

# Roundtable Review

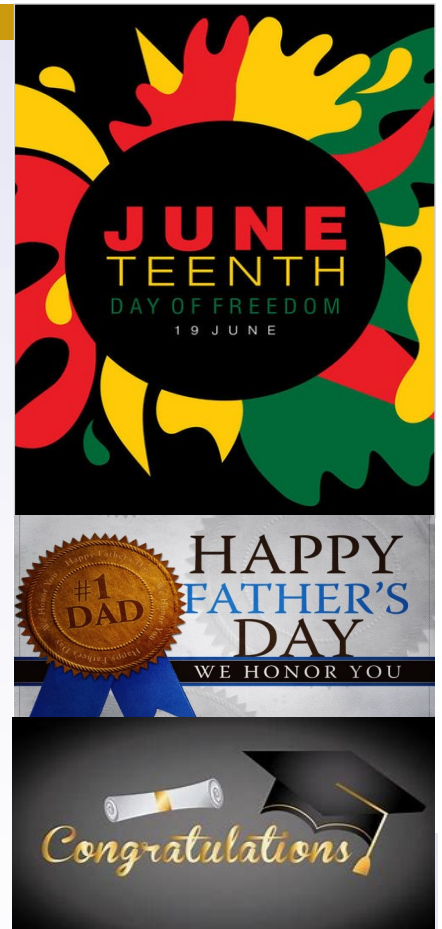
## Message from our CEO

Greetings,

It's official! This month we celebrate "Juneteenth". Though Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, last year a bill was passed in the House and Senate with bipartisan support and signed into law to become our newest federal holiday.

Why is this important to the work we do for children, youth, and their families at the Roundtable? Because Juneteenth not only commemorates the Freedom of African Americans, today this holiday is also marked by celebrations with great emphasis on education and achievement, both of which are core values that drive the work of the Roundtable. I am reminded that the Treasure Hunter's pledge recited by Roundtable members at the monthly board meeting emphasizes that "all children are capable of success, No Exceptions". While we must continue to work toward providing opportunities needed to ensure success for all youth, data tracked by federal, state, and local agencies historically demonstrates disparities across all of the social determinants of health that serve as barriers to success for African American youth and their families. While the most recent 2020 county-level data for St. Lucie indicates improvement in some areas for black youth, including infant mortality, teen pregnancy, and academic achievement; the Roundtable remains committed to closing the gap further through its collective efforts by implementing and sustaining culturally sensitive strategies, approaches and policies. Though the controversial "Black Lives Matter" movement and "critical race theory" dialogue have become points of contention in our nation and state, let us not lose sight that both have fueled meaningful discourse to understand the challenges that exist and the need to be intentional with improving outcomes for African American youth and their families in our communities. It makes moral sense. It makes fiscal sense. Please explore the calendar of events sponsored by the Roundtable, its member agencies, and community partners on page 4, and join us as we celebrate Juneteenth, a time of reflection for community change. It is a federal holiday for all of us for a reason...because as a community, we are better together.

**Teresa Bishop**  
Chief Executive Officer



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### Special Dates in June:

- International Children's Day 6/1
- Yo-Yo Day 6/6
- Family Health & Fitness Day 6/11
- Flag Day 6/14
- World Blood Donor Day 6/14
- Juneteenth 6/19
- Father's Day 6/19

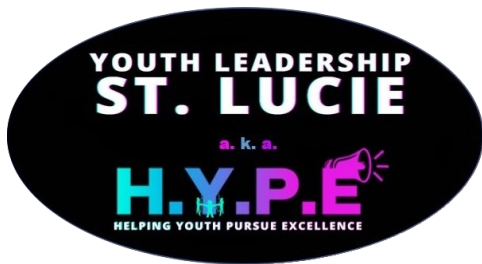


## Summer Fun for IGNITE!

Summer 2022 cannot come soon enough for the IGNITE Team and the youth they serve! Thanks to the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County and the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, hundreds of children in the area will be able to take part in events throughout the summer while supporting our local businesses. Many of our IGNITE youth will be spending their days sailing with Sail Aiki, training to become a trapeze artist with Momentum Academy, kayaking with Lisa's Kayaks, golfing with Reimagine Golf, baking with The Cake Lady, attending a St. Lucie Mets game, and much more! It is sure to be a fun-filled summer with memories (and custom t-shirts thanks to UBU Brands!) that will last a lifetime.







## Youth Leadership Members Selected for Outstanding Youth of the Year



Youth Leadership St. Lucie is proud to share that four of its amazing members were among the five recipients of Children's Services Council's Outstanding Youth Awards for 2022. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Children's Services Council's Chief Operating Officer, Ashley Mock presented Bella Favata, Christian Baca, Sofia Stromak, and Whitney Beauvil each with a beautiful certificate, a \$1,000 scholarship, and a backpack full of surprises to include a laptop computer. Congratulations to all of the recipients, and thank you, Children's Services Council for the incredible opportunity!



## "More Than A Game II"

What started as a conversation about basketball birthed a collaborative effort of two agencies that has touched the lives of many families in our community. The Roundtable of St. Lucie County and Children's Services Council (CSC) worked together to create a

program designed uniquely for fathers and father figures entitled "More Than A Game II". John Cesar, from CSC, and Kevin Singletary from KAH worked to establish a 10-week program based on the "Nurturing Fathers" Curriculum. The subjects covered included: The Roots of Fathering, Fathering The Little Boy Within, The World of Feelings and Male Nurture, Overcoming Barriers to Nurturing Fathering: Anger, Alcohol/Other Substances, and Stress, and Nurturing Relationships: Fathering Sons/ Fathering Daughters. Each week the men participated in a 30-minute session facilitated by Mr. Singletary, and also heard from guest speakers who provided valuable information about local resources.



The focus this year was to not only provide knowledge and tools about fatherhood, but to also equip the men with knowledge of the resources available to them in their community. Basketball may have been what initially drew the men out, but the training and the group discussions were what kept the men coming back. One of the fathers reflected on an important lesson about speaking to his children at eye level as opposed to standing over them. Another father shared that moving forward he will choose quality time over quantity of time with his children .



On the night of graduation, the men were invited to participate in a "Men's Resource Fair". Several vendors came to the gym and set up tables to share about their services and how each could benefit the graduates. Families were invited to graduation night to see the achievements of their fathers, husbands and/or partners. This year a father and son took the class together to strengthen their adult bond. It was a powerful program for all those involved. Thank you CSC for your amazing partnership!



## JUNETEENTH EVENTS:

6/13: 5:30-7pm, **Art Show and Libation Opening Ceremony** @ Riverwalk Center.

6/14: 6:30-7:30pm, **Uncrowned Queens and Kings** @ Havert L. Fenn Center.

6/15: 12pm, **Noon Day Prayer** @ Triumph Church.

6/17: 11-1pm, **Youth Speak Up Speak Out Symposium** @ Ft. Pierce Commissioners Chambers.

6/17: 8:30-9:30am, **Juneteenth Peace Walk** @ 29th St. & Ave. Q.

6/17: 10-2pm, **Youth Water Fun Day** @ Horatio Grisby Baseball Field.

6/17: 6-10pm, **Freedom Block Party** @ I.N.C. 532 N. 13th St.

6/18: 11-7pm, **Community Celebration of Freedom** @ Lincoln Park Comm. Ctr.

6/19: 1pm, **Prayer in the Park** @ Dreamland Park



## Drug Free St. Lucie Media Campaign!



Drug Free St. Lucie is launching a 4 week community-wide media campaign on radio, television, and a moving billboard running through the month of June!

### SAMHSA's "Talk. They Hear You." - "Keeping Kids Safe" Campaign

#### 104.5 FM WFLM—The Flame

125 (:30) second spots will air 5 times a day/7 days a week.



#### IRSC Public Media—WQCS 88.9 FM

60 (:30) second spots will air 7 days a week, reaching 120,000 people monthly.



#### CBS12/CS34/MY15/AZT48 Television

16 (:30) second commercials reaching 136,000 viewers. As well as, OTT/Streaming TV with 43,000 views; and Geofencing—banner ads reaching 80,000 views.



### SAMHSA's "Talk. They Hear You." - "Talk with your kids about the facts: Opioids" Campaign

#### Clear Channel Outdoor LLC

Moving bus billboard: Ad campaign (wheel to well) on bus #1204 traveling US 1 from Fort Pierce to the Treasure Coast Mall and back, every hour.



## Board Member Spotlight

John Bolduc completed his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Florida and his master's degree in Public Administration at Barry University. As an avid hunter and fisherman in high school, John had a true passion for the outdoors. After college, he pursued a career as a Florida Wildlife Officer in an effort to keep him connected to the outdoors and to his love of fish and game. He worked in the Wildlife Reserve while in college. After graduation he was hired by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and assigned to Okeechobee County. His assignments took him to Okeechobee, Vero Beach, and Port St. Lucie. Eventually, John began working for Fish and Game in Port St. Lucie and as fate would have it, he met Garry Wilson on a July 4<sup>th</sup> patrol. Garry served as one of several instrumental mentors to John and eventually recruited him to come work for the PSL Police Department in 1994, where he started as patrol officer in 1994 and has served as Chief since 2012. John has been highly involved in the operational training of Community Oriented Policing Services since the 1990s, in partnership with FAU he works closely with Dr. Boba and Dr. Santos to share the evidence-based strategies focused on problem-solving policing. He has presented at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference and many other venues. Utilizing these strategies, the PSLPD has seen an approximately 60% reduction in crime in the last 10 years. Shortly after college, John married his high school sweetheart Ann, and they have 3 children together. They have lived in Port St. Lucie for over 30 years, and much of that time John has spent mentoring the youth in our area through his time serving on the board of the Children's Home Society, as well as his volunteer work with the Boy & Girl Scouts, PAL, Youth Leadership St. Lucie, Kids at Hope, the Explorers, and the American Cancer Society. Recently John got his pilot's license and purchased a Piper Cherokee Six airplane. He and his wife now enjoy weekend flights to various locations. Those who think they know John, may be surprised to learn that growing up he was a long-haired, self-described 'beach bum surfer'. As John looks toward his retirement in 2 years and 4 months, his hope for the community and the county he cares so much for is that it continues to prosper and maintain the quality of life for the families living and working here.



**Chief John Bolduc**  
Port St. Lucie  
Police Department

## Our Board Members

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- ◆ Lisa von Seelen, Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County

# Our Board of Directors

## Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc.

### **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.

### **Our Vision:**

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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