

Forum Focus

WHERE THE FOCUS IS ON YOU!



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RED NOSE DAY

Forum employees had fun participating in **Red Nose Day** May 25! This annual event not only aims to raise funds to end child poverty, but also supports projects that ensure kids are safe, healthy, educated, and empowered in both the U.S. and abroad!





Travels and Adventures



Engagement



Lori Stegmeyer, Director of Workforce Initiatives, recently traveled to Denver for the surprise engagement of her daughter, Taylor! Most of Lori's family was able to travel in secret to surprise Taylor after her now fiancé proposed. After the shock wore off, they spent a week in Breckenridge. Highlights of their vacation included snow falling, hiking, eating, laughing, and seeing a large pack of friendly chipmunks as well as a fox that the kids named Duke!



Jenna Jacobsen-Brown, Communications Director, had fun visiting Disney's Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, and Animal Kingdom with her family. They enjoyed everything about these parks including seeing exotic animals, screaming on roller coasters, going on fun rides, witnessing theatrical performances, meeting princesses, visiting countries at Epcot, looking at themed topiaries and flowers, and so much more. Jenna wonders if she or her children had more fun at the Happiest Place on Earth!



Rock & Roll
Emily Fulkerson, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, went to SunFest 2017 with her friend in West Palm Beach and saw Blink182. Caspy Duck, who tagged along with Emily, rocked out at the concert as well!



Erika Pope, Registry Coach, and her husband Ross traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the CIA's memorial service for Ross's eldest brother, Bucky, who was a Navy Seal killed in action in 2002 while on assignment in the Middle East. The CIA honored Bucky with a star on their memorial wall for his heroic actions during the mission. Ross and Erika were able to tour parts of the CIA headquarters, hear their director speak and be witness to the tribute of four other men who gave their lives for the pursuit of truth and safety for our nation. All fallen CIA agents do not get a star on the memorial wall; only those who demonstrate particular valor. It was a bittersweet event for Ross and his entire family.

Forum Happenings



Lisa Roberts, Outreach Coordinator, **Angela Nathan**, WAGE\$ Counselor, **Jinan-As Siddiq**, CEU Coordinator, and **Tricia Lindlau**, T.E.A.C.H. Administrative Coordinator, all participated in the Read United event in Tallahassee in early May. Each guest reader visited a local first grade classroom and read a children's book to the students. Collectively, they read to 72 children! Read United was a GIVE program opportunity for Tallahassee based staff.



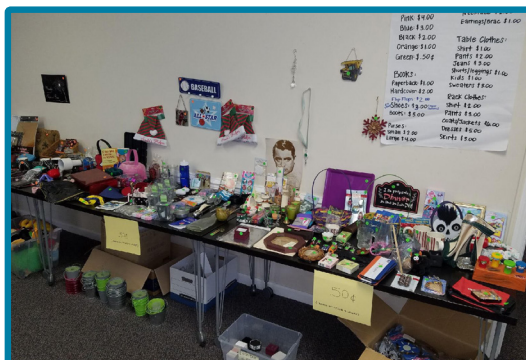
In our continuing fundraising efforts for the Children's Forum CARES **Denise Bishop**, VP of Outreach and Innovation, **Alex Goldberg**, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist, **Lisa Roberts**, Outreach Coordinator, **Lili Murphy**, HMG Program Support and Training Manager, and **Jinan As-Siddiq**, CEU

Coordinator, participated in a Zumbathon Charity Event May 20 at YouFit Gym, hosted by the Forum CARES Committee! Numerous licensed instructors, including our own Jinan, taught classic Zumba moves to participants! The \$5 Zumbathon entry fee benefitted Forum CARES which helps child care programs in Florida impacted by disaster. Attendees had a blast burning calories and were entered into chance drawings to win various prizes!



The Forum's **GIVE committee** hosted the annual employee garage sale May 24 and 25. Overall, the Forum raised over **\$450** in sales for the Holiday Happiness fund!

Thanks to everyone who donated and shopped!



Fabulous finds!



A satisfied customer



Taking home treasures



Forum Happenings



Get Involved-Volunteer Everyone

The **GIVE program** would like to give a shout out to the following employees who volunteered at the Forum's annual garage sale:



Shout Outs!

- Lili Murphy**, HMG Program Support and Training Manager
- Ingrid Reyes**, Registry Coach
- Jinan As-Siddiq**, CEU Coordinator
- Dawn Lynn**, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist
- Laura Simonds**, Registry Coordinator
- Chelsea Lister**, Senior T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist
- Tamela Nelloms**, Human Resources/Executive Assistant
- Courtney Hutcheson**, Registry Coach
- Erika Pope**, Registry Coach

- Lisa Roberts**, Outreach Coordinator
- Alex Goldberg**, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist
- Lori Stegmeyer**, Workforce Initiatives Director
- Erika Williams**, Senior WAGE\$ Counselor
- Melissa Castro**, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist
- Saralyn Grass**, HMG Statewide Director
- Bill Kirchhoff**, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer

Thank you for sharing your time and talents for this great cause!

Happy Birthday

May

- Dawn Lynn**, T.E.A.C.H.....May 05
- Kimesha House**, Quality Initiatives.....May 08
- Marjorie Rizzo**, QCCC.....May 10
- Kate Nielsen-Nunez**, Fiscal.....May 11
- Veronica Madriz**, QCCC.....May 12
- Caitlin Eliason**, Fiscal.....May 17
- Nikita Allen**, WAGE\$.....May 31

Happy Anniversary

May

- Erika Williams**, WAGE\$.....10 years
- Lisa Roberts**, Outreach & Innovation.....1 year
- Brittany Joshnson**, T.E.A.C.H.....1 year
- Ashley Casey**, T.E.A.C.H.....1 year



Lunch & Learn

Stay tuned for more information on the June 21 Lunch & Learn

Featuring Phyllis Kalifeh!

SAVE THE DATE!



Use Your Noodle: Make a Difference
Forum Professional Development Conference

September 20-22
San Pedro Center in Winter Park
Stay Tuned for Details!