



# INSIGHTS



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## *A Message* FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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

The Youth Ambassador Leadership Education (Y.A.L.E.) students are SUPER charged and have kicked-off a wonderful year! In January, we welcomed **25 Y.A.L.E. leaders** to the seventh year of the program. FLCRC's amazing team hosted three educational Y.A.L.E. meetings with record-breaking attendance this quarter. In February, Y.A.L.E. leaders launched a fundraiser campaign for their **trip to the Dominican Republic** this summer. FLCRC hosted a Hat and Tea Soirée on April 22nd in support of the trip. You can support the trip as well—visit our website, download the FLCRC App, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube to learn more about how.

FLCRC is still celebrating the milestone move into our new facility! We hosted meetings and events for several organizations this quarter. Our beautiful facility is a great resource for this community, and we are delighted to share the space. In March, we welcomed the **Vera Institute of Justice** to Fort Bend County where they utilized our building to launch their Reshaping Prosecution Initiative with the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office.

Furthermore, we partnered with **Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice (CSSJ)** for Survivors Speak Day at the State Capitol. Nearly 200 crime survivors attended the event

in support of love ones impacted by crime. Survivors shared their stories, spoke with legislators and held a healing vigil in honor of loved ones.

FLCRC has added **new team members!** Please help us welcome Dr. Sunday Johnson, Eric Harper, Sara Martinez and our new Student Interns: Trinity, Raya, Kenzi and Jeremy. We are delighted to have this highly skilled group of individuals helping us to achieve our mission, "Building Better Communities by Building Stronger Families."

# Y.A.L.E. *on the Move*

## OUR Y.A.L.E. LEADERS ARE STEPPING UP IN 2023!

Our Y.A.L.E. student ambassadors kicked off 2023 with an awesome orientation in **January**, and fun and interactive meetings in **February** and **March**. The March meeting included a Spring Break "Prime Tide" Challenge, for which students needed to take photos at locations close to water during their break. The Y.A.L.E. program empowers students in 5th grade through college to meet, plan and execute activities and events with a focus on character building, leadership, service learning, and college and career preparation. Learn more at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/yale).



# OUR NEW FACILITY *in Action*

Since our grand opening in 2022, our new facility has been put to good use and is allowing us to have a greater impact in Richmond. This beautiful space features cutting-edge technology and a large hall that has already accommodated many important community events this year.

## Reaching Richmond Meeting (February 16)



## CSSJ Richmond Chapter Training (March 4)



## Vera Institute Community Meeting (March 29)



## A.K.A. Sorority Line Dance (February 17)



## SURVIVORS SPEAK DAY 2023

FLCRC members joined nearly 200 other crime survivors at the State Capitol on **March 30th** to honor lost loved ones, share survivor stories, and advocate for justice. This empowering event takes place annually in several locations throughout the United States.



# STAFF Updates

FLCRC has been fortunate to welcome three new staff members over the past year. We also filled four new intern positions for 2023. These interns will assist with event photography, social media communications and technical support. A warm welcome to all of these talented individuals!

## STAFF MEMBERS:



**Eric Harper**  
Program Assistant



**Dr. Sunday Johnson**  
Educational Specialist



**Sara Martinez**  
Educational Support Specialist

## INTERNS:



**Trinidy Brown**  
Photographer Intern



**Raya Johnson**  
Photographer Intern



**Kenzi Patton**  
Social Media Intern



**Jeremy Zhu**  
Computer Lab Technician Intern

## FLCRC LEADERS Honored with Awards

Two of our leaders were recently honored with awards honoring their contributions to the community:

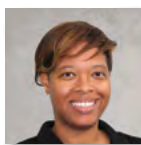
Executive Director **Dr. Ilene Harper** received the A.K.A. Sorority Envisioned Excellence for LeadHERship Award on April 1st.



President **Dr. Sharon Delesbore** received the NSTA Shell Urban Science Educators Development Award and was recognized by FBISD Board of Trustees on April 18th.



## FLCRC STAFF MEMBER is published!



Our very own Education Specialist **Kenae Chatham** has published her personal memoir, *Broken Wings of a Butterfly*. At the pinnacle of her career and only three months postpartum, her world came crashing down when she was involved in a horrific car accident. This amazing story of healing and faith in the midst of adversity is available for purchase now on Amazon.com!

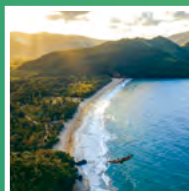


# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



## FLCRC College & Career Seminar Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us for this interactive seminar featuring Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy! We will equip you with a seven-step process that includes planning for college admission, choosing a career path and preparing for life after high school. Register at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/collegeandcareer](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/collegeandcareer).



## Support Y.A.L.E.'s Trip to the DR!

Our Y.A.L.E. students will have the amazing opportunity to travel abroad to the Dominican Republic from July 5-12, 2023. The goal for this international trip is for them to have real life experiences with the four components of Y.A.L.E (character building, leadership, service learning, and college and career prep). Help us take them on this adventure! Learn more and donate by visiting [FamilyLifeCRC.org/dr-trip](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/dr-trip).



## FLCRC Summer Enrichment Camp June 19-23, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Students grades 2nd through college level: join us for five days of fun and learning! Sessions will cover topics including STEM, leadership, fitness & sports, college & career, technology, and much more! Register today at [FLCRCSummerCamp.eventbrite.com](https://FLCRCSummerCamp.eventbrite.com).



## SAVE THE DATE: FLCRC Back-2-School Parent Chat

August 7-10, 2023 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Prepare for the school year with this high-energy, interactive community event for parents and students! We will equip you with educational info and resources available in Fort Bend County. Attendees receive a FREE backpack. Learn more at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/chat](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/chat).

## FLCRC BOARD MEMBERS:

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