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## THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

November 2015 Issue

### A Message From The Director:

October was a busy month at the Roundtable, and I'm amazed to find us entering the holiday season again! Time really is flying.... In these pages, you will read about our Substance Abuse Prevention Teen Fall Festival and Video Competition in which local teens submitted public service announcements against violence and drugs. You will also read about ten more individuals graduating from Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World, LPAC's Strategic Plan, new Kids at Hope schools, and upcoming Kids at Hope events. We thank all the Roundtable partners, volunteers and coordinators for the success of these projects!

This month proves to be a one of a kind one for me, as I will be traveling to Scotland from November 7th to November 12th on behalf of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to participate in Police Scotland's Leadership for Outcomes Program. Based on the work of the Roundtable and my experience as a former prosecutor, PERF invited me to speak at the symposium, "A Week in November: US-Scotland Partnership to Exchange Best Practices and Lessons Learned". I've been asked to speak on the theme, *Improving Collaboration and Tackling Inequality – Early Interventions in the Public Sector*. I am honored to be representing all of you, and sharing your efforts working together over the past 20 years at an international exchange of best practices. I have never been to the United Kingdom before, and to say I am thrilled (and also a bit nervous) is an understatement. Wish me luck!

Best,

Shaniek Maynard



Getting Ahead  
Graduation




Teen Fall  
Festival Fun!

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.

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION NETWORK

*A Committee of the Roundtable of St. Lucie*



October was a busy month for the Substance Abuse Prevention Network. The Friday Night Done Right- No Alcohol, No Dope Teen Fall Festival Party was held on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at River Walk Center in Fort Pierce. Approximately 75 youth and adults participated. The Festival included a DJ, games, costume contest, dance contest, food and door prizes, including passes to Superplay, freebies at Applebees, a photo shoot, a Nintendo DS and a Nintendo Wii!

The event was sponsored by the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Community Coalition Alliance, City of Fort Pierce, New Horizons and Ocean Addiction Recovery Service. Superplay USA and Applebees also donated door prizes.

The Substance Abuse Prevention Network also hosted a video competition in which six community groups submitted 3-5 minute public service announcements advocating against substance abuse and violence among teens. Participating organizations included:

- Boys & Girls Club Garden Terrace Unit,
- Pace Center for Girls,
- New Life Fellowship Ministries,
- Harvest Time Youth with Purpose Community Dance Team,
- Men & Women of the Sword Youth Outreach, and
- Frontline for Kids.



The PSAs were very creative and included a Michael Jackson "Thriller" themed skit showing the consequences of using Flakka; additional issues addressed were hosting teen drinking parties and domestic violence.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

### 1st Place Co-Winners:

#### **New Life Fellowship Ministries**

New Life's Production was centered on parties hosted for underage drinkers and the consequences associated with breaking the law.

#### **Pace Center For Girls**

Pace's production focused on the Drug Flakka and what it does to people who are under its influence.

### 2nd Place Winner:

#### **Boys & Girls Club – Garden Terrace Unit**

They produced an anti-violence original rap video starring club members FaShone' Woodward, Nicole Ellis and Cheyenne Marr. Their rhymes detailed the effects of drugs, alcohol and crime on their neighborhood and families. They also shared their own solutions for the issues that face their community and world at large.

**All of the PSA's can be viewed on our Facebook page – [www.Facebook.com/RoundtableSLC](http://www.Facebook.com/RoundtableSLC).**

**Please watch and enjoy the talent and hard work of our youth!**



# Teen Fall Festival and Video Competition Photo Gallery



Cherrie Johnson, SAPN Coordinator



1<sup>st</sup> Place Co-Winner  
New Life Fellowship Ministries



1<sup>st</sup> Place Co-Winner  
Pace Center for Girls



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:  
Boys & Girls Club – Garden Terrace Unit  
Fashone' Woodward shown here



1<sup>st</sup> Place Co-Winner  
Pace Center for Girls



Men and Women of the Sword  
Youth Outreach



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:  
Boys & Girls Club  
Garden Terrace Unit



Dance Off!



Harvest Time Community  
Dance Team



Judges watching PSA's

# SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS NETWORK

## LINCOLN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

This month, LPAC officers and members met to develop their strategic plan for mobilizing community residents in the Lincoln Park area. For fiscal year 2015/16, LPAC will:

**1. Increase community engagement of Lincoln Park residents who are not normally involved in the civic life and responsibilities of the community.**

- Draw residents out through 6 to 12 safe activities and events that inform residents about community resources and provide opportunities to engage;
- Build a database of residents in each neighborhood;
- Get residents to download and engage with the LPAC electronic app; and
- Encourage residents to collaborate to plant shared gardens in each housing community.

**2. Facilitate safe activities and events for residents of the Lincoln Park community.**

- Host 4 to 7 LPAC events to build relationships among residents, inform them about community resources and provide opportunities to engage; and
- Co-sponsor 4 to 6 events with community partners that target underserved Lincoln Park neighborhoods, encourage resident engagement, and seek to reduce violence.

**3. Educate LPAC members about community issues impacting violence and mobilize LPAC members for specific action.**

- Increase their own awareness and knowledge of community issues such as disproportionate minority contact, civil citation, the Common Good Initiative, development of the Port of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County Airport, and other matters, and submit position papers to the Roundtable and government leaders about how these issues affect Lincoln Park.
- Increase their own understanding of local politics and processes by regularly attending Fort Pierce City Commission meetings and St. Lucie Public School Board meetings.

LPAC is a Sub-Committee of the Safe Neighborhoods Network and is funded by Allegany Franciscan Ministries. For more information about LPAC's strategic plan, please contact Denise Sirmons at [DeniseTreasureHunter@gmail.com](mailto:DeniseTreasureHunter@gmail.com).

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## RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Due to the much-anticipated implementation of the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative (RTVYI), the Safe Neighborhoods Network will meet on a quarterly instead of monthly basis. The next meeting will be held in January 2016. Sub-committees will continue to meet on an as needed basis.

In October, the Referral Sub-Committee met to review referrals and accepted 55 youth (ages 16 to 24) into the program. They are in the process of obtaining parental consent for participation. In November, the Intervention Team Sub-Committee will receive training from the National Gang Center. After the training, the Intervention Team will begin meeting bi-weekly to discuss the direction and services needed for clients.





## **BRIDGES TO PROSPERITY, ST. LUCIE**

Economic Sufficiency Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County

The Bridges to Prosperity Economic Sufficiency Network thanks United Way for its continued sponsorship of Bridges Out of Poverty and Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World in St. Lucie County. Because of the United Way grant, Pastor Tim May of First United Methodist Church of Fort Pierce and Chief Probation Officer Wydee'a Wilson of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice will be attending the Bridges Out of Poverty-Trainer Certification in Indianapolis on November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This seminar prepares individuals to present the information from Bridges Out of Poverty to individuals, organizations and agencies throughout St. Lucie County. The training includes in-depth work on the Bridges Out of Poverty (Day One) and Applying Bridges Concepts (Day Two) seminars.

The United Way continues to sponsor St. Lucie County residents who wish to be trained in Bridges Out of Poverty. This full day workshop at Indian River State College teaches employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals concepts to address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way.

If you wish to participate in the workshop, please register by calling Kim Thomas at (772) 871-5880 or [kthomas@roundtableslc.org](mailto:kthomas@roundtableslc.org).

We are happy to report that the Getting Ahead class at Graceway Village, which began on August 23, 2015, graduated 10 investigators on October 15, 2015. Thank you to our Keynote Speaker - County Commissioner, Kim Johnson. Executive Director Cathie Mouring, and Facilitators Kevin Singletary and Sonia Dupree assisted the investigators in designing a plan to build their resources for a more prosperous life for themselves, their families and their community. We wish these graduates continued success!

First United Methodist Church will be hosting the next Getting Ahead class. The date is to be determined. We will keep you posted! A meeting for Bridges and Getting Ahead Facilitators is scheduled for Nov. 18, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the Parent Academy.

### **Bridges Out of Poverty** **Community-wide** **Training Dates:**

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
8:00am – 4:00pm  
IRSC, R-132

**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
8:00am – 4:00pm  
IRSC, R-131

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
8:00am – 4:00pm  
IRSC, R-131

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
8:00am – 4:00pm  
IRSC, R-131

### **Congratulations Graduates!**

Rita Anderson  
Cecilia Armas  
Christopher Buck  
Kim Cascell  
Linda Merritt  
Philleana Peak  
Wendy Rhyant  
Antoinette Robinson  
Sylvia Thompson  
Ella Wimes



**Getting Ahead Graduates!**



# KIDS AT HOPE



The Roundtable welcomes our newest Kids at Hope School, Floresta Elementary! We are also pleased to announce that Mosaic Virtual Academy will join the KAH movement this month. We are in the third year of the School District's five-year plan to train all district employees. So far, 29 of 42 schools in St. Lucie County are practicing Kids at Hope!

Student Led Conferences are underway at St. Lucie Schools! Student Led Conferences give students the opportunity to show parents, leaders and community Treasure Hunters what they are learning and how they are performing in school. Since many parents work during the day and cannot attend, it is important that community members participate so each child has a caring adult to share their success with. Please consider volunteering so students can show you their hard work.

The following schools have upcoming Student Led Conferences. Please contact the school directly to confirm your attendance:

## **Samuel S. Gaines Academy - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:45-10:45am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
12:45-1:45pm: VPK, K, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
1:45-2:45pm: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
3:00-4:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**RSVP at (772) 462-8863**

## **Weatherbee Elementary - Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-10:30am: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade/10:30-12:00pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
1:15-2:45pm: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-10:30am: K / 10:30-12:00pm: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
1:15-2:45pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**RSVP to Victoria Castaneda at (772) 468-5300**

## **ATTENTION ALL KIDS AT HOPE ORGANIZATIONS!!**

Please send someone from your organization to be part of our new County-Wide Kids at Hope Treasure Hunter's Council! This Council will meet quarterly so Kids at Hope schools and organizations can share ideas and strategies, ask questions, and discuss best practices. **Our first Treasure Hunter Council Meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Children's Services Council 546 NW University Blvd. Port St. Lucie from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Please contact Kim Thomas at the Roundtable for more information – [KThomas@RoundtableSLC.com](mailto:KThomas@RoundtableSLC.com)**

## **Kids at Hope Open Trainings**

### **Port St. Lucie Trainings**

**6:00-8:00pm**

Community Center  
2195 SE Airoso Blvd.  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016

### **Fort Pierce Trainings**

**10:00-12:00pm**

River Walk  
600 N. Indian River Dr.  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

If you or your agency/organization would like to attend an open training please contact Kim Thomas to RSVP at [KThomas@RoundtableSLC.org](mailto:KThomas@RoundtableSLC.org)

## **TREASURE HUNTER PLEDGE**

*As an adult and Treasure Hunter, I am committed to search for all the talents, skills and intelligence that exist in all children and youth.  
I believe all children are capable of success. NO EXCEPTIONS!*

# KNOW YOUR HEART / STUDENT SCREENING

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On October 2, 2003, Jessica Clinton a seventeen year-old Senior, died from an undiagnosed heart condition.

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Screen every student for heart defects.  
EKG's, Blood Pressure & Echocardiograms

**The Jessica Clinton Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization**

The foundation, created in her honor, has been working to prevent such tragedies. For the past 11 years, we have been working with our local schools and legislators to provide public access to A.E.D's (Automated External Defibrillator) in our schools and communities. In addition, for the past 4 years, the foundation has been offering FREE Heart Screening for students in an effort to prevent the unnecessary loss of child.

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# Treasure Coast's got Talent

Benefiting the Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc.  
**OPEN AUDITION FOR ALL TALENTS\***

**November 14, 2015 | 12-5 p.m.**

**Fort Pierce Central High School**  
**4101 S. 25th Street | Fort Pierce, FL**

**20 competitors will proceed to the Elimination Round.**

## SEMI-FINAL

First place winner will proceed to the Grand Finale and wins an audition with a talent agency in Orlando, FL and a backstage tour of Disney World and Universal Studios.

## GRAND FINALE

One lucky winner will score an all-expenses paid trip to Nashville, TN to audition with a talent agency and a backstage tour of The Music City and the Grand Ole Opry.

\*This audition is only for students in St. Lucie County, ages 10-22. Must show proof of residency. For details and audition dates for the other counties, visit  
**[www.FB.com/TCGotTalent](http://www.FB.com/TCGotTalent)**

**Got questions? 772.321.3761**  
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## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE Presented by Roundtable of St. Lucie County

**November 19, 2015  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm**



**To be held at Children's Services Council  
546 NW University Blvd., Suite 201  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986**

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack — even if you have no clinical training — Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health related crisis.

### What You Learn:



Signs of addictions and mental illnesses



Impact of mental and substance use disorders



5-step action plan to assess a situation and help



Local resources and where to turn for help

In the Mental Health First Aid course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

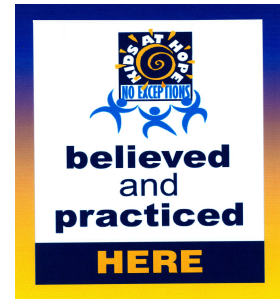
**8 Hour Course Includes:** Workbook, Lunch, and Certificate of Attendance

**Cost: FREE!**

**Registration Deadline: November 9, 2015**

Attendee Information	Attendee Address
First Name:	Last Name:
Organization:	Email:
Work Phone:	Cell Phone:

For more information contact Kim Thomas at [kthomas@roundtableslc.org](mailto:kthomas@roundtableslc.org) or 772-871-5880



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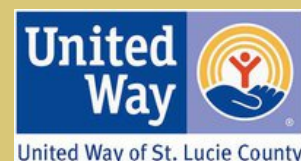
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