



INSIGHTS



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER | WINTER 2020-21



A Message FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ilene Harper, PhD, Executive Director, Family Life and Community Resource Center

Throughout this difficult year, FLCRC has remained committed to providing program services and assisting families with basic needs during this pandemic. In midst of the COVID-19 crisis, FLCRC held **20 events** serving over **500 students, parents and crime victims** in 2020. While the in-person events were tremendously impacted this year; our Youth Ambassador Leadership Education (Y.A.L.E.) leaders still managed to earn **717 service learning volunteer hours**, completed **10 service projects** and interviewed for several scholarships and awards.

With the assistance of volunteers and donors who remained loyal throughout the year, FLCRC hosted our first **virtual banquet** on December 3rd with over **60 attendees** participating with the Zoom event. The Y.A.L.E. leaders presented to the group, showcased their service-learning activities and highlighted their leadership events with the audience. The Y.A.L.E. leaders are very excited and ready for 2021!

FLCRC's **Family First: New Triumphs Capital Campaign** is well on the way and 2021 is the year for the expansion to a larger facility. FLCRC's new building will provide the

opportunity for positive engagement while practicing social distancing. We will have several counseling offices, a computer room and a conference room for client services. To learn more about the Capital Campaign, download the **FLCRC App** or visit www.FamilyLifeCRC.org.

Top: Pre-Y.A.L.E. Award recipient Trinidy Brown and Y.A.L.E. Scholarship recipient Landon Bean pose with Executive Director Dr. Ilene Harper; Bottom: Banquet Silent Auction winners pose with their items at the curbside pickup.

FLCRC *Virtual Banquet* IS A SUCCESS!

On **Thursday, December 3rd**, 74 staff members, volunteers, Y.A.L.E. leaders and supporters of FLCRC gathered virtually to celebrate a year of great accomplishments at our Fourth Annual FLCRC Banquet.

The night's events, hosted by FLCRC Executive Director **Dr. Ilene Harper** and Pre-Y.A.L.E. student leader **Jordan Thomas**, included 2020 highlights, annual Scholarships and Awards presentations, silent auction, and an inspiring keynote message from **Eshaunte' Williams** ("**EWill the Motivator**"), a Corporate Manager at Five Nine Solutions. The silent auction **raised over \$2,000** to benefit the Y.A.L.E. Scholarships and Awards Program.

Congratulations to our 2020 Scholarships and Awards recipients, and a special thanks to all of our staff members and sponsors for making this event possible. *Here's to a fantastic 2021!*



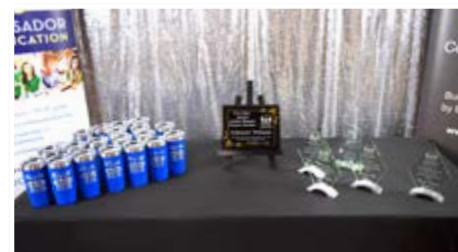
OUR CO-HOST

Jordan Thomas is an active member of the Pre-Y.A.L.E. program and recipient of this year's Fundraiser of the Year Award. She did a fantastic job co-hosting with Dr. Harper!



OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Eshaunte' Williams is a Corporate Manager at Five Nine solutions. He uses his platforms to give back to his community through motivational speaking, mentorship programs, or physical service.



Top left: Banquet attendees; Top right: Silent auction winners pose with their items; Bottom left: Y.A.L.E. Scholarships and Awards; Bottom center: Wrapped silent auction items; Bottom Right: Y.A.L.E. personalized gifts and keynote speaker award.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS



Trinidy Brown

Pre-Y.A.L.E. Leader of Year Award



Vonshea Little

FLCRC Service Learning Scholarship Award



Landon Bean

Y.A.L.E. Leader of Year Scholarship Award



Charles Terrell, III

FLCRC Outstanding Senior of the Year Scholarship Award



Jordan Thomas

FLCRC Fundraiser of the Year Award



Aracely Padron

FLCRC Fundraiser of the Year Award

PARTY AFFILIATIONS *Teen Talk*



On **Thursday, October 22nd**, Y.A.L.E. students gathered for an FLCRC Teen Talk centered around the Democratic and Republican political parties. This topic was especially relevant with the upcoming presidential election.

Our featured panelists were **Cynthia Ginyard**, Chair of the Fort Bend County Democratic Party, **Richard Germer**, a volunteer for many years for the Republican Party with a Masters in Political Science, and **Kevin Patton**, State Farm Insurance Agency.

Each panelist shared information about their affiliated parties and their involvement with the parties. The students were highly engaged with many challenging questions for them, which will likely lead to future Teen Talks on this topic.

To watch the full talk, visit our news page at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/news](https://www.familylifecrc.org/news) and click "Teen Talks" under Topics.



In the upcoming election, why do you think anyone would choose Biden and why do you think anyone would choose Trump?

—Amy, Pre-Y.A.L.E. student

Why do people have to be a certain age to become president?

—Trinity, Pre-Y.A.L.E. student

Over the years, we have seen lots of forms of voter suppression. Why, to this day, is there still voter suppression even though we have advanced so much by means of technology and connectivity around the globe?

—Ryan, Y.A.L.E. student

Y.A.L.E. STUDENT LEADERS SHINE IN LOCAL ESSAY CONTEST

On **October 24th**, Ever Ready Lodge #506 of Rosenberg held a student essay contest. Contestants were required to present their essays with a speech. We are proud to announce that our very own Y.A.L.E. leader **Kenzi Patton** won the first prize of \$500 for the High School contest, and Pre-Y.A.L.E. leader **Trinity Brown** won the 2nd prize of \$250 for the Middle School contest. Way to go, Kenzi and Trinity!



STANDING AGAINST BULLYING—VIRTUALLY!

FLCRC held its **National Bullying Awareness Virtual Conference** on **Saturday, October 24th**. As part of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, this event informed and empowered participants to unite and mobilize against bullying. Staff, parents and students participated in ice breakers, prize giveaways and interactive sessions. The informative and engaging breakout sessions prompted rich discussion about bullying. Attendees showed their support by wearing orange and sporting orange Zoom backgrounds. Thank you to the participants and session leaders for making this a powerful event!



FLCRC SUPPORTS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVES



FLCRC participated in Fort Bend Transformation Church's No Child Left Behind Christmas Toy Drive on **Thursday, December 17th**. FLCRC also donated 120 toys to the Mt. Carmel Church of Richmond in support of their toy drive with the US Together Community Group.



2020 IN NUMBERS

Despite the challenges we faced in 2020, this year was still full of exciting opportunities for FLCRC to make an impact in the community!



232

Volunteer Hours Completed



10

Service Projects Completed by Y.A.L.E. Leaders



717

Service Learning Hours Y.A.L.E. Leaders Earned



2

Y.A.L.E. Leaders Graduated from High School



12

Y.A.L.E. Students Enrolled in College



110

Crime Victims Served



6

Scholarships and Awards Given



352

Families Served by FLCRC

\$319,787.32

Total Amount of Donations, Grants & Fundraisers in 2020



\$60,823.59

Total Amount Fundraised 2020 for our Capital Campaign

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

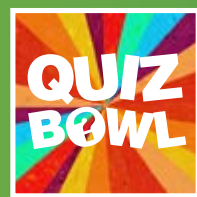


Pre-Y.A.L.E./Y.A.L.E. Orientation Meeting
Saturday, January 16, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Zoom Meeting



Make a Donation to the *Family First: New Triumphs* Capital Campaign in 2021!

We are on our way to reaching our \$400,000 campaign goal in 2021. Thank you to our generous donors who contributed in 2020! **Interested in becoming a campaign sponsor?** To discover all of the exciting benefits that come with our five sponsorship levels, or to donate to the campaign, visit FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign.



Pre-Y.A.L.E./Y.A.L.E. Black History Quiz Bowl
Saturday, February 27, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Virtual Zoom Event



FLCRC App: Help Us Reach 500 Downloads!

Have you downloaded the FLCRC App yet? We are aiming to reach 500 downloads by June 30, 2021. Download it today from the app store on your Apple or Android device—and don't forget to tell your family and friends!



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