



National Nutrition Month 2020

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

March 2020 Issue

A Message From The Director:

March is National Nutrition month. Good nutrition goes way beyond a child's body mass index. Under-nutrition impacts physical growth, intellectual development and education, emotional and psychological development, as well as behavioral development. I was on Facebook one day and followed a post by some of my professional colleagues and friends lamenting about how "bad" children are these days and of course, I chimed in. No doubt I agreed that children need discipline, but raised the question - could poor nutrition be part of the problem impacting how children are growing up in the world? Think about it. When you are not eating well, you don't feel good, you may be grouchy (also known as "hangry"), unpleasant to be around, or experience mental and physical health conditions connected to poor nutrition. Imagine how vulnerable children and their families feel when forging to secure enough healthy food options is a daily battle? This underlying issue must be taken on by communities if we want to see better outcomes across the board, from infant mortality and poor academic performance to problem behaviors and juvenile crime. I cringe sometimes when I hear the statement, "it starts at home" or "they don't care about their children". Many children and families living in poverty face significant challenges, including meeting the basic food needs for their families - many of whom are considered "the working poor".

In St. Lucie County, children and families are experiencing food insecurity at high proportions. Did you know, according to Feeding America's 2019 Map the Meal Gap study, St. Lucie County has over 40,000 food insecure individuals and is the highest on the Treasure Coast, and that 75% percent of children in the county rely on free and reduced school meals? Food insecurity is a relatively new term I have come to know in my work at the Roundtable, but experienced it as a child. In simple terms, food insecurity is the lack of access to affordable and nutritious food. Perhaps this is the reason I chime in to defend vulnerable children and remain passionate about my work each day.

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Now for the good news and a reason I love living in St. Lucie. We have many community partners like the Treasure Coast Food Bank, St. Lucie County Schools, the Boys & Girls Club, faith and community-based organizations, and business partners who have committed to feeding the hungry and providing educational services to families across our community for years. To build on these efforts, our community is rising up to systemically and collaboratively address the root causes of food insecurity at the population level. I would like to highlight a couple of initiatives in here that involve community partners leading these efforts.

First, United Against Poverty, known as the UP Center, is an anti-poverty organization that has four core programs designed to lift households from poverty to economic self-sufficiency. The Member Share Grocery Program is a hunger relief and homeless prevention program designed to provide access to healthy nutritional food, personal care, and household products in a grocery center-style setting for residents living in the county. UP also provides workforce, education and crisis stabilization programs to move residents to economic self-sufficiency. I encourage you to visit and support fundraising efforts for the UP Center. There is an opportunity to get involved at the upcoming “Fools Day, 5K” on March 28. See page 16 for details. Hope to see you there!

Also encouraging for our community, I recently had the opportunity to attend a “Local Foods, Local Places” meeting. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Northern Border of Regional Commission (NBRC) selected the city of Fort Pierce to receive technical assistance to develop plans for improving food access, economic development, and revitalizing the Lincoln Park Area. Led by the City of Fort Pierce alongside numerous community partners, a range of innovative strategies are proposed for the Lincoln Park area to be included in the action plan and require community buy-in and engagement.

Both of these comprehensive approaches have the potential to be a game changer for residents living across our county. Remember that familiar proverb “Give a man fish, he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime”? We need all hands on deck to support these efforts for vulnerable children, youth and families who today, don’t know where their next meal will come from. Are you in?

As always, join us as we remain “*Leaders United for Children*”. Happy Spring, Everyone!

Teresa Bishop





HOPE'S Corner

LPAC Family Fun Day!



On February 8th the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee hosted its fourth Family Fun Day. The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and the Boys & Girls Club Infinity Unit served as the sponsors for this wonderful event. The theme for the occasion was "The Love of Black History". Many community partners came out to support this event by setting up vendor tables. The Children's Services Council's St Lucie Reads Division gave away children's books with an emphasis on black history. Ms. Clorrisse Stephens, with Helping People Succeed, sponsored a local black history game at her table, where adults and youth answered questions about black St. Lucie County residents who have impacted this community and nation. The Fort Pierce Police Department K-9 entertained and educated the crowd about the discipline it takes to train the K-9's and the importance of the job they perform. The St. Lucie Fire District was also present handing out information on fire safety. The vendors had various information on topics ranging from the hazards of teen vaping to numerous health and mental health issues. The Lincoln Park citizens were treated to a wealth of information to assist their families and friends.

The day ended with a Basketball Game Finale comprised of a team of community leaders vs. the winner of the round robin tournament. The officials from the City defeated the youth for the second consecutive time to hold on to the traveling trophy. The youth have vowed to come back with a vengeance to unseat the city officials. The entire event was tremendous from the beautiful weather, community support, and community turnout. LPAC would like to thank everyone again and they are looking forward to hosting more events in the coming months.

DRUG FREE ST. LUCIE

A Network of the Roundtable of St. Lucie County

The Drug Free St. Lucie Coalition joined more than 3,000 substance misuse prevention specialists and advocates from throughout the country for CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's) 30th Annual National Leadership Forum in Washington D.C.

"We are so excited to spend time with other coalitions from across the country, learning and honing our prevention skills so our community can be a better place, one that doesn't suffer from the harms of substance misuse," said Juliana Langille, Project Coordinator.

CADCA's Forum covered a wide range of topics – everything from how to prevent prescription misuse to addressing electronic cigarettes use, trending marijuana issues, and how to develop policies to reduce underage drinking. The coalition representatives heard from the Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the Director of the Drug Enforcement Agency, a reporter from the New York Times, as well as U.S. Representatives and Senators.

This conference offered great workshops full of innovation and it was a wonderful opportunity for networking.

The Drug Free St. Lucie team had a chance to meet with members of their Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill day. This event provided Forum 2020 participants from across the country an opportunity to educate policymakers in Congress about the importance of substance use and misuse prevention.



PHOTO (Left to Right): Kevin Singletary, Senator Rick Scott's Intern and Juliana Langille.

Black History Month Essay Winner



PHOTO (Left to Right): Kim Reid and Kevin Singletary of Kid's at Hope, Layali Bazar, Judge Lisette R. Reid, Judge P. Darrin Gayles. Not pictured: Judge Donald L. Graham and Judge Shaniek Maynard.

Layali Bazar is a 15-year-old Palestinian student at Fort Pierce Central High School who is also dual enrolled at IRSC. She moved to Florida from Ohio in August of 2019 with her mother and siblings. She is currently a first-year, very engaged member of Youth Leadership St. Lucie. She plans to major in mechanical engineering and obtain her Master's Degree in aerospace engineering.

Layali was awarded 1st Place in the Essay Contest out of over 100 submissions. We are incredibly proud of Layali & extend our sincerest congratulations!

Suspicion by Layali Bazar

“Do I look suspicious?” Do I cause you fear when I walk past you? Do I create harm? Judgements should not be formed based on skin color, clothing, or religion, yet these judgements which leads to biases and stereotyping are still a prevalent part of American society. As a Muslim young woman, stereotypes and biases consume me every day. Many believe that I am a terrorist. People of color have negative opinions formed toward them making most of society think that all people of color are dangerous. In 2012, a 17-year-old African American young man lost his life in a split second, due to a misconfigured image created over the past decades. He was shot for simply wearing a hoodie on his way home. He was shot for being a different skin tone. Trayvon Martin's death will always be a symbol about the horrific opinions people have based on appearance and description. Activist like 19-year-old Nupol Kiazolu helped signify the wrong of Trayvon Martin's death and made sure his death would not be forgotten.

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At the age of 13, Nupol Kiazolu had a single person protest that caught the eyes of millions. A few days after the death of Trayvon Martin, Nupol went to school wearing a grey hoodie and was carrying Skittles and an iced tea. On the back of her hoodie she put a message: "Do I look suspicious?". On the night Trayvon was shot he wore a hoodie and held the same snacks as Nupol. Nupol emphasized the importance of his death and how he was killed for living his everyday life. Many of the teachers in the school had mixed emotions toward the protest. Some believed the 13-year-old girl should have been suspended for her beliefs, while other teachers supported her. Nupol Kiazolu's math teacher was so aggravated of the killing of innocent colored teens, she put on a gray hoodie and joined Nupol Kiazolu. The teacher put her job at risk for Nupol Kiazolu's first protest. Even though Nupol was constantly being judged by the teachers, the principal of the school believed she was fighting for a topic she deeply believed in and allowed her to continue wearing the hoodie. As days passed, more kids began to wear the hoodie in honor of the death of Trayvon Martin.

As Nupol Kiazolu noticed the increase of colored youths wearing a hoodie with a "Do I look suspicious" taped on the back, she noticed her voice can be heard. The young teenager is the president of Youth Coalition of Black Lives Matter of Greater New York. At the age of 17, Nupol Kiazolu traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia and faced the KKK. She was called slurs and pushed around, but the event inspired her to continue her activism. Nupol Kiazolu started to protest gun violence and raised awareness all around the United States. She created events where people can hear about what is happening around the United States, especially with the killings of young black teens.

Not only was Nupol Kiazolu allowing teens to be informed of the tragic incidents resulting in violence, she also showed that teens, of any color, can have their voice heard through voting. A majority of teens today believe that voting locally does not have any importance, however, Nupol Kiazolu proved that the president is not going to be involved with the local judge, who will be the person who decides a suspect's case. By voting locally teens can contribute and decide which group of people will locally govern their city. Teens noticed the significance of voting locally and started to register. The national election does have a value but voting locally is directly involved with the community.

A person's voice empowers their characteristics. No matter their age, their voice can be heard, but you must put the effort. At the age of only thirteen, Nupol Kiazolu was able to protest the death of Trayvon Martin and grew upon on that. The discrimination and stereotypes did not weaken the voice of the young activist; however, the negative opinions validated her statements even more. It was once said by President Barak Obama, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we see." Nupol Kiazolu was frustrated of the number of black teens that kept dying due to violence and no necessary actions were taken in place. She made it her obligation to stand up on the behalf of Trayvon Martin and the other lost teens. Young teens, today, can learn from Nupol Kiazolu that the age of a person does not matter, but the meaning behind the protest. The life of Nupol Kiazolu has encouraged teens to fight for what they believe in and spread awareness.

Overall, any young person, child or adult, has the ability to fight for change when he/she sees unjust ideals. Skin tone, age, and gender are not involved in this. No matter a person's physical appearance judgements should not be made to fight for freedom of equality. It is time for racism and stereotypes to come to an end, it is the only way the world can truly change. Nupol Kiazolu is a prime example of a young activist who stood up for her beliefs and inspired others to stand with her for Trayvon Martin. May Trayvon Martin Rest in Peace."



Listening to Our Youth

S.V., age 22, was taking dual enrollment classes and planned to graduate high school in St. Lucie County with college credits. At age 18, largely due to family dynamics, she became homeless and was disconnected for approximately 8 months.

Through all of this, S.V.'s determination helped turn these circumstances into a detour and not a life sentence. She connected to Children's Home Society's (CHS) Transitional Living Program¹ in Vero Beach. This connection, primarily because of the people involved and CHS partnerships provided her with the resources to continue high school. Transportation barriers to dual enrollment classes were insurmountable and those courses had to be abandoned. But, S.V. did graduate thanks to CHS providing her with access to an online school.

S.V.'s career path changed over the course of all she went through as well. She shares, "It took me about a year to figure out what I wanted to do. I was enrolled in cosmetology classes when I became pregnant and realized I no longer had the passion to pursue it. Then I found out about being a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) through CareerSource and that's what I'm pursuing." S.V. also shares that without the support of the Lincoln Park Career Pathways Initiative² pursuing her CNA would not be possible. Through the Career Pathways Initiative, S.V. receives her tuition and financial assistance to defray costs of transportation and childcare.

S.V. talks about how youth need support systems and resources. And, even though she has the absolute deepest love for her young son, she talks about the merits of not becoming a parent too soon. "It can be really hard to juggle everything anyway and being a mom makes it even more challenging - support becomes even more important."

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.

¹ Children's Home Society Transitional Living Program provides individual apartments for up to 12 young adults ages 18-22. The program also provides supportive case management and life skills education.

²The Lincoln Park Career Pathways Initiative is a collaborative effort between St. Lucie EDC, CareerSource Research Coast, Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association and Indian River State College, and is sponsored by Allegany Franciscan Ministries through the Common Good Initiative.

Amy De Los Santos Named Youth of the Year
Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County

Fort Pierce, FL, February 10, 2020: The stars came out to shine as Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County (BGCSLC) hosted their annual Youth of the Year Celebration on February 5, at Club Talavera in PGA Verano. Five outstanding candidates endured months of preparation, coaching and personal development to make their individual speeches to a panel of judges and then to a crowd of over 200 in the hopes of earning the title Youth of the Year. The Judges were faced with a difficult decision. Every candidate rose to the occasion with their firsthand stories of mental health, anxiety, depression, bullying and how they overcame those obstacles through BGCSLC. Ultimately, Amy De Los Santos a member of the Chuck Hill Club was chosen to represent St. Lucie County and move on to the state competition.

Amy has not let the obstacles she's faced define her. Basing her platform around breaking the boundaries centered around mental health, the St. Lucie West Centennial High School Junior has chosen instead to grow from life's challenges. Battling with depression for many years, Amy believes that the true meaning of strength is having the power to reinvent your story. She credits the change in her paradigm to her mindset, a healthy lifestyle, Boys and Girls Club and the love of her mother.

The Youth of the Year ceremonies also serves as the organization's annual board meeting. In between the candidate's presentations Major Brian Hester of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office was recognized with the Capt. Charles Scavuzzo New Board Member of the Year Award. Leslie Kristof, incoming Board Chair and Keiser University Port St. Lucie Campus President was recognized with the Bill Blazak Board Member of the year recognition.

The Youth of the Year award recognizes students who work hard, invest in themselves and demonstrate leadership in their schools, clubs and communities. Much of Amy's growth has taken place at the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County Chuck Hill location. "It's a place where you can be yourself, and while you're being yourself, you have other people rooting for you," she said. "The kids, the staff, everybody in here wants to see you do good. Everybody in here wants to see everybody achieve something."

Amy stays busy outside of the club with science, cooking, weightlifting, and hopes to become a Maternity Nurse. After graduation, she plans to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University where she would like to pursue a degree in Nursing. She said she always thought her high school graduation would be her first great accomplishment.

Boys & Girls Club's slogan is "Great futures start here," said Will Armstead, CEO of BGCSLC, and Amy is the epitome of that idea. "We are all excited to rally behind her and take pride in the fact that we have a representative from a really special community that's being recognized at the state level.

Amy received a \$5,000 scholarship from GL Homes and an Honor Flight experience as an escort for a veteran from Dr. Shamsher Singh. Each of the four runner ups received a \$1,000 scholarship from The Andrew and Robin Hunt Philanthropic Fund at The Community Foundation Martin - St. Lucie, and everyone was presented with an iPad from the Peter W. Busch Family Foundation.





THE HIGHWAYMEN FESTIVAL

BY CALETA SCOTT, MANAGER, GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION



The City of Fort Pierce's 5th Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival was a huge success! Hundreds of people from all over Florida came out to enjoy the beautiful day along Moore's Creek in the historic Lincoln Park neighborhood. The Festival featured many Original and Second-Generation Highwaymen sharing stories and selling art, as well as tribute booths for several of the deceased Highwaymen artists. Visitors of all ages hopped on the trolley from the AE Backus Museum to enjoy the festival, participated in the free onsite painting class by Intuitive Art Studio and grooved to Will Vaughn and the Southern Soul Society. The guided trail tour allowed 150 people to

take the award-winning Highwaymen Heritage Trail, many of them Fort Pierce first-timers! climbed the rock wall, participated in the free onsite painting class, rode the trolley to the A.E. Backus Museum and ate some delicious local cuisine.

This year's 5th grade Highwaymen Art Contest featured 62 beautiful works of art from local elementary schools. The students learned about the Highwaymen history in Fort Pierce and were encouraged to paint landscape scenes symbolic to the Highwaymen style. The contest entries were judged by the Arts and Culture Advisory Board, and the winners were selected.

This year's 1st Place winner was from St. Anastasia Catholic School, receiving \$300 for their art department. The 2nd Place winner was from Fairlawn Elementary, winning \$250 for their art department and a student from Frances K Sweet came in 3rd place, winning \$200 for their school's art department. Students with winning entries receive an engraved medallion commemorating the event, a certificate of achievement and a \$25 gift card. All the contest entries were displayed in a special exhibit at the Festival.

Save the date for our 6th Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival on Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 10am - 4pm along beautiful Moore's Creek; we hope to see you there!

5th Annual Highwaymen Heritage Art Show & Festival

5th Grade Art Contest Winners



*Elena Cazares with
City Manager, Nick Mimms*



Brandon Leitenbauer



Trinity Hanson

1st Place - Elena Cazares, St. Anastasia Catholic School
2nd Place - Brandon Leitenbauer, Fairlawn Elementary
3rd Place - Trinity Hanson, Frances K. Sweet Elementary
Honorable Mention - Julia Pereira, C.A.S.T



What does it take to make kids try to succeed? Hope



Your Turn

Rick Miller

Guest columnist

We know how to prevent getting sick with the flu or a cold. Get a flu shot, wash your hands, get plenty of rest and stay hydrated.

What are we doing to prevent the epidemic of hopelessness, especially among our youth?

It's an equally frightening health concern that is manifesting itself in a spike of suicides, drug abuse and other harmful behaviors.

Last month, during Gov. Doug Ducey's State of the State address, he mentioned the need for more mental health experts to help adults and children deal with depression and suicidal thoughts.

It's a positive start, but we as a society need to do much more to address the deeper issue of hopelessness.

It's not that we haven't tried to find or design a program, curriculum or protocol that if adopted would help us help our kids without the messy social/emotional stuff that goes along with truly caring.

We want our students to do well in school. We have high standards for them: No Child Left Behind, Common Core, Positive Behavior Systems, Crisis Prevention Intervention, online curriculum and alternative education. Add to that dropout and drug prevention efforts, boot camps, scared straight, self-esteem programs, rewards and demerits.

In the fields of psychology, child and youth development, education, juvenile justice, behavioral health and child welfare, our default position is to focus on identifying risk, trauma or illness over hope.

We use words and expressions such as at-risk youth; adverse childhood experiences, juvenile, super predator, trauma-informed care, disconnected, dropout, poverty stricken, minority and such. Once any of those deficit-based labels are affixed to a child, they cannot be easily removed and will forever sen-

tence many of our nation's prized natural resources to exist in a liability rather than an asset column.

What does it take to make kids want to succeed? Hope.

Over 25 years ago, science began to examine the dynamic of hope, not as a feeling but as a force that could be understood, harnessed and offered as a strategy. The simple understanding is that people who are hopeful do better in life than people who are not.

The question, then, is how is hope taught and learned?

■ Hope consists of three elements: goals, multiple pathways to achieve goals and the motivation and energy to pursue one's goals.

■ It's not risk or trauma alone that negatively affects a young person's life, it is the absence of hope.

■ Adults who work with other people's children may not be able to control most of the risk or trauma children experience, but they can control much of their hope.

Every child and youth deserves to be vaccinated against hopelessness. Now is the time to make a commitment to helping young people, even if you don't sense they are struggling. The three major building blocks needed for hope are:

■ Believe. Show your support, not just through words, but through actions.

■ Connect. Stay in touch and reach out even if they seem distant. Be present.

■ Time travel. Help them set goals so they can envision a healthy, happy future.

We don't have time to wait for the symptoms of hopelessness to appear. We need caring individuals, educators, government officials and corporate executives who can make "The Commitment" and help us advance this initiative. Join us in this important public service health campaign. Learn more at kidsathope.org/the-commitment.

Rick Miller is Founder and CEO of Kids at Hope. He is also a professor of practice and clinical director at the Center for the Advanced Study and Practice of HOPE at Arizona State University. Reach him at: rick@kidsathope.org.

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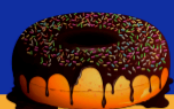
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by Sonya Boyne, LMHC

AETC/University of Miami

Guest Panelist: Sandra Anderson, Autor

Gena Grant, Patient Advocacy Rep.

Taking a Sexual History

by Cathy Frazier, DNP, APRN

FL Dept. of Health in Lee County

Substance Abuse Disorder

Guest Panelist:

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The goal of this community-based event is to raise funds and awareness for United Against Poverty of St. Lucie County, a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring and empowering people living in poverty to lift themselves and their families to economic self-sufficiency.



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We are back and there is ZERO threat of a hurricane to get in our way this year!
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A total of \$12,000 in cash prizes are available to the teams that catch the big ones!

Not a fishing person? Please share this with some of your friends who are and would like a little extra cash in their pocket.

Fishing for Futures is happening again all to benefit the programs and activities for over 4,600 Club kids each week at Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County. Get your lines in and win a few bucks for yourselves while making a difference in their lives too!

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Future Meeting Dates

NETWORK MEETINGS

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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 Guardian ad Litem

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY (Bridges to Prosperity)

Third Wednesday of every month 12:00-1:30pm 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

Third Tuesday at 9:30am; Quarterly. Location: St. Lucie Logistic Center

SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Drug Free St. Lucie)

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:00am at CSC

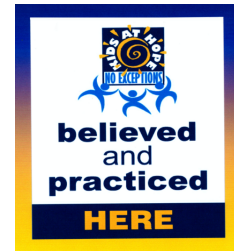
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

Time and Location: TBD

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ST. LUCIE

Port St. Lucie YLSL: TBD

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