

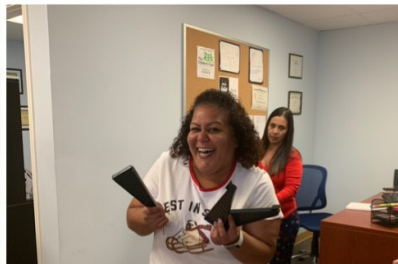


## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Employees from the Tallahassee and Miami offices had a delightful time at the Forum's holiday-themed celebrations. The Tallahassee office celebrated at the Retreat at Bradley's Pond while the Miami festivities were at Matheson Hammocks Park. The weather was perfect at both venues and employees enjoyed delicious food, fun games, and fabulous fellowship. We hope all employees enjoyed their time off during the holidays!





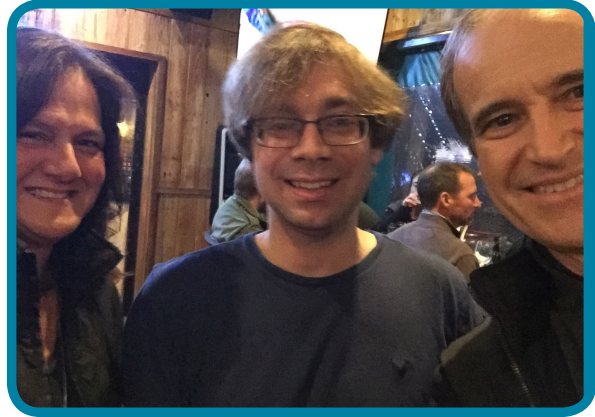




# Events and Adventures!



**Courtney Hutcheson**, Registry Coach, and Jarrod Lee are engaged! They are busy planning their wedding on March 1, 2019 at Pebble Hill Plantation in Thomasville, Georgia. Congratulations, Courtney!



**Bill Kirchhoff**, Vice President and Chief Information Technology Officer, and his wife Laura met Dr. Christian Hubicki, a cast member on Season 37 of the reality television show *Survivor* during a watch party at Miller's AleHouse. Dr. Hubicki is an Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Florida A&M-Florida State College of Engineering. Although he was "eliminated" from the show, Dr. Hubicki was a fan favorite.

## ★ WAY TO GO! ★



**Nayree Navarro**, ELCC Professional Development Specialist, went on a cruise to celebrate her niece's graduation from Florida International University (FIU) with a BS in Hospitality Management. They had a phenomenal time and swam with sting rays in Grand Cayman, went cave tubing in Belize, visited the Mayan Ruins in Cozumel, and hung out with monkeys in Roatan. Nayree was very excited to take a selfie with a monkey!



Dylan Amari Henry, nephew of **Tamara Price**, HMG Statewide Director, won second place at the 2019 4H/Tropicana Speech Contest for Leon County. He discussed brain trauma in young athletes caused by injuries sustained from playing football. Dylan attends Apalachee Tapestry Magnet School of the Arts and may even be a speaker at this year's Children's Week Awards Dinner.

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**Get well soon!**

**Kerri Cloud**, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, had an unforgettable family Christmas vacation in Blue Ridge, GA. She slipped and fell in a freak accident and badly broke both bones in her ankle. She ended up having surgery in Chattanooga, Tennessee. After 24 pins and screws as well as two plates, Kerri cannot put any weight on her leg for 10-12 weeks. She is already five weeks in and is glad to be back at work!



**Ana Gamez**, T.E.A.C.H. Administrative Specialist, is proud to announce the birth of her son, Noah, who arrived at 1:53 a.m. on January 11. He weighed in at 8 lbs 1 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Ana can't believe how lucky she is to wake up to Noah's sweet face. Best wishes, Ana!

Join us for a special viewing and discussion of:

A LITTLE KINDNESS MAKES  
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

**WON'T YOU BE MY  
NEIGHBOR?**

Friday, February 1  
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
in the Conference room

Call or email **Tamela** to RSVP

Sandwiches will be provided for lunch. Nachos and drinks will be available for purchase from the GIVE Committee.

## Welcome ★ Newbies!



**Teresa Valentin**  
WAGE\$ Counselor



**Brittany Johnson**  
Help Me Grow Intern



**Cha'Coya Williams**  
Help Me Grow Intern



**Grace Moore**  
T.E.A.C.H. File Clerk



# Forum Happenings!



## Shout Outs!



"I would like to give a big shout out to **Camisha Hodge**, T.E.A.C.H. Assistant, for helping me weigh and label the Help Me Grow boxes. I couldn't have done it without her."

-Mary Terry, T.E.A.C.H. Assistant



Get Involved - Volunteer Everyone

"We would like to thank Forum employees for their generous contributions to the Elder Care Services' Elder Elf program. Their donations helped brighten the holidays for more than 175 seniors!"

-Forum's GIVE Committee



"We want to send a big shout out and a huge thank you to Mrs. Lourdes Marrero, mom of **Dasiely Cruz**, ELCC director, for the beautiful Christmas presents! We love it when she comes over and shares her thoughts and best wishes."

-The Early Learning Career Center Staff

## Happy Birthday



### January

- Ashley Casey**, T.E.A.C.H ..... Jan 02
- Aymara Aguiar**, ELCC ..... Jan 10
- Lisa Roberts**, Outreach & Innovation..... Jan 10
- Lisa Adams**, T.E.A.C.H..... Jan 30
- Allyson Adolphson**, HMG ..... Jan 31

## Happy Anniversary



### January

- Ana Naranjo-Gonzalez**, ELCC.....6 years
- Nikita Allen**, WAGE\$ .....6 years
- Kimyarra Gardner**, Registry .....5 years

## In Remembrance...



Evelyn (Bunny) Hare Van Brunt, grandmother of **Jessica Long**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, and **Chelsea Lister**, Senior T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist, passed away peacefully before the holidays. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. In addition, Bunny was a vanguard for women in the leadership of our country. She began her career as a receptionist for Governor LeRoy Collins and went on to become the Director of Legislative Information for Florida. Some of Bunny's significant achievements included the development of voting systems within the chambers of the Florida Legislature and the introduction of legislative information processing into the computer age. Her role in history will be valued for generations to come.