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### Foster care youth to speak at breakfasts

**Port Saint Lucie** – An office chair is no place to sleep.

It's cold. It's uncomfortable.

And, most importantly, it's not home.

"People need to know what it's like to be a kid in the system so they can help change the things that are wrong," said Miracle Thomas, 20, who said she remembers falling asleep in an office chair while waiting for a foster home to become available.

Thomas, Devereux CBC's Youth Specialist in the Road to Success program, is a featured speaker at the nonprofit organization's State of the Circuit Address and Community Breakfast Series. Registration for the event, a series of four complimentary breakfasts, is now open and available on our Sanctuary page - just click on the banner at the top of this page.



Devereux Community Based Care CEO Carol Deloach will highlight recent successes and challenges in the local child-welfare system as well as plans for the coming months.

Those plans include a yearlong community relations campaign to raise awareness and support for Sanctuary4Kids, a planned six-bed "safe place" where children awaiting placement into foster care can sleep, get a hot meal or do homework.

Sanctuary4Kids is a community initiative driven by Guardians for New Futures, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to meet the unfunded needs of children in foster care.

"The community needs to understand how big a role something like Sanctuary can have in a child's life," Thomas said. "Being removed from your home – that's a scary time for children; you're already being taken out of your comfort zone, and then you have to sit in someone's office with nothing to do except think about what's happening to you.

"A place like Sanctuary could ease a child into the process so it's not so scary."

The first breakfast is scheduled for 9 a.m. April 27 at Nutmeg's in Okeechobee. Subsequent breakfasts are scheduled for 9 a.m. April 29 at the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, 9 a.m. May 6 at the Women's Club of Stuart and 9 a.m. May 12 at the Indian River County Sheriff's Office.

For more information about Sanctuary4Kids, visit [www.sanctuary4kidstc.org](http://www.sanctuary4kidstc.org) or click on the banner at the top of this page.

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