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to Yours...**

#HND5K Annual Fundraising Event



The House Next Door's annual (virtual) 5K fundraiser is happening right now! Registration is open through April 30, 2021. Our 2021 #HND5K may be virtual, but the dollars raised from our annual event will still have a very real impact in our community!

There are lots of ways to show your support this year! You can make a donation of any amount, get a team together to participate, or purchase t-shirts or stickers on our RunSignUp race page.

Register, donate, or show your support with a purchase at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Deland/HND5K>

For more information, please contact Gail Fleming by email at gfleming@thehnd.com or call (386) 734-6691 x1101

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Thank you First Pres DeLand for the use of your parking lot on May 1st for our #HND5K drive-thru pick-up event!

Participants & Supporters!

Don't forget to swing by First Pres DeLand located at 724 N Woodland Blvd on Saturday, May 1st to pick up your items!

We'll be in the parking lot behind the church from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Please bring your registration email with barcode.

Please enter from W Pennsylvania and exit onto N Florida Avenue after you pick up your items. See you there!





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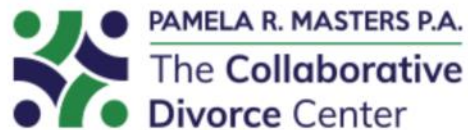
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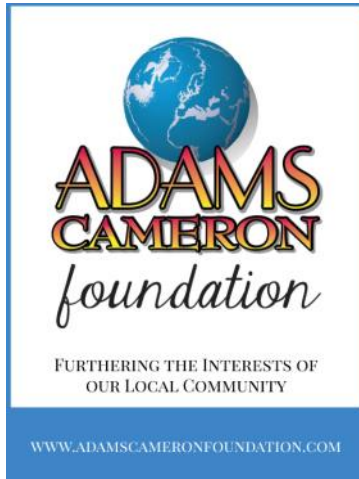
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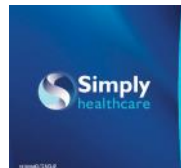
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Welcome to our new Chief Financial Officer, Kevin Reid!

Kevin Reid is excited and honored to join The House Next Door as the new CFO. He started April 2021.

Kevin has always enjoyed the outdoors and serving others. Cultivating those two loves from an early age; first as an Eagle Scout growing up in south Florida and more recently as a member of Rotary Club, serving as President July 2018 to June 2019. He also currently serves on the PAL Board of Directors and is an elected official on the DeLand City Commission.

Kevin relocated to DeLand to attend college. He fell in love with its small-town charm and could not imagine a better place than DeLand to raise a family. Kevin is a University of Central Florida graduate with a background in finance and accounting.



Kevin is married to Jennifer Rigsby Reid, a teacher at Blue Lake Elementary. They have been married since 2005 and have four sons; KJ (14), David (9), Liam (7) and Mason (3). "I strive to be a role model for my sons and I am blessed to have the opportunity to do that in a wonderful community."

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to all of our Employees of the Month!



**January 2021
Employee of the Month
Susan Mixan, Family Partner**

Susan has made a huge impact on every family she has worked with since joining The HND. She consistently goes above and beyond, making herself available, to support families on her case load, particularly during the holiday season where an increased number of families found themselves being impacted by COVID and job loss. In addition to that, she consistently exceeds standards of productivity and prioritizes timely documentation. We have received feedback from CPIs regarding her support of the families they refer, increasing their confidence in our program and services. Please join us in congratulating our January Employee of the Month Susan Mixan.

**February 2021
Employee of the Month
Reva Desmore, School Based Counselor**

Our February Employee of the Month has been a strong team player in her effort to help build and strengthen the School Based Department this year. Reva has made herself available to support all staff when asked. Despite some challenges at the beginning of the year with building case load, by late fall she began excelling and surpassing weekly productivity expectations. With a supportive and nurturing attitude, her teammates report they are honored to have her on their team. Please join us in congratulating our February Employee of the Month, Reva Desmore.



**March 2021
Employee of the Month
Stefanie Yockey, Daytona Clinical Supervisor**

Our Employee of the Month for the month of March has demonstrated excellent leadership during the challenges of the past year. She has been able to motivate her staff during difficult times while keeping moral up at her site. She has been able to maintain her own caseload and documentation while still taking on extra tasks. Stefanie is a great colleague and is always willing to go out of her way to support others. She maintains a positive attitude and has a great way of thinking outside of the box to solve problems that arise. Congratulations to our March Employee of the Month, Stefanie Yockey.



Statue Rededication Ceremony



Pictured above: Harry Messersmith, Sculptor Pictured right: Pam Masters, HND Board President, Ann Grell, Original Executive Director of The HND, and Jennifer Nadelkov, HND CEO

The statue that was at our 121 Pennsylvania Avenue location has been moved to our Administrative Offices and restored. We held a Statue Rededication ceremony on April 16th to celebrate.

Watch the entire ceremony on our YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/QIvvGa8jdFE>

The article from the original statue project is below.



Youths help 'shape the future' in House Next Door project

Harry Messersmith stood in front of the tables of students in the portable classroom, holding a sculpture of a headless metal person standing on one leg.

"What is this?" asked Messersmith, director of the DeLand Museum of Art and a noted sculptor. There were several guesses: finally, one boy suggested a skater. Messersmith told him that "The Skater" was indeed the name of the piece, one of the DeLand artist's own creations.

"We're going to build a sculpture together," he told the students, who are in the Alpha Program at Woodward Avenue Elementary School. "We're going to combine our ideas together."

The meeting with the students in early December was the first of about 20 meetings Messersmith will have with them on Friday mornings as they collaborate on a sculpture that will sit in front of The House Next Door, a family counseling and drug prevention center at 121 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in DeLand.

"My idea is to build a sculpture out of concrete, or Portland cement," Messersmith told the students. "It will require a lot of elbow grease, over many months."

In keeping with the mission of The House Next Door, the artwork will represent "The Renaissance of the Family." The Alpha Program, sponsored by The House Next Door, is a behavior modification program that provides incentives for academic achievement.

Eileen Burns Everett

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The board of directors of The House Next Door has dedicated the project to the late Arla Fox, an advisor to the board and editor of the agency's newsletter, *House Calls*. Fox, the husband of Ann Rogers, executive director of The House Next Door, died Aug. 23.



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Shaping the future

Harry Messersmith, left, director of the DeLand Museum of Art, asks for ideas from students in the Alpha Program at Woodward Elementary School who are collaborating with him on a sculpture. The piece, to be titled "Renaissance of the Family," will sit in front of The House Next Door, a counseling center on West Pennsylvania Avenue in DeLand.

The family was the center of Fox's life, as members of The House Next Door staff. Fox and his late wife, Pat, had two children who died at birth, but they adopted a daughter who eventually cared for 10 foster children.

One was a young adult just released from prison who needed a home. Today, the young man has a thriving business, based on Fox advice: "Work hard, make others happy as straighten out a few people."

In 1990, after Fox married Ann Rogers, acquired four stepchildren and, at his death, had 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Messersmith has worked on similar sculpture projects with other students in Volusia County Schools. He will work with the Alpha students on developing ideas about families then making models in clay. Finally, he will assist them in making the full-sized sculpture.

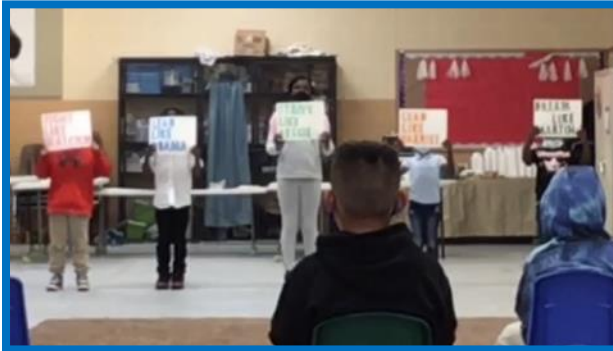
Arla Fox once was asked what he would save if his house caught on fire and he could leave with just one item. He pointed to a cotta sculpture glazed in brown, shaped like a Hershey's Kiss and featuring a smiling face made by one of his foster children.

For more information on the sculpture or the Arla Fox memorial fund, contact The House Next Door at 734-7571.

—Everett, of DeLand, is editor of Beacon.

The Homework Club Celebrating Black History Month!

Our Homework Club celebrated Black History Month with presentations by students, special guests, music and dancing.



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Our Victim Advocate, Waleska Guadalupe, did a series of three videos with tips for Parents and Teachers on things that they can do to prevent abuse, as well as a video of warning signs to look for when spotting potential abuse. Check them out over on our YouTube channel!



Child Abuse Prevention Month Tips for Parents

https://youtu.be/PRrxz_iUdww

Child Abuse Prevention Month Tips for Teachers

<https://youtu.be/44g4fsjkJpg>

Child Abuse Prevention Month Spotting Signs of Abuse


https://youtu.be/LChxWB_GpY

April Awareness and Prevention

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Below are some statistics and tips that we shared on our social media this month.

HOW TO 'TALK' WITH A LOVED ONE ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

When someone you love discloses that they have experienced sexual violence, you may not know what to say. RAINN's 'TALK' method can help you remember how to respond with empathy.



T **THANK THEM FOR TELLING YOU**

A **ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP**


L **LISTEN WITHOUT JUDGMENT**

K **KEEP SUPPORTING**

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400,000 children are sexually abused each year.




93% of victims are abused by someone they **know** and **trust**.

- » **63%** are **acquaintances** like teachers, neighbors, or community leaders.
- » **37%** are immediate or extended **family**.
- Only 7%** are **strangers** to the child.

A reactive approach does not work.

- Only 27%** of children tell someone within the first year.
- Only 53%** of reported incidents are investigated by CPS.
- Only 29%** of reported incidents lead to police arrests.

50% of sexually abused children suffer **trauma** severe enough to negatively impact their adult lives. They're **3X more likely** to abuse **drugs** or **alcohol**, and **2X more likely** to **drop out** of school.



Learn the Facts and End Child Sexual Abuse
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Every 73 seconds someone in America is sexually assaulted.

#TALKtoMe

Learn how to support someone you know at RAINN.org/SAAPM

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24/7 National Sexual Assault Hotline: (800) 656-4673

[RAINN Website](http://RAINN.org)

24/7 Abuse Report Hotline: (800) 962-2873

Darkness to Light Website

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The House Next Door Social Media!

The House Next Door has five social media channels. You can connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube!

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