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Allapattah Flats K-8 Tunnel of Hope!

THE ROUNDTABLE REVIEW

September 2016 Issue

A Message From The Director:

It's back to school time! One of my favorite things about this time of year is participating in Tunnels of Hope. It is so much fun to get out there alongside teachers, administrators, police officers, fire fighters, and others to welcome St. Lucie County students to a new school year, and remind them that we believe in their success.

This year was particularly poignant for me as I welcomed my five year old, Caleb, to kindergarten during a Tunnel of Hope at West Gate K-8. His eyes were the size of quarters behind his glasses, and he grinned from ear to ear as he ran down the line giving high fives to community partners who wished him well. That moment reminded me that tunnels are more than just a fun activity. They are a tangible, intentional way for us to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring a path to success for all kids. They are a reminder that all children, regardless of background, are capable of success only if we do our part to create a community where they can thrive and grow.

Thank you to all who participated in Tunnels of Hope. This year, Kids at Hope will be asking you to do even more, by encouraging and permitting your employees to serve as mentors for teens who are over-age for their grade level (partnership with Performance Based Academy), speakers for kids in our schools (Dr. Mills' Speakers' Bureau), reading mentors to promote grade level literacy (St. Lucie Reads Campaign), and role models for youth who are in gangs (Transparent Tuesdays with RTVYI).

What does it mean to be a Kids at Hope community? I can show you better than I can tell you. This month's newsletter is full of photos of Kids at Hope in action in St. Lucie County. And, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Shaniek Maynard



Please Welcome!

Dana Stonelake

Roundtable Administrative Assistant

Megan Pack

Kids at Hope Coordinator

Darcy McFolley

Promoted to RTVYI Outreach Supervisor

**Antonio Jones, Veslu Edwards,
Michael Robinson,
Jeron Atwater**

New RTVYI Outreach Workers

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.



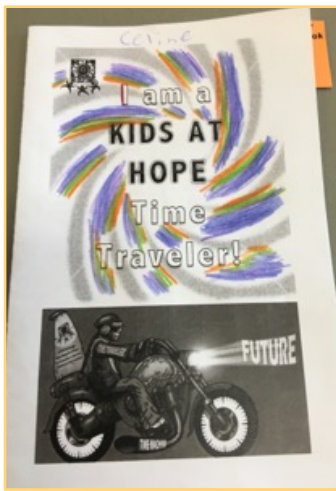
TUNNELS OF HOPE

Welcome Back St. Lucie County Students!

This school year over 15,000 students at 18 schools were welcomed back by community members, first responders, civic groups, local businesses, and more through Tunnels of Hope! Students and parents were surprised and thrilled to see the signs, hear the words of encouragement, and give some great high-fives! Thank you to everyone who participated!



Kids at Hope Summer Camp Destination Days!



This summer Kids at Hope Coordinator Dana Stonelake and Roundtable Intern Karen Jennings (Keiser University) facilitated Destination Days at seven summer camps in our area. Mrs. Stonelake created a "Time Travel" themed booklet/activity for the youth that allowed them to complete questions about the four KAH destinations with a specific focus on Hobbies and Recreation. Over 200 kids aged 8-12 participated in the activity, which also included a portion for them to take home and interview their parents/"Caring Adults" about their hobbies now and when they were children. Kids who brought the booklets back showing that they completed the activity with a parent were rewarded with popsicles! Thank you to all the summer camps that participated-Boys & Girls Clubs (Chuck Hill, Ken Pruitt, and Infinity), YMCA Bayshore, Parks & Recreation (Minsky Gym and Civic Center), and In the Image of Christ.

Does my Mom/Dad or Grandma/Grandpa have a hobby?

My parent's or grandparent's favorite hobby when he/she was a kid was... Drawing

Do they still have that hobby as an adult? Why or Why not? Yes, it helps to relax me

If my parents/grandparents could teach me one of their hobbies, what would they teach me? Sports and Drawing

Parent/Grandparent: This summer I want Eden to teach me about his/her favorite hobby: Drawing

Youth: This summer I want my dad to teach me about his/her favorite hobby: drawing

Because... (Completed by parent/grandparent) it is important to share our experiences and knowledge with our families



HOBBIES & RECREATION All About You...

What is your favorite hobby? Reading

What do you like most about it? I like to read books and learn new things

Do you think you will still do this hobby when you're an adult? Why/Why not? Yes, I think I will still be reading books when I'm an adult because I love to read

Do you share this hobby with any adults in your life? What? Yes, I share it with my mom and dad

Is there a hobby you haven't done that you want to learn more about? What is it? I want to learn how to play the guitar



Does my Mom/Dad or Grandma/Grandpa have a hobby?

My parent's or grandparent's favorite hobby when he/she was a kid was... Riding bikes and playing softball

Do they still have that hobby as an adult? Why or Why not? My mom still rides bikes but with us as a family. But not softball because my mom's interest changed as she gets older and she enjoys running and riding bikes with us more.

If my parents/grandparents could teach me one of their hobbies, what would they teach me? My mom would teach me how to dance to different music from different cultures

Parent/Grandparent: This summer I want Mom to teach me about his/her favorite hobby: Dancing

Youth: This summer I want my dad to teach me about his/her favorite hobby: Reading

Because... (Completed by parent/grandparent) I love photos and have a dozen albums of memories and I would enjoy spending more time with her.



Does my Mom/Dad or Grandma/Grandpa have a hobby?

My parent's or grandparent's favorite hobby when he/she was a kid was... my dad play basketball

Do they still have that hobby as an adult? Why or Why not? yes

If my parents/grandparents could teach me one of their hobbies, what would they teach me? my grandma would like to teach me to sew

Parent/Grandparent: This summer I want Grandma to teach me about his/her favorite hobby: sewing

Youth: This summer I want my Grandma to teach me about his/her favorite hobby: sewing

Because... (Completed by parent/grandparent) I love watching my daughter do things on the computer and at Robo T4 Games I love Teach Robo whom



HOBBIES & RE All About You

What is your favorite hobby? My favorite hobby is soccer

What do you like most about it? that I can run and stay healthy and get to exercise

Do you think you will still do this hobby when you're an adult? Why/Why not? I think I will because it is so much fun and hopefully me and my kids will play it together



LPAC

**Mobilizing Our Community, Uniting for Peace,
and Creating Safe Neighborhoods**

PREVENTING CRIME IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND PEACE RALLY

The Roundtable, Lincoln Park Advisory Committee (LPAC), and Village Coalition of Youth Activities (VCOYA) coordinated sending 37 youth and 14 adults/chaperones to the annual Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference in Miami, sponsored by the Florida Office of the Attorney General and the Urban League. The group consisted of students and chaperones from the Boys & Girls Club, Liberty Truth Church, Sword Outreach, PACE Center for Girls, Kids at Hope, Restoring the Village Youth Initiative, and Parents of Murdered Children.

Several of the students who attended had never traveled out of St. Lucie County, and certainly had not stayed in a hotel in Miami before. The trip was an incredible opportunity for Fort Pierce youth to see the world beyond their neighborhoods and learn about crime prevention efforts across the state and nation. When the students returned, they implemented what they had learned by hosting a Peace Rally, Fun Day and Youth Panel Discussion in Fort Pierce on June 17th to promote peace and unity in Lincoln Park. Approximately 500 youth and guests attended.

Thank you to all the funders: City of Fort Pierce, Allegany Franciscan, Children's Services Council, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, Housing Authority, Lighthouse Foundation, Port St. Lucie Police Department, Board of County Commissioners, and Mayor Linda Hudson.





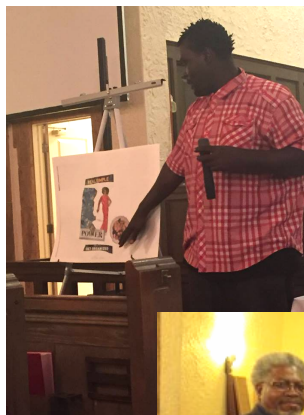
Congratulations to the most recent *Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World* graduates!

Mustard Seed Ministries' first *Getting Ahead* class graduated on August 5th, 2016. Guest speakers Representative Larry Lee, Jr., Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson, and Fort Pierce Police Chief Diane Hobley-Burney delivered personal and inspirational messages to the group, encouraging them to continue their journey from poverty to prosperity.

Special thanks to the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, United Way of St. Lucie County, Mustard Seed Ministries, Bridges to Prosperity Network and St. Lucie County Community Services for their support of the 48-hour class. Thanks as well to *Getting Ahead* facilitators Stacy Malinowski and Marline Clarke for their commitment to the investigators during the course and post graduation. Appreciation also to Jessica Smith, Mustard Seed Ministries Master's level intern, who will serve as the case manager for the graduates.



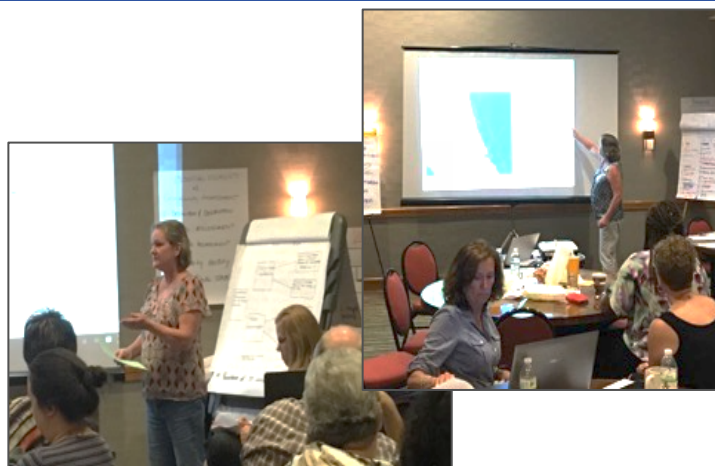
From February 23 through April 23, 2016, eight young African American men from Fort Pierce attended *Getting Ahead* classes twice a week at First United Methodist Church. The majority of them were clients in the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative – a gang intervention and violence prevention program in St. Lucie County. All were unemployed, and most of them school dropouts. During the course of the workshop three of the participants, using knowledge they got from the sessions, took the initiative to apply for and actually gained employment. At the graduation ceremony each participant was presented with a tie from other men from the community to wear at their job interviews. Over 40 people from the community came out to celebrate the graduates. Special thanks to Pastor Tim May (First United Methodist Church) and Kevin Singletary for teaching the class.



When United Way first funded *Getting Ahead*, one goal was to attract community partners who would see the vision and fund classes to help people get out of poverty. We are pleased to report that during this grant year, in partnership with the Bridges Network and United Way, CareerSource has sponsored 34 individuals who successfully completed *Getting Ahead*. The St. Lucie County Board of County Commission has also started funding *Getting Ahead* classes throughout the Treasure Coast. Due in large part to the United Way's foresight and vision, other partners are coming aboard to help support residents in improving their futures.

DRUG FREE ST. LUCIE

A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County



In 2016, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, Kim Thomas-Pate attended the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) National Coalition Academy in Tampa, FL. A three-week course, the Coalition Academy is a national substance abuse prevention training that teaches coalitions how to create effective community assessments, develop logic models, design and select comprehensive interventions, create strategic and action plans, evaluate and report community-level efforts, and develop a sustainability plan. In February 2017, Mrs. Pate will attend CADCA's National Leadership Forum in Washington, DC and will accept an award for the Roundtable's Drug Free St. Lucie Coalition. Congratulations Kim!

RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

A lot of exciting things are happening with the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative. Over the summer we hired four new outreach workers, Veslu Edwards, Antonio Jones, Michael Robinson and Jeron Atwater! They are all Fort Pierce natives who bring a multitude of skills and experience to our team. Darcy McFolley, who was recently promoted to Outreach Supervisor, will have primary responsibility for developing and training our new outreach team.

Six RTVYI youth successfully completed St. Lucie County's "Summer of Success" employment program, equipping them with job skills, work experience and income over the summer. Programs like these are crucial for our youth as they help divert them from activities on the streets, and provide them with opportunities to learn general life skills, such as interacting with co-workers, dealing with bosses and solving problems that arise in employment. Several clients are already utilizing what they learned, and have developed resumes and applied for part-time jobs during the coming school year.

In collaboration with our community partners, we have also been able to develop some new program opportunities. Addressing an urgent need for anger management and trauma counseling services, the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative is partnering with Sequel Care and the Department of Juvenile Justice to offer a 12 week program in Anger Replacement Training for our clients. We are also working with private therapist Debbie Hoeffner of Step by Step Counseling LLC to offer select clients *Rapid Resolution Therapy*, which is a trauma informed therapy to address anger stemming from painful experiences. These initiatives are supported by a grant from the City of Fort Pierce.

In September we are launching *Transparent Tuesdays*, a monthly peer group for RTVYI clients that will consist of facilitated discussions with male role models in the community around issues of family, health, relationships, finances, self-confidence and respect. We will be inviting men in the community to come out and participate.



Kids at Hope Train the Trainer

(Registration Closed)

September, 6th & 7th, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Location: Children's Services Council

**Workgroup Meeting for Violence, Delinquency
and Substance Abuse Prevention**

September 7th, 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: Roundtable Conference Room 2nd Floor

Drug Free St. Lucie Coalition Planning Meeting

September 13th, 3:00pm

Location: Children's Services Council

Kids at Hope Impact Discussion

September 19th, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Location: Children's Services Council

Steering Committee Meeting

September 23rd, 9:00am

Location: Children's Services Council

Joint Safe Neighborhoods Network and LPAC Meeting

September 20th, 9:00am

Location: TBD

Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting

September 28th, 3:00pm

Location: Children's Services Council

8:00pm - 12:00am

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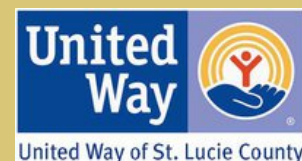


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