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Board recognizes local leaders

Port St. Lucie – The Devereux Community Based Care Board of Directors recognized several local business leaders last month during a special reception honoring those whose contributions have positively impacted the local foster care system.

Those recognized include Guardians for New Futures, the Kathryn A. Basile Foster a Dream Foundation, the Albert Wilson Foundation, Florida Community Bank and Minton Law, P.A.

“Together, these five groups contributed more than \$76,000 in time, resources and donated goods,” said Christina Kaiser, community relations director for Devereux CBC, the non-profit organization that oversees child-welfare services in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

Contributions range from coordinating large-scale Christmas drives and specialty camps for local children to funding projects that help youth in foster care transition into independence, Kaiser said.



“This is more than simple donation,” she said. “What these five offer is partnership – something sustainable and that has had a significant impact on our system of care.”

The Kathryn A Basile Foster a Dream Foundation, for example, established a grant program to ensure that young people in foster care have the opportunity to visit college campuses, purchase laptops and order senior pictures, graduation gowns and other school-related items.

And Florida Community Bank not only contributes financially, but also helps raise awareness for the issues of child abuse by coordinating drives and campaigns that educate its staff and customers.

“Ashley Minton has ensured that every single teenager in St. Lucie County gets what they want for Christmas for the past three years, and the Albert Wilson Foundation hosts an NFL skills camp every summer and reserves spots for kids in foster care,” Kaiser said.

And if a child in foster care registers after the camp has filled up?

“They just add resources and make room,” Kaiser said. “These folks are in it for the long haul, and their contributions are changing the lives of children.”





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