



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



October 28, 2021

Phil Scarpelli, Chief Executive Officer

- Our First Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser was a great success! The community truly embraced our mission as we engaged many individuals who have a heart for giving back to this community. The event went off without a hitch and it was well-organized by the Suntree Management Team. The golf club manager was enthusiastically committed to increasing our participation levels next year!
- Our Council on Accreditation's review of BFP was extremely positive with no findings or recommendations. We are likely going to receive an expedited multi-year reaccreditation. The reviewers themselves stated that this is an organization where they can see themselves working.
- We are working with our legislators to ensure that they are well versed in pending bills supporting both funding and policy favorable to child welfare. I met with our 2 Senators and 4 Representatives associated with the multiple districts that comprise Brevard County.
- We are working on a sign-on bonus program for our front-line candidates for employment, due to the widespread workforce shortage across all industries. We are experiencing difficulties in hiring caseworkers and other front-line employees. We are hopeful that this incentive will generate additional interest.
- Our colleagues at Embrace Families have asked me to participate in a leadership panel discussion at the upcoming National Community-Based Child Welfare Symposium regarding "Lessons Learned from Florida." I will be sharing historical knowledge and contemporary practices demonstrated by our family of agencies since the inception of privatization.
- I am working towards building relationships with area colleges and universities such as Barry University, Eastern Florida State College, Florida State University and the Florida Technical Institute. These opportunities are with respect to developing internships for their students, as well as potential new employees upon degree completion, in addition to some aspects of consultation and training. We will be guest speakers for many of them in the future and hope to bring on board many aspiring child welfare professionals in the future as well as formulate updated improvement strategies for various challenges.
- We welcomed our first community meeting in our new space at the BFP Administrative Office in Rockledge hosting the Brevard Youth Thrive Action Committee. They were very pleased with the new professional setting, and we look forward to being *their* community engagement hub in the future.
- A Community Open House and Ribbon Cutting is being planned Friday, November 12th from 2p-4p and formal invitations will be sent out very soon. We look forward to giving you a tour of our new home!
- On Tuesday, October 19th I visited Tallahassee to meet with the DCF Secretary for our periodic Florida Coalition for Children and DCF meeting.
- On the evening of Wednesday, October 20th, I was fortunate to be invited to attend the Elevation Church's Give Back – Vision Night. Not only did they invite us to attend this special event, but they also recently donated \$10,000 to us. We presented them with a plaque of appreciation in person last week for this amazing gift.
- On Friday, October 22nd I will attend the adoption ceremonies of 9 of our youth.
- On Tuesday, October 26th I will travel to Bonita Springs for the Florida Coalition for Children's Fall Board Meeting.
- Rock Paper Simple is continuing to help us improve our processes and content for our websites and marketing materials. They most recently have developed a website landing page for our Christmas gift drive with automated FAQ responses to help alleviate some of the question traffic for our team as there has been an influx of questions in previous years.

Upcoming Community Events

- Our 2nd Annual Trunk-A-Palooza event is taking place on Saturday, October 30th from 10a-12p at Heritage High School. We are looking forward to seeing our children and families receive tons of goodies!

- We have several upcoming events for our staff to get everyone in the holiday spirit, including a pumpkin carving contest, food drive benefiting the Ascension Church Food Pantry and a charity tree decorating contest. The trees will be donated to a family currently being served by Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
- Our annual United Way fundraising campaign will take place this year from November 8-12th with donation encouragement at our Community Open House/Ribbon Cutting on November 12th.
- Our Annual Christmas gift drive is in full planning mode, and we are looking forward to another successful year for our children and families to celebrate the holidays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Scarpelli, CEO