



Our Mission: To sustain a team of county and business leaders who mobilize resources to improve the education, health, safety, nutrition, and care of all children in St. Lucie County.

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

December 2019 Issue

A Message From The Director:

As I am reflecting on the holiday season, I have memories of me and my older brother Brian, and our anticipation for Christmas morning to arrive. We would watch all of the classic holiday movies and listen to Christmas music on the radio, counting down to that special day. He would wake me early, make me cover my eyes and lead me to the freezing basement where our tree was every year, lit up with beautiful lights and ice cycles. Standing in front of the tree, he would say with excitement "open your eyes!". Sometimes we had new toys, sometimes we had old toys rewrapped from the year before and sometimes we had nothing under the tree. Regardless, we made it fun. As adults, we kept this tradition going, sending packages to one another with a vow that we would wait until Christmas morning to cheer "open your eyes" long distance over the phone. We laid my brother to rest two years ago at the South Florida National Cemetery for Veterans, and I still smile when I think of those special Christmas memories.

I share this story because for many, this season is bitter sweet. Children look forward to the holiday cookies, and toys they will forget by the first of the year, but the memories of the season that we shared with loved ones who are with us or have gone on, will live in our hearts forever.

Throughout this season, every year our community partners recognize the tremendous opportunity to bring smiles to many children and families in our community and help create lasting memories. The tradition of holiday music plays an important role, which is why I am excited about this year's "Sounds of the Season" presented by the Children's Services Council and 104.5. It is a wonderful and free concert to join family and friends to sing, fellowship and bring in the holiday cheer. I hope to see you there. See page 13 for details. For others, getting a chance to see Santa to give him your list personally was a special moment. How many of you have a picture with Santa in your photo album? Well, gather your list together and join New Horizons for "Breakfast with Santa". Hopefully, you have been nice this year. See page 12 for details.

We can not forget the toys. The Boys & Girls Club presents the Jolly Toy Love, Holiday Toy Drive. Like me, I am sure many of you remember getting a special gift during the holiday. Be sure to drop a toy off at a location near you and make a child smile. See page 7 for locations.

Then of course, there are the memories of beautiful Christmas lights and trees. The City of Fort Pierce has lots in store for the Sunrise City. Be sure to join the city with the City of Lights Decorating Contest and check out all of the wonderful festivities going on throughout the community. See 9 for information and schedule of events.

Make every effort to support our community partners with making this holiday season filled with wonderful activities for youth and families we serve. Give. Share. Fellowship. Together, let's continue to make memories in our community, as we stand, "Leaders United for Children".

Teresa Bishop



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.

DRUG FREE ST. LUCIE

A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County

The Drug Free St. Lucie Coalition hosted a Town Hall Meeting utilizing the World Café Model on December 3rd at the Havert L. Fenn Center. The event was a huge success! It was conveyed by many of the attendees that a good time was had by all. We had many interactive activities with a variety of ways for people to share information and learn from the experiences of all people in attendance. Our accomplishment reflected the ever-increasing commitment and enthusiastic collaboration we receive from the community. We are pleased to report that more than 60 people were present and very engaged in the process. We had a diverse participation of all sectors of the community. Participants shared information on how substance misuse has an impact in the community and everyone shared great innovating ideas on how to address substance misuse. Youth leaders from the Boys & Girls Club, Youth Leadership Council and Students Working Against Tobacco did a phenomenal job in coordinating each work group. We extend a special thanks to our coalition partners and Roundtable members who attended.





HOPE'S Corner

Parkway Elementary Student Led Conference

The Kids at Hope Team had the pleasure of being invited to participate in the Student Led Conference at Parkway Elementary. The Pirates are under the leadership of Latanya Greene, School Principal and Heather Bolitho, the Assistant Principal. The Kids at Hope team had an opportunity to visit several classrooms while at the school. Ms. Wellington's second grade class shared their planners and completed assignments with their guest. Several parents attended with their younger children to witness their second grader receiving their Kids at Hope report cards. Some of the awards presented to the students included a kindness award, studious award, and friendliness award. The students in this classroom displayed their Four Destinations of Travel project. The students wrote the names of cities in the United States and around the world they would like to visit one day on paper airplanes. The blue airplanes were placed on the classroom door. The students were very proud of their accomplishments.

Another classroom visited by the team was Ms. McCormick's first grade class. The students in this room were reciting the Kids at Hope Pledge and working on some Kids at Hope activities. Ms. McCormick presented every student in her class their Kids at Hope report card. She noted one student as a leader, due to her ability to direct her peers in a positive manner. Students were eager to show their visitors what they had achieved in their planners and completed assignments. The students were working on the Kids at Hope Quilt as their "Four Destinations of Travel" assignment. Ms. McCormick and her students exemplify the components of Kids at Hope by having a welcoming and inviting classroom. The Language of Hope was evident by the interactions between the teacher and her students and their parents. The students' eagerness to help each other was obvious by one student acting as a translator for a peer whose primary language is not English. Ms. McCormick is truly an ACE for her students. Thank you Parkway Elementary for not just being a Kids at Hope School, but for living it daily.

ALL CHILDREN ARE CAPABLE OF SUCCESS, NO EXCEPTIONS!





Training New Kids at Hope Treasure Hunters!

By Sue-Ellen Sanders



The Team at Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County spent the afternoon portion of their in-service day on Columbus Day learning the Kids-At-Hope way with training by KAH Coordinator Kim Reid, who conducted a rousing and inspiring training session, including a game to understand the importance of team spirit and cheering each other on. Now that we've drunk the Kids-At-Hope juice, we are excited to put the initiative into action through both our team members and their work assignments, dealing everyday with parents, childcare providers and indirectly, their children! We received our Certificates at our Halloween Day all-team meeting, just so you know that our fearless leader, Tony Loupe, doesn't always come to work in Superman attire!



Lincoln Park Advisory Committee

On November 21st, the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee held its monthly meeting. The guest speakers were Lydia Martin, Chief Communication Officer and Heather Clark, Director of Student Services, from St. Lucie County Public Schools. They presented the District's Attendance Awareness Campaign. Their goal is to have a minimum of 97% of all students in attendance daily. Ms. Martin and Ms. Clark shared the importance of daily attendance and how it affects the community. Additionally, they identified the common barriers to absenteeism: health related issues, mental health, transportation, disengagement, family related issues, homelessness, and school climate.

LPAC members shared some to their concerns about specific incidents that pertain to absenteeism and children's safety. They asked questions of the presenters and it was established that further discussion is needed on this topic. Teresa Bishop, Executive Director Roundtable St Lucie, stated that LPAC will work with the District to review data specific to the schools that serve the Lincoln Park area and identify ways to support the campaign.

The Lincoln Park Advisory Committee has a standing invitation to other agencies and organizations to join and partner with LPAC who have a vested interest in the betterment of the Lincoln Park Community and its citizens. LPA also offers opportunities for others to make presentations. For more information about LPAC contact the Roundtable Office at 772.871.5880 or roundtableslc.com.





Listening to Our Youth

D.E., age 20 and once a disconnected youth, has made some important decisions. He's working now and has made the decision to go back to school. Most importantly, D.E. knows the kind of father he wants to be, one that's there for his little girl.

These decisions have been coming for a while in spite of a number of obstacles. Some of these obstacles were triggered by life circumstances; others by choices that were made; and others partially the result of an incomplete understanding of available options. As you listen to D.E., you also realize that some obstacles probably evolved through a combination of factors - all contributing to the "tyranny of the moment."

Through D.E.'s journey there were people who wanted to help. He can name them. He shares that these people came to work early, stayed late and came to his home to offer support. D.E. believes that reaching out is important. One of these caring individuals is Jarius Gilliam, Director at the Boys & Girls Club Fort Pierce Teen Center at Percy Peak. Mr. Gilliam connected D.E. to Kaila Moses, Career Coach at Eckerd Connects, and Eleanor Eberhart-Chin, Garden City Manager at CareerSource Research Coast, which is how we met him. Connections not only matter, they can make all the difference.

D.E. also stressed that it's important that youth "find what fits them." For him right now it's drawing, photography, and auto mechanics. He wouldn't know this if he didn't get to have these experiences, finding those positive things that he is passionate about and can build around. He is already thinking like an entrepreneur and designing tattoos that friends can take to licensed tattoo professionals. His "always learning" mode has caused him to ask questions, seek opportunities for developing these passions, while maintaining his employment and helping his family.

Yes, D.E. has made some important decisions that can change the trajectory of his life. The first step in doing anything is deciding to do it. He has taken that step. He has goals and is moving forward in achieving them.

The goal of the Economic Sufficiency Network is to listen to youth like D.E. Our challenge then is to use what we learn to develop a plan that will include supports for youth trying to reconnect.

Join Us:

The B2P network meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from 12-1:30 at the FL Dept. of Health SLC at 5150 NW Milner Dr. Please contact Wydee'a Wilson at wydeea.wilson@djj.state.fl.us for more information.



Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest Winner!

By Sue-Ellen Sanders

At the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, we know our VPK kids are creative geniuses and our recent greeting card art contest proves it! Congratulations to our very first Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest Winner, Abigail, age 4, (pictured above) from Kids Harbor Learning Center Pre-K program. Any child enrolled in any St. Lucie County Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program was eligible to enter the contest with their own original art. Abigail's work will be framed at our office and used for both our digital and paper holiday cards.

At the Early Learning Coalition, our mission is to provide quality childcare and educational programs for eligible children. We accomplish this by "Opening Doors for Young Children" through our programs and services, championing the importance of early childhood education. This includes Childcare Resources and Referrals for all families, free Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (up to 540 hours) for all 4-year-olds, and School Readiness Subsidized Childcare for children birth to age 13.

By giving young children the opportunity to experience a quality early learning environment, we set the state for them to become ready for, and ultimately, successful in school.



GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Club Kids Seek to Make Christmas Bright for Foster Children

Like most children, Brianna, 9, and Terah, 10, want toys. They don't want some toys. They want hundreds of toys. Brianna and Terah don't ever want to play with these toys Brianna and Terah are looking to make Christmas better for kids less fortunate than themselves.

Following the threats of Hurricane Dorian and seeing the devastation in the Bahamas the Club kids of Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County at Bayshore Elementary School were introduced to philanthropy by collecting supplies for the Bahamas Relief project.

Brianna and Terah weren't done. After seeing the success of the collection of necessities for the Bahamas they wanted to direct their momentum of giving to foster children in the community by starting a holiday toy drive called 'Jolly Toy Love'.

"We had some foster kids in our Club last year and we were good friends. Their Christmas stories were much different than ours. That's why we wanted to start collecting toys", said Brianna.

Communities Connected for Kids is the umbrella organization that will find homes within the foster services in St. Lucie County for all that is collected in the Clubs through their 'Making Christmas Bright' program. "We love that this was the brainchild of two Club kids which grew from their own personal relationships as members of Boys & Girls Clubs," said Christina Kaiser, Director of Community Relations at Communities Connected for Kids, the non-profit organization that oversees child-welfare services in Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast.

The young entrepreneurs of 'Jolly Toy Love' knew that if they could collect toys at all the twenty of the Clubs in St. Lucie County, instead of just their club at Bayshore Elementary School, they would be able to collect for more kids to make their Christmas bright.

"This is where the ideas start. It makes me proud that our kids are looking to do for others at such a young age. This is the seed that will make them great thirty-somethings one day and great Club Alumni," said Will Armstead, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County.

Collections will be taken through Friday, December 6. To learn more or for a list of locations please call 772-460-9918 or visit bgcofslc.org.



The Fort Pierce Firehawks

By Leticia Cruz, Systems Analyst

In continuing the vision of community outreach, the City of Fort Pierce continues to go over and beyond to connect with our youth. We are happy to announce that we are concluding the second season of our football and cheer program. The primary focus of this program is to develop self-discipline, self-confidence, physical fitness, good citizenship, and sound character for our youth in this community.

We also aim to fuse the youth of our community with community members that can have a positive impact on their lives through sportsmanship, fair play, and fellowship. This impact promotes accountability and the likelihood that our children are excelling both on and off the field. We place a great emphasis on academics. This year we chose to join the Pop Warner Little Scholars program. Pop Warner was founded in 1929 and continues to grow and serves as the only youth football, cheerleading and dance organization that requires its participants to maintain academic standards in order to participate. As the only national youth sports organization that requires scholastic aptitude to participate, Pop Warner's commitment to develop America's young people on the field and off aligns with the City's vision for our student athletes. If an athlete falls under the required GPA, they are not eligible to participate in the program until they can show progress. Some coaches have even implemented study hall nights for children who may need assistance with homework.

This year the program consisted of 8 football teams and 4 cheer teams, with approximately 320 children ages ranging from 5 to 14 years old. We are proud to announce that of our 8 football teams, 5 teams continued past the regular season to compete in the playoffs with 2 teams making it to the TCFC Championship. These games were held in November.

We would like to congratulate our cheerleaders who competed in the TCFC Cheer Competition in October. Two teams placed first in their divisions and another placed 2nd in theirs. We are extremely proud of all the children who participated this year. The league would not function without the help of the volunteers from the community with years of experience who have all these things in common; their commitment to our youth, their love of youth sports and their love for the Fort! They spend countless hours doing various tasks to ensure this league is a success. We look forward to next season!



The City of Fort Pierce presents

2019 HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

DOWNTOWN FRIDAY FEST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM MARINA SQUARE 772.466.3880	HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 772.692.7599	CHRISTMAS ON MOORE'S CREEK SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM AVENUE D & 8TH STREET 772.462.2481	COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM FORT PIERCE YACHT CLUB 772.466.3880
MOVIES IN THE FORT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM FORT PIERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT 772.467.6801	SIGHTS AND SOUNDS ON 2ND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM PARADE STARTS AT 4:00 PM HISTORIC DOWNTOWN 772.466.3880	CITY OF LIGHTS TROLLEY TOUR DECEMBER 15th - 18th 6 PM, 7 PM & 8 PM DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE 772.465.4170	HOLIDAY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR DECEMBER TO JANUARY 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM MARINA SQUARE 772.467.3000

City of Fort Pierce Announces the 4th Annual City of Lights Holiday Decorating Contest

The 4th Annual City of Lights Holiday Decorating Contest presented by the City of Fort Pierce is back! Put on those creative thinking caps, untangle those Christmas lights and help spread some holiday cheer!

The City of Lights Decorating Contest is designed to encourage the community to decorate and beautify their homes, businesses and neighborhoods during the holiday season. Anyone within city limits is eligible to participate and will be placed on the City of Lights self-guided tour map for everyone to explore and enjoy! The City's focus is to engage citizens to share in the holiday spirit – whether decorating themselves, nominating a friend or neighbor, or driving around to see the lights, it will be fun for the whole family!

Registration:

Registration is open now until December 12, 2019. Simply fill out the application online at www.LoveFortPierce.com, choose from one of two categories: single family residence or business and submit a photo of your beautifully decorated home or business. Sponsored by Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful, each category winner will receive \$250 and a yard sign to display in their yard.

Voting:

Finalists will be selected by the City of Lights team then the community will choose the top contestants in each of the categories by voting online at www.LoveFortPierce.com. **Voting will begin December 13th until December 31st.** Contestants are encouraged to keep their lights on between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM during the voting period. Voting will also be incorporated into the City of Fort Pierce Facebook page to allow contestants to share their photo for more likes!

Trolley Tours:

To add to the excitement, the City will be hosting the annual festive Trolley Tours to view all the City of Lights finalists. Trolley tours are free and will take place throughout the week of December 15th. Reservations are required by phone, please call (772) 465-4170 to reserve your spot or for more information, visit www.LoveFortPierce.com. A free hot chocolate bar and holiday photo op will enhance the fun and guests are asked to wear Ugly Christmas Sweaters and/or festive attire on the Trolley Tours.

Visit www.cityoffortpierce.com or www.LoveFortPierce.com for additional information on trolley tours and other exciting news related to the City of Lights Holiday Decorating Contest.



Holiday Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe during the holidays.

It's that time of year again when we enjoy festive meals with family and friends, deck our halls with colorful decorations and listen to squeals of delight as our children open their brightly-wrapped presents. To help ensure your kids have fun and stay safe this holiday, here are a few tips to remember.

Decorate Your Tree With Your Kids in Mind

- Kids are curious and will want to play with the ornaments on the tree, so you might as well prepare. Move the ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks towards the top of the tree. That makes room at the bottom for the ones that are safer for young kids.



Water the Tree Regularly

- Natural trees look beautiful and smell great, but if they're not watered regularly, needles can dry out and pose a potential fire hazard. Make sure your tree has plenty of water by checking it regularly.

Check the Lights

- Lights are one of the best parts of holiday decorating. Take a look at the ones on your tree and in and around your home for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets.

In 2012, 3,270 children 19 and under were seen in emergency rooms for injuries caused by nonelectric holiday decorations, like broken ornaments. In 2012, an estimated 192,000 children were treated in an emergency room for a toy-related injury.



Blow Out Candles and Store Matches Out of Reach

- Keep holiday candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and don't forget to blow them out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep.
- Make a habit of placing matches and lighters in a safe place, out of children's reach. Avoid novelty lighters or lighters that look like toys.

Keep Harmful Plants Out of Reach

- Plants can spruce up your holiday decorating, but keep those that may be poisonous out of reach of children or pets. This includes mistletoe berries, holly berry, and Jerusalem cherry.
- In a poison emergency, call the national Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.

Find the Perfect Toy for the Right Age

- Consider your child's age when purchasing a [toy or game](#) this holiday season. It's worth a second to read the instructions and warning labels to make sure the gift is just right.
- Before you've settled on the perfect toy, check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards.



Keep Button Batteries Away from Young Kids

- Keep a special eye on small pieces, including [button batteries](#) that may be included in electronic toys. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger, curious siblings.

Don't Forget a Helmet for New Bikes or Other Toys

- If your child's heart is set on a bike, skateboard or scooter this holiday season, be sure to include a helmet to keep them safe while they're having fun.



Prevent Spills with Pot Handles

- Kids love to reach, so to [prevent burns](#) from hot holiday food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge.

Engage Older Kids in Cooking

- Teach older responsible kids how to cook safely. Teach them never to leave the kitchen while they're using the stove or oven. Instruct older kids to use oven mitts or potholders to remove items from the oven or stove and teach them how to use a microwave safely.

Check Your Car Seat Before Holiday Travel

- Seventy-three percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly, so before you hit the road, check your car seat. Here's a quick [car seat checklist](#) to help you out. It takes only 15 minutes. If you are having even the slightest trouble, questions or concerns, certified child passenger safety technicians are able to help or even double check your work. [Find a Safe Kids car seat checkup event near you.](#)

Use Booster Seats

- Safety in the car goes beyond your little ones. Kids who have outgrown a forward-facing harness seat are not ready for a seat belt or front seat yet. They are safest in a booster seat that enables the adult seat belt to fit properly. Even when children have graduated from booster seats, they should remain in the back seat until they reach the age of 13.



Have an Exit Strategy on the Road

- So now the car is packed, the kids are in the right seat, the seats are installed properly, and you're on the open road. Nothing can stop you now, right? Wrong. That's when you hear that all too familiar howl that means "I want food" or "Change my diaper." When it happens, please don't worry about making good time. Instead, get off at the next exit and find a safe area to feed or change your child.



Breakfast with Santa



**Saturday, December 7, 2019
8:30 am - Noon**

**Kids FREE (17 & Under)
Adults \$5 (or bring an unwrapped gift)**

**Knights of Columbus
451 SW Ravenswood Lane
Port. St. Lucie**

For Information Call (772) 696-2729

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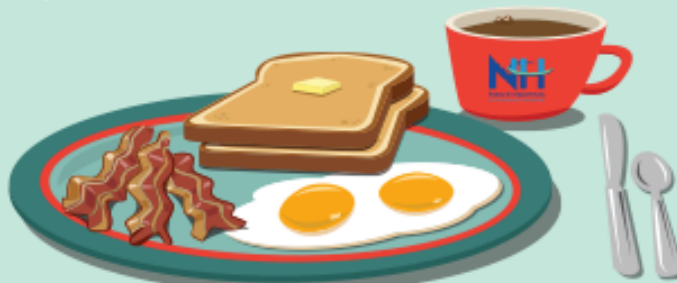


Fun, Fun, Fun includes:

- ❄ Arts & Crafts
- ❄ Bounce House
- ❄ Christmas Caroling
- ❄ Photos with Santa
- ❄ Presents & Prizes

All-You-Can-Eat

- ❄ Pancakes
- ❄ Sausages
- ❄ Bacon
- ❄ Scrambled Eggs



Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County & 104.5 The Flame present

Sounds of the Season

a free community concert

7 p.m. | Dec. 20, 2019
Sunrise Theatre

Historic Downtown Fort Pierce

with performances by:

E.N.D. IT

Future Generations

Boys & Girls Club

YMCA

Save Our Children
& PACE Center for Girls



learn more at:
www.cscslc.org





Future Meeting Dates

NETWORK MEETINGS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

First Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm at Children's Services Council.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (Healthy St. Lucie)

Healthiest Weight: Meetings are bi-monthly.

Infant Mortality: Meets quarterly.

Teen Pregnancy: Meeting date TBD

SAFE KIDS COALITION (Unintentional Injury)

First Thursday of every month at 9:00am at Garber Buick GMC on US1.

(Does not meet in July or November)

CHILD WELFARE

First Tuesday quarterly at 10:00am at Children's Services Council.

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

Third Wednesday of every month 12:00-1:30pm pm at the Health Department on Milner Drive.

LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourth Thursday of every other month at 12:00pm at the Department of Health

714 Avenue C, Fort Pierce.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Time and location TBD.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD – VIOLENCE & DELINQUENCY WORKGROUP

Time and Location TBD.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly; Time and Date TBA. Location: Children's Services Council.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

Meeting Time and Location: TBA

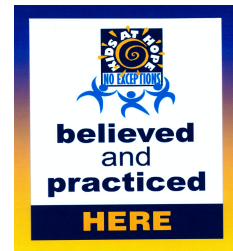
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

Time and Location: TBD

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ST. LUCIE

Port St. Lucie YLSL: TBD

Fort Pierce YLSL: TBD



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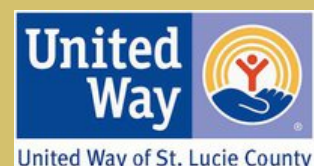
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We envision a community where county leaders, businesses and residents are united to provide all children of St. Lucie County the resources they need to thrive, be successful and achieve their full potential.

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