



Legislative Visit

Phyllis Kalifeh, President and CEO, **Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, and **Claudia Davant**, a Forum board member, met with Rep. Byron Donalds to discuss the importance of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program and Help Me Grow® Florida.



Mini Professional Development Day

On November 14, the Forum's Tallahassee, Palm Beach, and Miami offices participated in a Mini Professional Development Day! Employees wore their Forum t-shirts and engaged in training (*Workplace Feedback: Make it Count!* for Tallahassee staff and *Can't We All Just Get Along? Yes, but it Will Take Some Work!* for Miami and Palm Beach staff).

In addition to training, employees viewed videos about Forum programs and services. Employees did an awesome job of creating the presentations and we learned how each of us contributes to fulfill the Forum's mission!

At the conclusion of the day, the Tallahassee team viewed the movie *Hidden Figures*, while the Palm Beach and Miami teams participated in a chair yoga activity. Special thanks to **Lisa Roberts**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, and **Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation, and Training Officer, for facilitating the trainings; **Paul Robinson**, IT Developer and Video Production Specialist, for editing the bulk of the program videos; and **Kerri Cloud**, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and the **Professional Development Conference Committee**, for planning the day's activities.





Awards and Achievements



Allyson Adolphson, HMG Contract Manager, spent Thanksgiving in Salima, Malawi with Habitat for Humanity building houses for children who are orphaned and their caretakers. This was Allyson's second international build and first trip to the continent of Africa!



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Randall** and **Alexandra Goldberg** on their recent promotions! Elizabeth will serve as the Help Me Grow Data and Research Manager and Alexandra is the new Help Me Grow Program and Training Manager.



Save the date!
January 8th, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Main Conference Room

Tricia Lindlau, T.E.A.C.H. Administrative Coordinator, is retiring after more than 18 years of employment at the Forum. She deserves a special send-off for her service and the generosity she has shown the Forum and her colleagues! Come help us celebrate the unforgettable Tricia as we wish her well in her retirement.



Chloe Calderon, daughter of **Ann Marie Calderon**, Early Childhood Specialist, is the recipient of the 2017 Coalition Champion Youth in Action Award through the Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition (PBCSAC)! She currently serves as the Vice President of the Teen Coalition in Action which operates under PBCSAC. Chole has been volunteering with them for three years and is passionate about keeping teens drug and alcohol free. Ann Marie is so proud of her daughter and the countless hours she devotes to this wonderful organization. Congratulations, Chloe!





Forum Holiday Party



The Forum's Tallahassee staff enjoyed a holiday-themed party at the Retreat at Bradley's Pond. They ate delicious food, played holiday Bingo, and engaged in fellowship and fun!





Forum Happenings



Shout Outs!

"Thanks to **Laura Richardson**, T.E.A.C.H. Data Management Specialist, and **Denise Bishop**, Vice President and Chief Outreach, Innovation and Training Officer, for lending their expertise to the Quality Counts report."

-**Melissa Clements**, Vice President and Chief Research Officer

Happy Birthday



November

- Bill Kirchhoff**, IT Nov 01
- Sonia Corbo D'Amico**, QCCC..... Nov 14
- Melissa Clements**, Admin..... Nov 22
- Nayree Navarro**, QCCC..... Nov 25
- Paul Robinson**, IT..... Nov 26
- Angel Kreucher**, Outreach & Innovation..... Nov 30

December

- Denise Bishop**, Outreach & Innovation Dec 04
- Laura Richardson**, Outreach & Innovation... Dec 06
- Felicia Bonner**, Quality Initiatives..... Dec 10
- Ingrid Jimenez-Reyes**, Registry..... Dec 16
- Kim McDonald**, PAC..... Dec 22

Happy Anniversary

November

- Kathy Moffett**, Registry 16 years
- Vivi Avila**, Quality Initiatives..... 10 years
- Sonia Corbo D'Amico**, QCCC..... 10 years
- Erika Pope**, Registry 3 years

December

- Beverly Esposito**, Admin 16 years
- Kelly Fountain**, IT 14 years
- Heather Wilson**, T.E.A.C.H..... 9 years
- Denise Leckey**, PAC..... 8 years
- Jinan As-Siddiq**, Outreach & Innovation..... 5 years
- Kim McDonald**, PAC..... 4 years
- Caitlin Eliason**, Fiscal..... 4 years
- Melissa Castro**, T.E.A.C.H 4 years
- Angeline Kreucher**, Outreach & Innovation.. 3 years
- Cristian Oliva**, WAGES. 1 year
- Elizabeth Randall**, HMG..... 1 year



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!