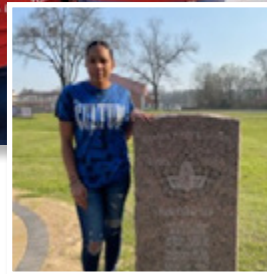
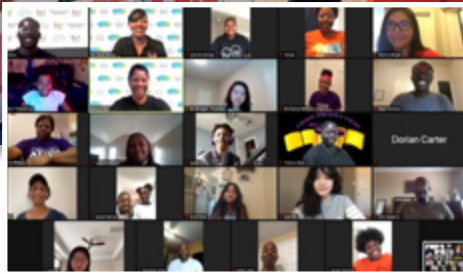




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A Message FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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

While we continue to make progress to reopen safely, FLCRC provided creative and innovative programming. The Youth Ambassador Leadership Education (Y.A.L.E.) leaders were very active this quarter. Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice (CSSJ) launched another year of commitment to crime survivors' healing and empowerment. We are thankful for the volunteers, FLCRC board members and our dynamic staff that have sustained us during this pandemic. Being flexible and responsive is key to successful engagement.

In January, FLCRC welcomed 20 Y.A.L.E. students to another unprecedented opportunity to "Lead the Way through Service Learning."

On February 20th our Y.A.L.E. leaders volunteered in the aftermath of the Texas Winter Storm and they were a BIG part of restoring our community. Giving back in the community is a great experience and skillset for youth leaders to have! Thank you Fort Bend County Judge KP George for taking time to encourage our Y.A.L.E. leaders for volunteering.

FLCRC hosted a virtual Black History Quiz Bowl Competition where Y.A.L.E. leaders showcased their knowledge of the African-American Arts, Education, Sports, Entertainment and History. NAACP Missouri-City and Vicinity Chapter President, Linda Coleman and Secretary, Edwina Clark shared their stories as Charter

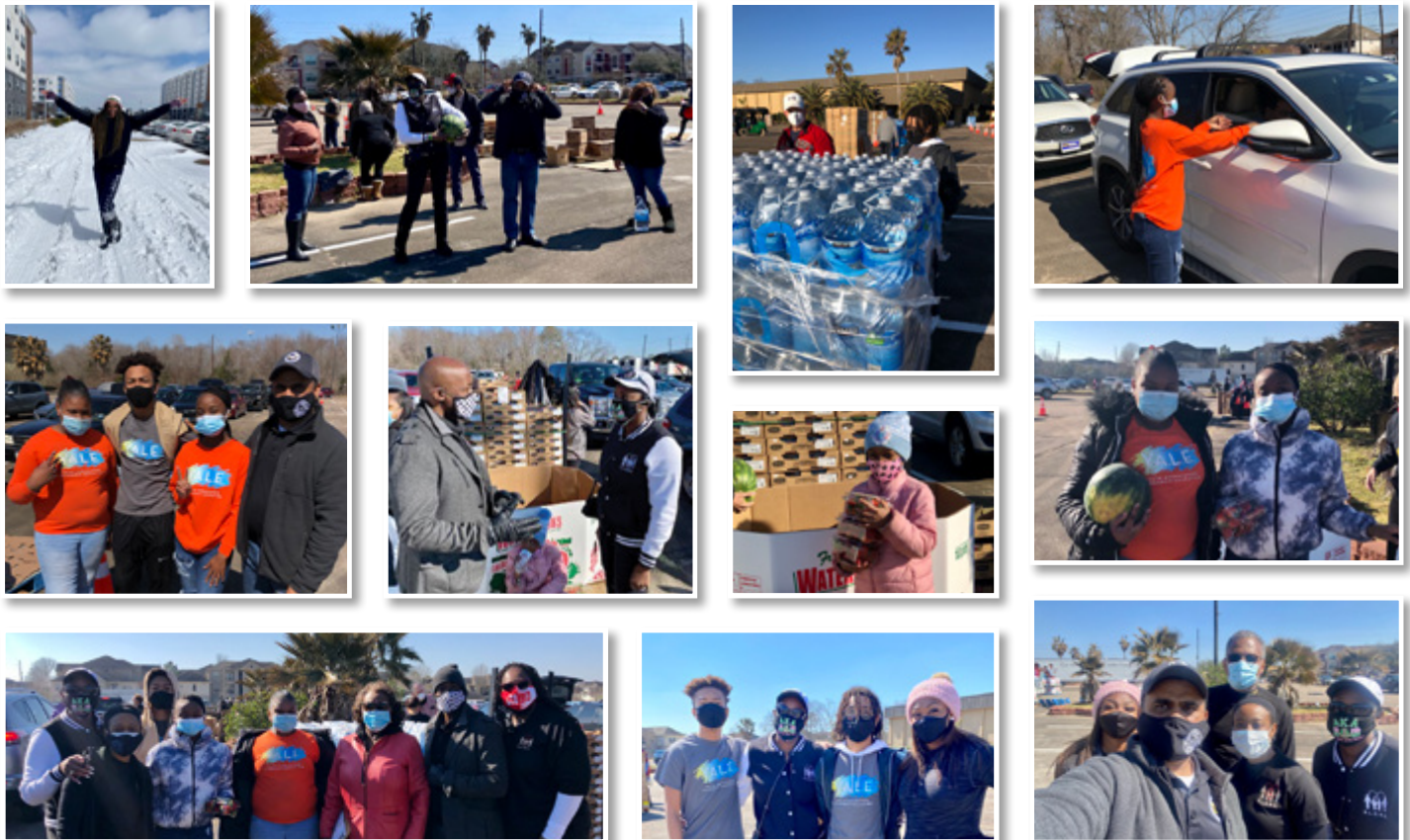
and Life members of the historic organization. Former Y.A.L.E. leader, Erica vaccinated 70 people for COVID 19 as a part of her Nursing School program at Texas A&M University.

New this year, FLCRC's Spring Break Challenge was a creative, fun and successful activity for Y.A.L.E. students to reduce the stress associated with COVID 19 restrictions. Students posted over 50 photos displaying components of the Y.A.L.E. program and it was a very close race for 1st place. We are gearing up for the 2021 Summer Enrichment Camp on June 22nd thru 26th and hope to have young scholars throughout Fort Bend County participate.

Y.A.L.E. LEADERS *Serve the Community*

After the wintery weather that devastated Texas in February, our Y.A.L.E. students stepped up and volunteered at a Fort Bend County Food and Water Distribution event on Saturday, February 20th.

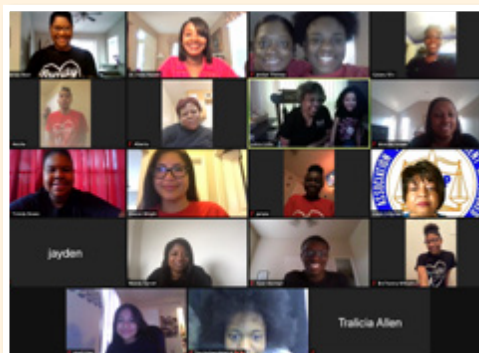
FLCRC is very proud of our student leaders being part of restoring the community during this difficult time. Service is one of the four key components of the Y.A.L.E. program, and the students certainly shined with their helpful and energetic spirit. Our special thanks to County Attorney Bridgette Smith-Lawson, FBISD Board Member Dr. Shirley Rose, Fort Bend County Judge KP George, and many other elected officials, parents and volunteers who took the time to encourage our youth leaders at this event.



Top Row (l. to r.): Former Y.A.L.E. leader Erica poses in the snow on February 15th, just days before the situation became devastating for Texas; Dr. Harper and FLCRC volunteers prepare food and water as cars begin to arrive; Y.A.L.E. leader Jahanna hands food items to a community member. Middle Row: Y.A.L.E. leaders Trinity, Jayden, and Jahanna receive encouragement in their volunteerism from Fort Bend County Judge KP George; NAACP Brazoria County President Eugene Howard talks with Dr. Harper; a young Y.A.L.E. volunteer carries strawberries to be distributed; Y.A.L.E. leaders Trinity and Jahanna delivering food to cars. Bottom Row: FLCRC volunteers pose for some group shots and pose again with Judge George.

Y.A.L.E. LEADERS COMPETE IN ANNUAL QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION

On **Saturday, February 27th**, Pre-Y.A.L.E. and Y.A.L.E. students competed in our annual FLCRC Black History Quiz Bowl Competition. The "Black" and "Red" teams did a fantastic job answering various trivia questions focused on key figures and events in Black History. Congratulations to the Red team on winning 1st place, and to the Black team for your fantastic effort!



Left: The Quiz Bowl Competition in action! Right: The 1st place team received a trophy, and 2nd place team received a medal. All contestants received a Certificate of Excellence.

SPRING BREAK CHALLENGE 2021

Y.A.L.E. students recently participated in a challenge during their 2021 Spring Break. Their task was to post photos in the FLCRC app highlighting one of the four components of the Y.A.L.E. program (Character, College & Career, Leadership, and Service). Congratulations to our student participants for their awesome photo contributions!

Congratulations to **Aiesha** on winning the Challenge! She visited and posted pics from nine HBCU campuses during Spring Break.



Clockwise from bottom left: Aiesha touring Wiley College and Huston-Tillotson University; Trinity and Trent visiting EPCOT; Kelin posing in front of a mural at St. Philip's College; Bre'Hanna posing with family members; Terri visiting Buffalo Soldiers National Museum; Landon getting in a Spring Break workout; PVAMU students downloading the FLCRC app thanks to Aiesha's outreach!

FLCRC MEMBERS KICK-OFF THE YEAR WITH CSSJ



Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice (CSSJ) Richmond, TX Chapter kicked off 2021 with a "New Beginnings" meeting in January, followed by February and March meetings. Several members of FLCRC participated. CSSJ is a national network of crime survivors

joining together to create healing communities and shape public safety policy. Interested in joining? Visit cssj.org and select "Chapters" from the menu to join the Richmond Chapter!

LOCAL YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED

On March 30th, FLCRC staff and volunteers attended the **E² Expose Excellence Youth Outreach Program Launch**, hosted by Fort Bend County District Attorney Brian Middleton. This new program seeks to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system, and is open to all youth, not just those deemed at-risk. Mr. Middleton visualized the program years before becoming DA—and now it's a reality! Learn more at Facebook.com/fbcexposeexcellence.



In observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, CSSJ is hosting the **National Survivors Speak Conference** on **Saturday, April 24th at 12:00 p.m.** The CSSJ Richmond Chapter invites you to join us as we share survivor stories and honor crime survivors and their loved ones impacted by violence. There will be live performances, special guest presentations, and resources for healing and wellness spaces. Register at survivorsspeak.regfox.com/ss2021



STAFF Updates

FLCRC SAYS GOODBYE TO A VALUED TEAM MEMBER

FLCRC said farewell to our fantastic administrative assistant, **Keyshá Williams**, in January. Keyshá joined FLCRC in 2018, and played a key role in keeping our organization running smoothly, as well as helping to oversee the day-to-day operations of our Y.A.L.E. program. We will miss her exceedingly!

FLCRC WELCOMES FOUR TALENTED INDIVIDUALS

We are excited to welcome several new team members who have joined our staff this year:

LaTarsha Brown in the role of Program Assistant; **Tralicia Allen** in the role of Social Media Specialist; **Dorian Carter** in the role of Licensed Practicing Counselor; and **Janice Little, DM**, who is returning as Licensed Master Social Worker. We look forward to all of the expertise that each one of these individuals will bring to FLCRC!



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Best of luck, Keyshá!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Real Life Heroes: Summer Enrichment Camp 2021

June 21–25, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Calling all students! Join us this summer for a week of fun and engaging activities. We will meet in-person while practicing CDC guidelines for social distancing. To view the session topics, activities and to register, visit FamilyLifeCRC.org/camp.



Social Justice Teen Talk

June 3, 2021 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Watch on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/FLCRCRichmond.



Learn Mandarin

March 28 – June 20, 2021
Every other Sunday | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

To register for this FREE online beginner course, visit FamilyLifeCRC.org/mandarin.



Virtual Back-2-School Parent Chat

ZOOM SESSIONS:
July 26-29, 2021 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

CURBSIDE PICKUP:
August 5, 2021 | Rosenberg Civic Center

Jump-start your school year with us! Participants will be given a ticket with a scheduled pickup time for their FREE backpack(s) with school supplies. Learn more and register at FamilyLifeCRC.org/chat.



FLCRC June Giving Challenge

FLCRC is excited to announce its goal of reaching **\$116,000 raised by June 30th** for the *Family First: New Triumphs* Capital Campaign. For this limited time and while supplies last, donors who give an amount of **\$20, \$50, \$100 or \$250+** will receive a gift!

To learn more and donate, visit FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign. Your gift today will impact families in our community tomorrow!

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