



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

February 2019 Issue

### A Message From The Director:

The Roundtable and our community partners are off to a great start this year with new faces, new initiatives and a plethora of great events. First let's start with some new initiatives I am very excited about and hope you will be too. The Nurturing Fathers Program, led by Kevin Singletary our Kids at Hope Coordinator, is an initiative for young men participating in our Restoring the Village Youth Initiative who are future or presently fathers. This initiative provides education and tools for young men to be effective and caring parents referred to as the "Ace of Hearts" in the Kids at Hope framework. The young men have been captivated by what they are learning and the initiative has been well received. Check out page 3 to read the article about this wonderful opportunity for these young men.

Next, we are excited to support the new Guardian ad Litem campaign featured on page 4. This is an opportunity for your consideration to be a caring adult or "ACE" in the lives of children and youth in need of support. The Roundtable will be featuring this campaign on our Facebook page and future newsletters to raise awareness and recruit caring adults in our community. Could that be you?

Another initiative we are excited to announce from Drug Free St. Lucie is the "Farfromdrüggen" campaign. For all of the "old heads", this campaign is inspired by the Volkswagen slogan years ago "Fahrvergnügen", and has been embraced by other coalitions and youth around the country designed to brand the Substance Abuse Prevention efforts. Keep an eye out for all types of giveaways as we promote healthy drug free lifestyles for youth in the community. See page 9 for our first event about the Drug Free St. Lucie community event where the campaign materials will debut.

As for new faces, we would like to formally congratulate and welcome Canieria Gardener, Executive Director for United Against Poverty St. Lucie, another one of our community partners. She comes with a wealth of experience supporting citizens in the community and promoting self-sufficiency. We look forward to continued collaboration with UP under her leadership. Check out the UP article on page 8 for more information.

Carebag, led by CEO Rozanne Brown, is another community organization making itself known for supporting people in need with its dedication and ribbon cutting for the new Mobile Shower Trailer. There are many people facing homelessness in St. Lucie and this new initiative will bring dignity to children, youth and families who have fallen on hard times. Hats off to Carebag on making this innovative idea come to fruition! See page 13 for details and come out to support this organization serving our community.

As you will experience in this newsletter, The Roundtable and its community partners in St. Lucie County are on the move to make a difference in the lives of youth and families, as evidenced by all of the wonderful activities and opportunities to get involved and support others. February is the month of love, so let's show some love to those in need and support these community efforts with your presence, time and resources.

Join us as we continue to be...United for Children.

**Teresa Bishop**



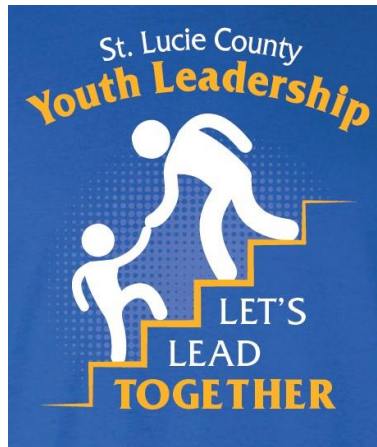
Chief Bolduc with Youth Leadership St. Lucie Chairs



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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.



## **Youth Leadership St. Lucie Officers Inauguration Ceremony**

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, city officials, families and friends came together at the Port St. Lucie Community Center to celebrate and formally inaugurate the newly-elected Youth Leadership St. Lucie Officers of 2018-2019 from both the Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie sites.

Preceding the inauguration ceremony, Youth Leadership St. Lucie Advisors Kevin Singletary and Kim Reid were honored by the presence of Youth Leadership alumni Famyrah Lafortune & Alice Artica, Port St. Lucie's Chair and Co-Chair of 2017-2018, who currently attend Stanford University in California and were home for winter break. The advisors, in turn, also bid a "See you later" rather than a "Farewell" to 2017-18 member Jessie Delphin, who designed the Youth Leadership St. Lucie logo the group currently, proudly exhibits.

Surrounded by friends and family, the officers of each site solemnly pledged their commitment to serve their respective Youth Leadership sites by way of an oath led by Port St. Lucie Chief of Police, John Bolduc and Mayor of Fort Pierce, Linda Hudson. Upon taking their oath, the Chairman of each site, Ervin Rogers of Port St. Lucie and Marcus Holbert of Fort Pierce, shared their vision for the upcoming year of Youth Leadership.

In attendance to support the youth were Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson, Port St. Lucie Mayor Greg Oravec, Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan and Port St. Lucie Chief of Police John Bolduc.

Per the principle of "youth-led, adult-guided", we are excited to see where the ambition and ingenuity of the Youth Leadership 2018-2019 Team will take us in the year ahead!



**Port St. Lucie Mayor Gregory Oravec with  
Port St. Lucie YLS Officers**



**Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson with Fort Pierce  
YLS Officers**



## Kids at Hope Happenings

Kids at Hope (KAH) staff have been very busy since the beginning of the new year. The Team has been training the St. Lucie County School Board Transportation Department. The training is being offered for all bus drivers and bus aides. Classes are being held at both the North and South Compounds. These trainings will conclude in February. The Transportation Department has over 500 employees and is excited to introduce and reaffirm the Kids at Hope principles.

The KAH team branched out into the charter school sector, training all of the instructional staff and administrators at the Renaissance Charter School located in Port St Lucie. Nearly 50 staff members were taught about the Kids of Hope core beliefs. Some of the feedback provided was: "I will speak to my students differently" and "I will work to establish a new culture in my classroom". The staff was very receptive to the KAH Universal Truths - We Believe, We Connect, and We Time Travel. The administrative staff has requested more Kids at Hope training to infuse the entire faculty.

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office hosted another Pop-Up Party at its substation located on Juanita Avenue in Ft Pierce. The KAH team was invited to participate in this grand event and conducted time travel activities with the youth from the surrounding community, engaged the youth by shooting basketball, and passing out giveaways provided by Kids at Hope and Drug Free St. Lucie. Also, the team assisted with drawings for prizes and simply conversing with youth and teens. The Pop-Up Parties are a great tool to interact with the community residents.

Youth Leadership St. Lucie presented at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on January 22nd. Youth Leadership is under the Kids at Hope umbrella. The Port St. Lucie group was awarded a grant to produce a public service announcement last year and it was time to debut the final product. The PSA was about mental health, Commissioner Linda Bartz called it "powerful". Youth Leadership members wrote the script, acted in the video, and assisted with final editing. Let's congratulate all of the teens who worked so hard to bring this vision to fruition.

## The Nurturing Fathers Training

Kids at Hope and Restoring the Village Youth Initiative have partnered to provide parent training to their participants, especially those that are fathers and also those who will be fathers soon. Typically, when addressing teenage pregnancy issues most of the services are directed towards the teenage mother. The Nurturing Father's Program is design to train fathers in how to become a nurturing father. The unique aspect of this parent training is that it works to meet the specific needs of these young fathers. Some of the topics covered in the 12-week program are: Fathering History, Male Nurture, Fathering the Little Boy Within, Fathering Without Violence or Fear, and the Power to Meet my Own Needs, just to name a few.

The subjects discussed cause these young men to do some internal examinations, self-reflections, and soul searching. Special guest speakers have been on hand to teach them about setting goals and working to achieve them. One speaker was in jail when he found out he was going to be a father, and he shared that this was the turning point in his life. Some of the speakers have walked in the shoes of these young men and have discussed their struggles and their challenges as young fathers. The reality of their experiences resonated with many of the youth.

Each youth in this training has been challenged to write or speak about the type of father he wants to be. Some are motivated by the lack of a relationship with their fathers or long periods of their lives without seeing their father. These young men are learning how to cultivate and develop a nurturing relationship with their current children or future family.

## RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE







## **Resolve to Help a Child Who Needs You This Year**

*By Paul Nigro, Guardian ad Litem Circuit Director, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit*

January is the month when millions of Americans look to the new year as a fresh start. We make resolutions to go to the gym more often, go back to school or start a business. We want to change for the better. But if you need inspiration for a New Year's resolution, consider changing the life of an abused or neglected child. It sounds daunting, but there are so many ways you can get involved in helping children in need. You can find a way that works for you.

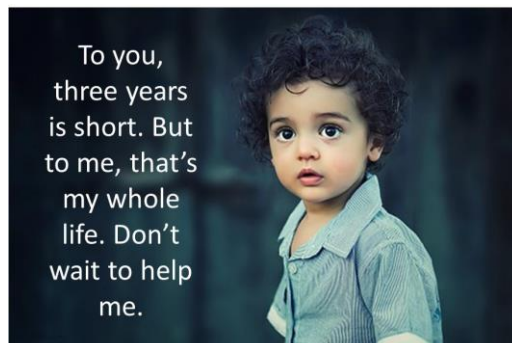
In our judicial circuit – Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties – 900 children are involved in the dependency system through no fault of their own. These children have been abused, abandoned or neglected. Many are traumatized; many are in foster care. Many are separated not only from their parents but their siblings. They need a champion, someone to speak for them in court and defend their best interests. Or even someone to take them home and nurture them. Frankly, they need you.

The number of children who enter the foster care system far exceeds the number of foster homes. It is a growing problem statewide, but only local communities can solve it. And while our communities continue to grow, I believe we've also maintained those priceless small-town values of looking out for each other and helping your neighbor. Customs that sometimes get lost in big cities.

Our kids don't need a lot. They just need someone competent and caring, a role model, someone they can trust. They need someone to stand up for them because they can't do it themselves. But your guidance can give them a new way of looking at their lives.

Every day the people of this community do amazing things for children in need, from fostering and adopting them to advocating for them as Guardian ad Litem volunteers to raising money for their scholarships and school supplies. There is something you can do to help a child. If January is about new beginnings, please consider making one for a child who needs you.

For more information about becoming an advocate for a child, please contact the Guardian ad Litem Program at 772-785-5804. To learn more about foster care or becoming a foster parent, contact Communities Connected for Kids at 772-249-3188.



The average person spends 133.3 hours a month watching TV. Could you give some of that time up to help a child?





***Congratulations to these graduates*** of the most recent session of the Getting Ahead Class! We are grateful for the partnership of Mustard Seed Ministries and the United Way of St. Lucie County for their funding, making this class available for adults living in poverty and desiring to climb out.





*Christmas on Moore's Creek  
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Drug Free St. Lucie was proud to partner with Lincoln Park Advisory Council at Christmas on Moore's Creek.

Drug Free St. Lucie has an upcoming resource fair to provide drug and alcohol prevention resources to the Lincoln Park residents on March 21<sup>st</sup>. See page 8 for the Save the Date flyer!



City of Fort Pierce employees volunteer to read to students during Literacy Week at Fairlawn Elementary.



Once again, the Sounds of the Season holiday concert was an amazing success. All the performances were fantastic and every group received a standing ovation. Congratulations to performers from: Boys & Girls Club, Multi-Cultural Resource Center, Future Generations, PACE Center for Girls and END IT!

Over 1,000 books were collected from concert attendees and will be distributed through the St. Lucie Reads little libraries and outreach programs.





### St. Lucie Public Schools Grad Rate Increases to 91.8 Percent

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL** - For the second year, St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) boasts a graduation rate above 90 percent with 1.7 percent growth this year landing the District at 92 percent – well above the State average. All comprehensive high schools in the District scored at or above 91.7 percent with an overall average of 96.5 percent. “This is a monumental accomplishment. All demographic groups continue to perform at high levels as more and more students graduate each year. This is vital to support college and career opportunities for our students and will continue to aid economic development in our community,” said Superintendent E. Wayne Gent.

According to a report released today by the Florida Department of Education, the District’s comprehensive high schools saw an overall increase of two percent with Port St. Lucie High School achieving a seven-percent hike. Two high schools laid claim to graduation rates that exceeded 98 percent (Lincoln Park Academy, 99.5, and Treasure Coast High School, 98.1). St. Lucie West Centennial High School, 97.6; Fort Pierce Central High School, 95.5; Port St. Lucie High School, 96.8; and Fort Pierce Westwood High School, 91.7, far surpassed the State graduation average of 86.1.

Out of 67 Florida districts, SLPS ranks fourth for economically disadvantaged students, fifth for Hispanic students, sixth for ELL students, eighth for ESE students, tenth for Black students, and thirteenth for White students. Supporting all students in their achievement of graduation goals is the mission of SLPS. “Our teachers and administrators are dedicated and focused. They are committed to helping all students achieve their personal best -- their persistence is paying off,” said Gent.

### Comprehensive High Schools - Graduation Rate Details

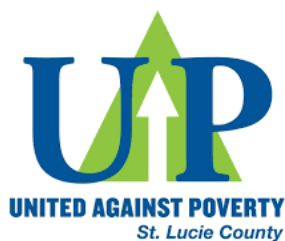
School	2016-2017	2017-2018	Increase
Fort Pierce Central High School	95.5%	95.5%	0%
Fort Pierce Westwood High School	89.8%	91.7%	1.9%
Lincoln Park Academy	99.6%	99.5%	-0.1%
Port St. Lucie High School	89.8%	96.8%	7.0%
St. Lucie West Centennial High School	93.2%	97.6%	4.4%
Treasure Coast High School	97.3%	98.1%	0.8%
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	90.1%	91.8%	1.7%

School	White			Black			Hispanic		
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Increase	2016-2017	2017-2018	Increase	2016-2017	2017-2018	Increase
Fort Pierce Central High School	97.1%	96.3%	-0.8%	96.2%	93.7%	2.5%	92.2%	96.3%	4.1%
Fort Pierce Westwood High School	92.3%	95.9%	3.6%	91.1%	90.9%	-0.2%	84.9%	89.4%	4.5%
Lincoln Park Academy	99.1%	99.0%	-0.1%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Port St. Lucie High School	89.3%	98.8%	9.4%	88.0%	95.7%	7.7%	91.0%	95.6%	4.6%
St. Lucie West Centennial High School	93.9%	98.2%	4.3%	92.7%	97.8%	5.1%	92.7%	97.1%	4.4%
Treasure Coast High School	97.8%	97.6%	-0.2%	96.1%	98.2%	2.1%	97.4%	98.1%	0.6%
St Lucie School District	91.5%	92.4%	0.9%	88.1%	90.1%	2.0%	89.6%	92.5%	2.9%

### About St. Lucie Public Schools

St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) proudly serves students with a graduation rate of 91.8 percent. As a B rated District, there are no failing schools, and SLPS ranks among the top one-third of Florida’s districts for student achievement. The District also has the distinction of being recognized as one of St. Lucie County’s Best Places to Work. The mission of SLPS is to ensure all students graduate from safe and caring schools equipped with the knowledge, skills and desire to succeed. For more information, visit <http://www.stlucieschools.org>.





## Poverty is Complicated

In St Lucie County 1 out of 4 children are born into Poverty. Living in Poverty is a silent condition that may seem inescapable to some because of their family financial capacity or geographic location. It's crippling when you cannot afford full access to basic life necessities. Poverty is a condition that most hide from others, it's humiliating when you have to choose between paying the light bill or buying food for your family. It's a reality to so many faces, the young, the old, the homeless, the under-employed, and even some veterans. According to the US Census, 55,000 out of the approximate 100,000 households in St. Lucie County are defined as working poor. These are hardworking individuals that are raising their families, looking for a way out and a hand up.

These are just some reasons why United Against Poverty (UAP) exist! Our purpose is to inspire and empower people living in poverty to lift themselves and their families to economic self-sufficiency. UAP St. Lucie is an anti-poverty nonprofit organization located in Fort Pierce, where 68% of residents cannot afford their basic needs such as housing, child care, food, health care, and transportation. UAP is actively moving the needle on poverty by providing crisis care, case management, transformative education, food and household subsidy, workforce development training and placement, personal empowerment training and active referrals to other collaborative social service providers.

Poverty is a complicated issue and a daily fight but Canieria Gardner will lead the St. Lucie campus and community to a bright and successful future as the new Executive Director of United Against Poverty St Lucie! She is a passionate leader who has a reputation of caring for and transforming the lives of the underserved. Canieria has helped hundreds living in poverty to beat the odds, through career mentorship and development for multiple years in communities like St. Lucie. She believes the best way to help someone become self-sufficient is through motivation, education, and follow up.

She has worked as the program manager for UAP Vero campus for several years, where she has been instrumental in the workforce development program called Success Training Employment Program better known as STEP; which is dedicated to enhancing job-readiness skills. The first six weeks are made up of in-class discussion-based learning in the areas of Emotional Intelligence, Workplace Skills, and Job Acquisition.

The goal of the program is job placement and long-term job retention. Following graduation from the first phase, participants either become employed or have the opportunity to be placed in internships to develop additional job skills. Once employed the participant will work with a success coach to enhance job retention and career development for up to three years or until they reach self-sufficiency. Canieria believes it's important to help others come from poverty to prosperity, it's her honor and duty!"

*Article provided by the UP Center*





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## Funding Release

### TARGETED PRIORITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

#### ***Ensuring Every Baby is a Healthy Baby***

Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County is issuing a Targeted Priority Funding Opportunity to identify qualified providers who are capable of implementing a strategy to reduce infant mortality and increase access to prenatal care.

Funding available for this priority is up to \$200,000 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. No strategy will be funded for 100% of expenses. Applying agencies will need to demonstrate buy in to the strategy. The selected strategy will be funded on a monthly reimbursement basis and will be required to submit quarterly outcome and demographic reports as detailed in the annual contract.

#### ***Scope of Work***

The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, along with many of its community partners, has developed a system of care for newborns and their parents to ensure every baby is a healthy baby. While the system of care has been largely successful in positively impacting families in our community, we realize that additional strategies to the system of care need to be implemented to reach ALL families in our community.

To be a partner in the system of care requires collaboration beyond just referrals so that the system is enhanced and improved. Therefore, the Children's Services Council is looking for strategies that address the needs identified in the [St. Lucie County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review](#) that reduce infant mortality by increasing access to prenatal care and enhancing infant/family services during the first year of life. ***The selected strategy will require at least two agencies work collaboratively in their proposed strategy.***

The application is available online through the e-CImpact grants management system. A Bidder's Conference is being held Friday, February 15th at 9:00am. If you plan to apply for this targeted funding opportunity, please plan to attend. [RSVP at: CSCSLC.org](#)



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**02/19/2019**

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**02/26/2019**

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**04/02/2019**

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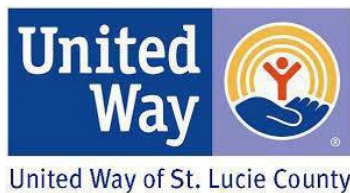
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<b>Mustard Seed Ministries</b> 8311 S US HWY 1, Port St. Lucie	772-340-1406 or 211	Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 9am –1pm	February 4, 2019 April 10, 2019
<b>Fort Pierce Library Kilmer Branch</b> 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce	211	Wednesdays, 10am—3pm Saturdays, 9am –1pm	February 2, 2019 April 10, 2019 Closed March 30th
<b>Indian River State College</b> 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce Bldg. B Rm. 119	772-462-7736 or 211	Thursdays, 2pm—7pm	February 7, 14, 28 March 7, 14, 28 April 4



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# YOUR COURTS UP CLOSE

**Have you ever wondered.....**

What happens in Dependency Court?

How did I get picked for jury duty?

What is required for officers to search a home?

How is bond set?



## **Free Four Night Event**

**Tuesday Evenings**

**6:30-8:30**

**February 19th & 26th**

**March 5th & 12th**

**Learn more about how the Judicial system works for you! Meet Judges, Attorneys and more. Have questions you want answered? This is the event for you!**

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**218 South Second Street Fort Pierce, FL 34950**

**[www.Circuit19.org](http://www.Circuit19.org)**

# WOMEN UNITED LUNCH & LEARN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND 11:30 A.M.



The focus will be on children's mental health. Representatives from 211, Tykes & Teens, and New Horizons will speak.

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# 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 at 12:00pm at the United Way of St. Lucie.

### **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**

February 25<sup>th</sup>; Time and Location TBD.

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

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

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)**

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:00am at Children's Services Council.

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE**

Last Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm. Location: TBD

### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP ST. LUCIE**

Port St. Lucie YLSL: Port St. Lucie Police Department 6-8pm, 2/13, 3/13, 4/17, 5/15

Fort Pierce YLSL: River Walk Center 6-8pm, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7

Joint YLS Meetings: 6-8pm, 2/27 (PSLPD), 3/26 (River Walk), 4/30 (River Walk), 5/29 (PSLPD)



## Executive Committee

**Chair:** Mayor Linda Hudson, City of Fort Pierce

**Vice Chair:** Cint Sperber, Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County

**Secretary:** Wydee'a Wilson, Department of Juvenile Justice

**Treasurer:** Tony Loupe, Early Learning Coalition

**Past Chair:** Chief John Bolduc, Port St. Lucie Police Department

**At-Large Member:** Sean Boyle, Children's Services Council

**Steering Committee Chair:** Angela Roberson, Florida Department of Health

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- ❖ 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit - Judge, *Tony Schwab*
- ❖ Board of County Commissioners, *Linda Bartz*
- ❖ Career Source Research Coast, *Brian Bauer*
- ❖ Children's Services Council, *Sean Boyle*
- ❖ City of Fort Pierce, *Linda Hudson*
- ❖ City of Port St. Lucie, *Stephanie Morgan*
- ❖ Communities Connected for Kids, *Carol DeLoach*
- ❖ Department of Children & Families, *Robert McPartlan*
- ❖ Department of Juvenile Justice, *Wydee'a Wilson*
- ❖ Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, *Tony Loupe*
- ❖ Economic Development Council, *Peter Tesch*
- ❖ Florida Department of Corrections – Circuit 19, *Michael Davis*
- ❖ Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County, *Clint Sperber*
- ❖ Fort Pierce Police Department, *Diane Hobley-Burney*
- ❖ Guardian ad Litem, *Paul Nigro*
- ❖ Housing Authority of Fort Pierce, *Andrea Kochanowski*
- ❖ Indian River State College, *Andrew Treadwell*
- ❖ Kids Connected by Design, *Lisa von Seelen*
- ❖ Lincoln Park Council of Ministers, *Pastor Trevor Banks*
- ❖ Port St. Lucie Police Department, *John Bolduc*
- ❖ St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, *Terissa Aronson*
- ❖ St. Lucie County Department of Health, *Clint Sperber*
- ❖ St. Lucie County Fire District, *Nate Spera*
- ❖ St. Lucie County School District, *E. Wayne Gent*
- ❖ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, *Garry Wilson*
- ❖ Southeast FL Behavioral Health Network, *Ann Berner*
- ❖ State Representative, *Delores Hogan Johnson*
- ❖ Steering Committee, *Angela Roberson*
- ❖ United Way of St. Lucie County, *Karen Knapp*

***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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