



Building a Community that Supports the Success of Children



THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

October/November 2016 Issue

A Message From The Director:

On October 10, we participated in the national Kids at Hope 10-10-10 Campaign. 10-10-10 celebrates adults in the community who are "10s" because they do not give up on kids! We surprised ten individuals with KAH pins, balloons, and plaques. For more information about who was chosen and why, visit the Roundtable's Facebook page.

After a brief hiatus, we are excited to launch the new version of Youth Leadership St. Lucie. To learn more about this partnership with the City of Fort Pierce, check out pages 4 and 10. We are accepting applications until the first meeting on November 15. Please encourage community teens to apply!

In November, I hope you will join us in participating in two very important seminars. The first is the City of Port St. Lucie's Forum on Race Relations and Inclusion. On Saturday, Nov. 5, Port St. Lucie will bring residents together to listen, share concerns, and plan a course of action for ensuring that everyone in the city has a voice, regardless of race, gender, disability or sexual identity. There will be a variety of proactive sessions, including a Bridging the G.A.A.P. discussion between law enforcement and youth facilitated by Roundtable Member Wydee'a Wilson, and a panel discussion facilitated by me. For more information, see page 8.

The other event I want to highlight relates to the alarming disparity in infant mortality that exists in our county. In October, I was part of a team from St. Lucie County at the March of Dimes Conference on reducing preterm birth. On November 18, the Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County will continue the discussion by hosting a summit focused on the staggering gap between black and white infant deaths in St. Lucie County (2 to 1). The keynote speaker is Tonya Lewis Lee (national advocate and wife of movie producer Spike Lee). See page 9 for more information.

I hope you can attend both conferences because your input is needed. Thanks for all you do, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Shaniek Maynard



Dear Law Enforcement Partners:

Kids at Hope & the Viola G. Smith Foundation for Underprivileged Kids will be hosting their Annual Toy Giveaway in December. 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.



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.



In October the Roundtable joined Kids at Hope's 10-10-10 Campaign, a national movement to recognize caring adults who are "10s" in the lives of children and youth. To celebrate 10-10-10, Roundtable staff chose ten outstanding adults in St. Lucie County who exemplify Kids at Hope in a remarkable way. Please join us in celebrating these "10s" - they are Treasure Hunters Extraordinaire!



ELEANOR BAKER

Teacher, F.K. Sweet

Nominated by
Megan Pack:

"Mrs. Baker was my third grade teacher and I knew she was a caring adult who would go the extra mile for me. Mrs. Baker is a definite TEN!"

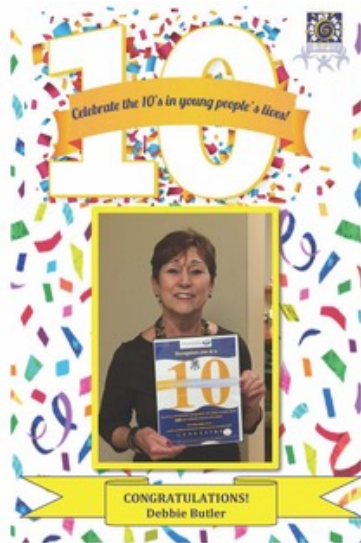


PASTOR MARTHA BANKS

*Resurrection Life Family
Worship Center*

Nominated by
Shaniek Maynard:

"She always gives her best, expects the best, and never gives up on anyone, especially kids. She is determined to provide youth with opportunities to excel at something they love, and she is doing it with excellence."



DEBBIE BUTLER

*Guardians for New
Future*

Nominated by
Shaniek Maynard:

"I've never seen anything like Debbie's passion and work ethic. When it comes to advocating for kids, Debbie is a force to be reckoned with and giving up is not in her vocabulary. I admire her very much. She is definitely a 10 for kids!"



BEULAH EWING

Boys & Girls Club

Nominated by
Denise Sirmons:

"Ms. Beulah loves all the students at Garden Terrace Boys & Girls club. She greets them daily with love and understands each child deserves someone to care about them, without exception!"



WAYNE GENT

Superintendent St. Lucie Public Schools

Nominated by
Shaniek Maynard:

"In the year he's been Superintendent in St. Lucie, he has demonstrated a personal commitment to increasing graduation rates for all, including students of color, and in reducing expulsions and suspensions, especially where these measures have a disproportionate impact on minorities."



CAROL KENYON

Save Our Children

Nominated by
Shaniek Maynard:

"I've seen how children always rise to Mrs. Carol's expectations because they want to make her proud and know how much she loves them."



NICK MCWILLIAMS

Officer, Fort Pierce Police Department

Nominated by
Megan Pack:

"Officer McWilliams really connected with each child, no matter who they were, what they looked like, or what they did or did not have. He made all of them feel special. He had a special patience for children with challenges. Today I celebrate him as a TEN!"



SANDY MACK

Children's Services Council of St. Lucie

Nominated by
Kim Thomas-Pate

"Sandy is the best at what Kids at Hope calls 'Moments of Truth.' Every time Sandy is in the presence of a young person, he acknowledges them warmly and genuinely, and you see them light up. Sandy is a 10 because he makes them know that someone cares."



JUDY ROBIDOUX

Guardian ad Litem

Nominated by
Dana Stonelake:

"She has dedicated more than 10 years of her life to being an ACE for children when they are most in need of a caring adult in their lives. She is a Guardian "angel" to her GAL kids. She BELIEVES and has HOPE even when her 'kids' may not."



MYRNA RODRIGUEZ

ALPI

Nominated by
Denise Sirmons:

"Myrna believes in the success of all children and not only does she provide opportunities for students to succeed, but her parents and staff also. No Exceptions!"



Youth Leadership St. Lucie

CALLING ALL TEEN LEADERS!!

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County and City of Fort Pierce are excited to announce that recruiting has begun for Youth Leadership St. Lucie and Fort Pierce Youth Council (YOCO). Youth Leadership St. Lucie empowers teens to become effective community problem solvers, communicators and advocates. Students will address community challenges through Youth in Action projects focused on reducing substance abuse, violence, school failure, early pregnancy and unhealthy lifestyles.

Students will get to:

- Design and implement effective social norming campaigns against youth substance abuse, violence, delinquency and school failure;
- Express youth needs and inspire critical consciousness in community leaders;
- Advocate for youth interests before local, state and federal lawmakers; and
- Become peer mentors to help other teens develop their own leadership potential.

Participating youth who reside in Fort Pierce will also have the opportunity to join Fort Pierce's Youth Council (YOCO). This new initiative of the City of Fort Pierce will provide teen residents of Fort Pierce the opportunity to serve their city by representing youth perspectives on issues that affect city government.

To participate in Youth Leadership St. Lucie, students must be in grades 9-12, have a 2.5 GPA, and have parent/legal guardian approval to participate for at least one year.

Accepting Applications: NOW

First Youth Leadership St. Lucie Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

Applications are available at: www.RoundtableSLC.com



A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County

In October, Drug Free St. Lucie continued to promote the Friday Night Done Right (FNDR) campaign. FNDR is a social norm campaign that shows youth that there are so many other things to do without alcohol or drugs. Drug Free St. Lucie collaborated with local high schools to celebrate Homecoming by providing a photo booth and FNDR materials and pledge cards. Participating schools included Port St. Lucie, Westwood, Treasure Coast, and Fort Pierce Central. We have touched almost 900 students so far with the campaign, and they love the photo booth. Look for more information and pictures in the next Newsletter.

The next Drug Free St. Lucie meeting is Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Children's Services Council meeting room with guest speaker Teresa Bishop.

RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Cool It & Deal with It - Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

Restoring the Village Youth Initiative (RTVYI) is excited to announce “Cool It and Deal With It,” a 12 week anger management workshop teaching gang-involved youth effective tools and strategies for coping with anger. Grounded in an evidence-based practice called Aggression Replacement Training (ART), this workshop is a collaboration between RTVYI, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Sequel Care Community Based Services, In the Image of Christ, the Lincoln Park Council of Ministers, the City of Fort Pierce and Children’s Services Council. The training is taught by a certified facilitator from Sequel Care, and focuses on three types of skills:

- *Social Skills* — teaching participants what to do, helping them replace antisocial behaviors with positive alternatives.
- *Anger Control*—teaching participants what not to do, helping them respond to anger in a nonaggressive manner and rethink anger-provoking situations.
- *Moral Reasoning*—helps raise participants' level of fairness, justice, and concern for the needs and rights of others.

ART meetings are held twice a week for three months. Participating youth receive a \$50 Visa gift card for every four sessions they attend (provided by the City of Fort Pierce and Children’s Services Council). Food is provided by community churches and organizations through the Lincoln Park Council of Ministers.

RTVYI has also launched a new program called *Transparent Tuesdays*. Held once a month, *Transparent Tuesdays* is an opportunity for community role models to get to know RTVYI clients through facilitated discussion around topics such as leadership, relationships, money management, and self-discipline. So far, the youth have been joined by Terrance Beauford (Men of the Sword), Nick Mimms (Fort Pierce City Manager), Sandy Mack (Children’s Services Council), and Rev. Ken Mills (Save Our Children). For more information or to get involved, see page 11.



Speakers Bureau

In September and October, KAH staff assisted School Board Member Dr. Donna Mills in hosting nine successful Speakers Bureau presentations at Samuel Gaines Academy, Northport K-8, Dale Cassens, Westwood High School, Dan McCarty School, and PACE Center for Girls. The Speakers Bureau is a way to help middle and high school students “time travel” to their futures (i.e., envision a positive future and prepare for the journey). At each school, a different community role model shares their life story with the students, including barriers faced and challenges experienced as children. Speakers included the Director of Purchasing at the City of Fort Pierce (also NAACP President), the IT Manager at the City of Fort Pierce, the school district’s Teacher of the Year, an attorney, a dean, and the brother of CeeCee Ross Lyles (9/11 Flight Attendant). On September 29 and October 27, KAH Coordinator Denise Sirmons and Roundtable Member Wydee’a Wilson spoke to the young ladies at PACE. The students were very receptive and inspired by the speakers.





2016 Treasure Coast Child Summit

On Sept. 14 and 15, Guardians for New Futures hosted the annual Treasure Coast Child Summit. The first day of the Summit examined the impact of trauma on children. It included a screening of the film “Paper Tigers,” followed by presentations from mental health experts and a panel discussion of St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River school superintendents to discuss the film (moderated by Shaniek Maynard). The second day focused on the dangers of social media and substance abuse among youth. It included presentations from Palm Beach Behavioral Health and a Sheriff’s Panel discussion on social media and internet crimes. Guardians for New Futures thanks all who participated in making the summit a success!



Annual Toy Drive for Children in Foster Care

It’s November and Guardians for New Futures is launching its annual Christmas Toy Drive. Every year, G4NF does its best to ensure that Santa visits every child in foster care. To find out how your agency can get involved with the toy drive, contact Debbie Butler at DButler@gfnf4kids.org.





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Forum on Race Relations & Inclusion

The **City of Port St. Lucie** invites you to its first ***Forum on Race Relations & Inclusion***.

The Forum's mission is to bring the people of Port St. Lucie together to listen, share concerns, learn, plan, act and report on progress in maintaining and enhancing our promise of being a City for **ALL** people.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2016
8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**PSL CIVIC CENTER
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Join us in engaging sessions that include topics on:

- LGBTQ+: A personal journey
- Disabilities
- Immigration & Inclusion
- Religious tolerance
- Race & Ethnicity
- Bridging the gap between the community and the police
- Fair and impartial policing

RSVP by 10/24/16 @ www.CityofPSL.com/frri
Fill out the registration form **to participate** in the interactive sessions, panel discussions, and lunch with the keynote speaker. This is a free sponsored event, but **seating is limited!**

Open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Community resource info booths
- Police Experience Simulator

For more info, visit: www.CityofPSL.com/frri

Healthy Start

Coalition of St. Lucie County

Every baby deserves a healthy start

Join the Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County for A Summit on the Disparity in Infant Mortality



Friday, November 18, 2016

7:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Indian River State College, Safety Training Complex

Key Note Speaker

Tonya Lewis-Lee

The conference will address the disparity in infant mortality on the Treasure Coast.

Closing the gap on health disparities in communities, Tonya Lewis-Lee has spoken across the county about reducing infant mortality rates, specifically focusing on the disparity between the rates at which black babies die vs white babies – a two to one ratio. Lewis-Lee inspires raising awareness around the issue of health disparities as she explores such questions are:

What are the causes? What can we do to change these staggering rates. Tonya Lewis-Lee, the wife of film-maker Spike Lee is an accomplished lawyer and children's book author and also the spokesperson for a the **A Healthy Baby Begins with You**, infant mortality awareness campaign from the Office of Minority, a division of the US Department of Health and human services.

Program Highlights

Speakers:

- Tonya Lewis-Lee, national spokesperson on the topics of Minority Health and Infant Mortality, lawyer, author, media producer.
- Libby Flippo, Vice President and Chief Nursing Office, Martin Health System
- Dr. Charles "Carl" Zollicoffer, OB/GYN, Florida Community Health Ceneters
- Dr. Ruel Stoessel, M.D.P.A Perinatologist

Workshop Presenters:

- Jennie Joseph, Midwife, Founder and Executive Director of Commonsense Childbirth and Chairman of the Florida State Council of Licensed Midwives
- Jeffrey Shearer, Executive Director, Tykes and Teens, Martin County

Register before **November 4**
at <http://www.kidsconnectedbydesign.org>
Early Registration fee **\$50**. After October 28, **\$75**.
Includes continental breakfast and boxed lunch.
For more information email kcbsdslc@kcbd.org
or call **77.467-2016**



Youth Leadership



TEENS! DO YOU WANT TO...

- **DECIDE** what issues are important to your generation?
- **EXPRESS** those issues in your local community?
- **DESIGN** teen campaigns against substance abuse, violence, and unhealthy lifestyles?
- **ADVOCATE** for youth interests before local, state, and federal legislatures?

Youth Leadership St. Lucie empowers teens to become good community problem solvers, communicators and advocates. Participants (called Youth Leadership Activists) will address community challenges through Youth in Action projects.



WHO: Students in 9th – 12th Grade

WHEN: Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm.

WHERE: River Walk Center - Fort Pierce

HOW: Applications Available at www.RoundtableSLC.com

Accepting Applications Now!!

Questions? Contact: MeganTreasureHunter@gmail.com or (772) 871-5880



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TRANSPARENT TUESDAYS

- ✓ Are you a role model?
- ✓ Have you overcome challenges that you are willing to share with other young men?
- ✓ Are you willing to be transparent?
- ✓ Are you willing to listen?

If so, Please Join Us for a Monthly Dinner and Dialogue with the Young Men of the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative.

WHEN: November 22nd, 2016, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
(Every 4th Tuesday)

WHERE: Sword Outreach Mentoring & Resource Center
1211 Avenue Q, Fort Pierce

WHY: Because Our Young Men Need YOU!

For more information contact: Darcy McFolley (772) 267-7809 or
Terrance Beauford (772) 204-5015 or tbeauford@gmail.com



**RESTORING THE
VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE**





BRIDGES TO PROSPERITY, ST. LUCIE

Economic Prosperity for All: NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you are looking to end poverty in your community or lessen its impact on people, the environment, and local organizations and businesses, explore the innovative concepts found in *Bridges Out of Poverty*. If poverty is left unchallenged, then sustainability and prosperity for us all will be impossible. It's not just about a few of us. It's about all of us.

***Bridges Out of Poverty* helps communities:**

- Move individuals from poverty to self-sufficiency
- Reduce social costs related to crime, poor health, and welfare
- Strengthen educational attainment and job skills
- Enhance economic development
- Improve on-the-job productivity
- Revitalize neighborhoods
- Build a sustainable community where everyone can live well

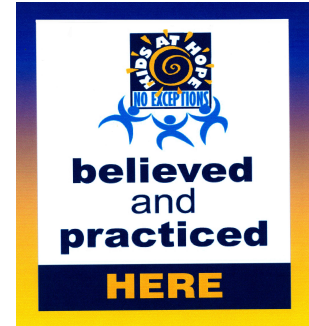
DATES FOR COMMUNITY-WIDE *BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY* TRAINING

| | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
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| FRIDAY | OCTOBER 14, 2016 | 8AM-4PM | INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R132 |
| FRIDAY | DECEMBER 9, 2016 | 8AM-4PM | INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R132 |
| FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 3, 2017 | 8AM-4PM | INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R132 |
| FRIDAY | APRIL 7, 2017 | 8AM-4PM | INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R132 |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 9, 2017 | 8AM-4PM | INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE, R132 |

If you wish to participate in the workshop, please register by calling Debbie Dorn at 772-462-7647 or ddorn@irsc.edu

Cost is \$15.00. Participants are on their own for lunch.

Bridges to Prosperity, St. Lucie serves as the Economic Sufficiency Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc., which is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization comprised of community leaders united to build a community that supports the success of children.



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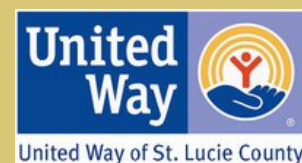


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