for sponsoring.



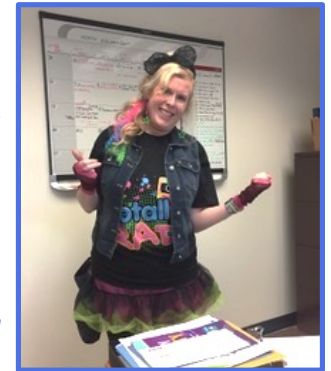
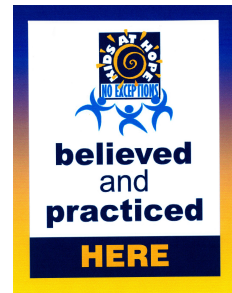






# Kids at Hope In Our Schools!

The Kids at Hope team is excited to assist Performance Based Preparatory Academy (PBPA) and St. Lucie Elementary in implementing the principles of Kids at Hope throughout the 2016-17 school year. Both schools participated in the Kids at Hope 10-10-10 Celebration, recognizing staff members who are “10s” because they never give up on kids. At PBPA, custodian Amie Rogers received the award. At SLE, chosen staff members included front desk staff, cafeteria workers, and teachers. PBPA also celebrated Kids at Hope during their Spirit Week, November 14-17, 2016. Spirit Week included a Friday Night Done Right Fun Day, reminding the teens that they can have fun without drugs and alcohol. At St. Lucie Elementary, the Kids at Hope team went to each class and asked students to identify good things about their teachers and created posters celebrating those treasures. The statements will be read during morning announcements so the entire school, and the teachers, can hear the results of “teacher-treasure hunting”. SLE staff along with the Kids at Hope team have also focused on time traveling with the students. Each teacher created a destination board showing their lives in each of the four destinations (career, hobbies, community and family). Staff are also helping the students create their own destination boards.



## The City of Fort Pierce Implements Kids at Hope

It is sometimes challenging for organizations that have been trained in Kids at Hope but do not work with youth regularly to find ways to implement the belief on a day to day basis. The City of Fort Pierce has taken the lead in doing this, agreeing to allow city employees to use work time to serve as Kids at Hope mentors at Performance Based Preparatory Academy and St. Lucie Elementary. PBPA is a school for students who have fallen behind academically and are now older than the usual age for their grade level. Facilitated by KAH staff, Fort Pierce employees are participating in group sessions with PBPA students every two weeks to engage them in thinking about how to prepare for their futures. At St. Lucie Elementary, Fort Pierce employees used the Kids at Hope book ("The Kids at Hope Friends Meet the Dream Stealing Villain") and puppets to inspire Kindergarteners and First Graders to work hard and never give up on their dreams. Thank you to the City of Fort Pierce for showing Fort Pierce children that all kids in Fort Pierce are capable of success, no exceptions!

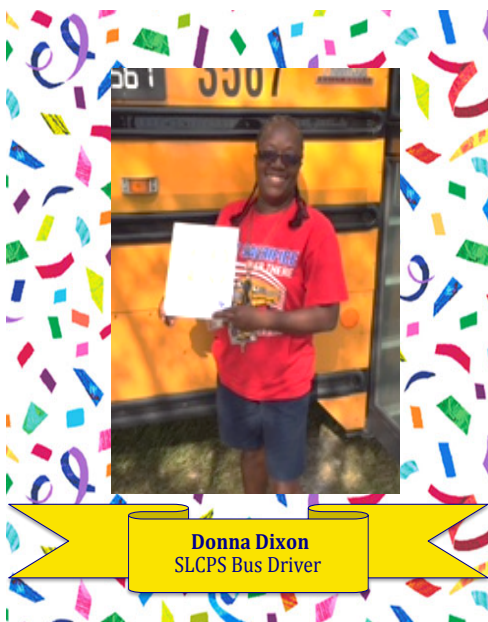






In November, the Roundtable recognized ten more caring adults who never give up on kids!

## Please Join Us In Congratulating These Kids at Hope 10s!



**Donna Dixon**  
SLCPS Bus Driver



**Paul Pearson**  
Police Athletic League



**Josaine Roc**  
Frontline for Kids



**Sandra Monroe**  
Head Start



**Nelson Sanchez**  
Boys Town



**Kevin Singletary**  
ALPI - Head Start



**Linda Chastain**  
Hope's Closet



**Trevor Banks, Jr.**  
Resurrection Life & Family



**Oveida Taylor**  
Sunrise Academy



**Pamela Reddick**  
Department of Juvenile Justice





# Kids at Hope Mini Masters



Please **SAVE THE DATE** to join the Roundtable of St. Lucie County and Kids at Hope Founder, Rick Miller, for a three day conference **March 28-30, 2017** to celebrate 10 years of Kids at Hope in St. Lucie County!

The conference will feature collaborative discussions on hot topics in youth development including:

- Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities and Implicit Bias in the Juvenile Justice System;
- Using the Power of Connection to Reverse the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma;
- Building Youth Assets and Resiliency through Caring Adults and Opportunities to Engage; and
- Using a Public Health Approach to Identify and Address Root Causes of Youth Violence, Delinquency, Substance Abuse, and Infant Mortality in St. Lucie County.

*Guest speakers will be announced soon! Please make plans to attend.*

*friday night*  
**DONE RIGHT**  
**No alcohol. No dope.**

This fall, Drug Free St. Lucie promoted the Friday Night Done Right (FNDR) Campaign at Homecoming events for almost all public high schools in St. Lucie County. FNDR is a social norming campaign to show teens that they can have fun without drugs and alcohol. We partnered with local high schools by providing a photo booth, materials, pledge cards and t-shirts for Homecoming. Participating schools included Performance Based Preparatory Academy, PACE Center for Girls, Port St. Lucie High School, Westwood High School, Treasure Coast High School and Centennial High School. We reached almost 1400 high school students with the campaign, and the students loved using the costume and photo booth to take fun pictures. Special thanks to KAH Coordinator Megan Pack for facilitating and Purple Hazen DJ Entertainment for providing the Photo Booth.

**DRUG FREE  
ST. LUCIE**  
A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County





## The Roundtable Welcomes 29 High School Students to Youth Leadership St. Lucie

On November 15, the Roundtable re-launched Youth Leadership St. Lucie, an initiative to provide St. Lucie teens with development and leadership opportunities. The first meeting was held in the Fort Pierce City Hall Commission Chambers, and the teens were greeted by Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson, Fort Pierce City Manager Nick Mimms, County Commissioner Kim Johnson, PSLPD Chief John Bolduc, and Lauren Fowler, a former Youth Leadership participant who provided students a moving account of her youth leadership experience. The students represented 5 out of 6 public high schools in St. Lucie County, as well as PACE, Mosaic, Golden Rule Academy and Acceleration Academy.



During the year, Youth Leadership St. Lucie students will participate in Youth In Action projects to reduce bullying, gangs, and drug abuse, advocate on issues that affect teens in front of local commissions and school board, and learn foundational leadership skills through the Building Everyday Leadership curriculum. They will also host a leadership summit facilitated by trainers from CADCA's National Youth Leadership Institute in February 2017.

The next YLSL meeting is Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm at Riverwalk Center in Fort Pierce. For more information, please contact facilitators Dani Dreizehnter or Megan Pack.

## Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County Donates Computers to the Roundtable



When Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County was first incorporated, the agency was the only entity in the community actively seeking out populations of children who could be insured through the program. Since then, the landscape for providing health care coverage, not just for children in our community but adults as well, has evolved. After meeting with Children's Services Council staff, the Healthy Kids Board voted to dissolve Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County and transfer all assets to other worthy organizations. The Board voted unanimously to transfer a laptop, iPad and other computer equipment purchased through non-CSC funding, to the Roundtable of St. Lucie County. This action was done with the hope that it might, in some small way, support the Roundtable's work to improve the health of children in the community through the work of their networks, initiatives and leadership.



**Viola G. Smith Foundation  
&  
Roundtable of SLC / City of Ft. Pierce  
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# **Annual Toy Give-Away**

*This event will not just allow each child who attends to receive a toy, but there is fun & games for the entire family.*



**Happy  
Holidays!**



**Date: December 17, 2016**

**Time: 10a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

*(Wristbands to participate will be given out  
between 10am-10:30am)*

**Place: Percy Peak Gymnasium**

**2902 Avenue D**

**Ft. Pierce, FL 34950**

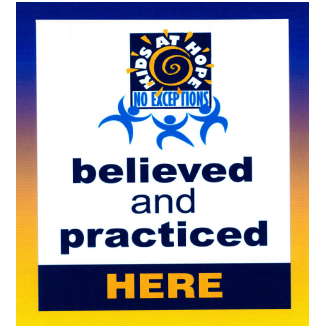
**Ages: 1-14 years of age**

*No sign up necessary*



*For more information contact  
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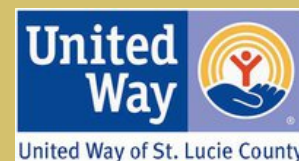
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