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A Message FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

FLCRC's new building was the perfect location to host our Annual Summer Enrichment Camp. Twenty-eight students were excited to engage in physical fitness activities, STEM interactive lessons, painting patterns, college and career seminars, and financial literacy expos. The Children's Museum and Texas State Technical College visits were also a hit.

With the help of our dedicated donors, volunteers, students, parents and staff, we raised over \$8,000 to support our Youth Ambassador Leadership Education (Y.A.L.E.) students' travel to the Dominican Republic. FLCRC hosted a Hat and Tea Soirée on Saturday, April 22nd. Over 100 attendees enjoyed an elegant afternoon that included a hat and

fascinator contest, delicious refreshments and an inspiring message, "Women on the Horizon," by educator Shilonda Shamlin. The first-time event was a BIG success! We raised \$1,500 to support our Y.A.L.E. students' international trip.

Over the last three months, Board members shared FLCRC's Five-year Strategic Plan (2020-2024) and the success of achieving the Capital Campaign Economic Development goal of \$250,000 this fiscal year. Furthermore, we hosted a College and Career Seminar on May 6th, where Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter McCoy shared his career journey and experiences with our students. Likewise, a panel of dynamic college students led a Q&A session for the students and parents in attendance.

We are committed to *Building Better Communities by Building Stronger Families*. In July, we launched FLCRC's community engagement survey to learn how we could better serve families.

We value your feedback and encourage you to complete the survey at the link below. To learn more about FLCRC or to support our nonprofit organization, download the FLCRC App or visit FamilyLifeCRC.org.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Please take our community survey and help us serve YOU better!

<https://forms.gle/5jsYYTnLhowKkh2b6>



FLCRC HOSTS **FIRST ANNUAL**

Hat and Tea SOIRÉE

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COLLEGE AND CAREER SEMINAR:

HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

FLCRC hosted a free College and Career Seminar on Saturday, May 6th. Dr. Ilene Harper led this interactive seminar, equipping students with a seven-step process to plan for college admission, prepare for life after high school and choose a career path. Attendees gained valuable insight from our guest speaker, Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy, and had a "real talk" Q&A discussion with a panel of four current college students.





YOUTH ON THE HORIZON

STUDENTS HAVE A BLAST AT FLCRC SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP

FLCRC hosted our annual Summer Enrichment Camp, "Youth on the Horizon," on June 19-23. Twenty-eight students enjoyed a week of fun and learning that included sessions on arts, mindfulness, Spanish culture, college and career preparation, financial literacy and more. Activities also included daily exercises, outdoor sports and games, and trips to the Ford Bend County Children's Museum and Texas State Technical College. Special thanks to the Workforce Solutions, Brazos Valley Bank, our students, volunteers, and staff for making this an awesome time for all!



FUNDRAISING *with Soap 'n' Suds*

Y.A.L.E. LEADERS HOLD **COMMUNITY CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

Y.A.L.E. student leaders held a car wash on Saturday, June 17th to raise funds for their trip to the Dominican Republic, while also putting in service learning hours. The students conducted several fundraisers throughout the spring and early summer, contributing to a total of \$8,000 raised for the trip!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Scholarship Application Period Opens August 1st!

In December, FLCRC presents scholarships and awards to outstanding students. Recipients must demonstrate academic potential, leadership, and a commitment to community service. To learn more and apply, visit [FamilyLifeCRC.org/scholarships-and-awards](https://www.familylifecrc.org/scholarships-and-awards).



Back-to-School Parent Chat: Kick-Start Your School Year!

August 7-9, 2023 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Prepare for the school year with this high-energy, interactive event for parents and students! We will equip you with educational info and resources. Attendees receive a FREE backpack. Learn more and register by August 4th at [ParentChat2023.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/ParentChat2023).



Y.A.L.E. House of Horrors

October 21, 2023 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a “killer” time as our Y.A.L.E. student leaders thrill you with jumps, scares and screams! Be sure to save the date for this fright-filled fundraiser benefitting the Y.A.L.E. program!



FLCRC National Bullying Awareness Community Conference

Saturday, October 28, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Each Fall, FLCRC hosts this community conference focused on awareness and prevention of bullying. Participants engage in meaningful discussion and are empowered to unite and mobilize in support of this important issue. Learn more at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/StandAgainstBullying](https://www.familylifecrc.org/StandAgainstBullying).

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