The Patterson Foundation is engaging in the Census 2020 Education project with the hope to more closely align community efforts and knowledge across Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. You were identified as a community advocate for achieving a complete count during Census 2020. Please feel free to share this newsletter.

**THANK YOU to the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce**

The GCLCC volunteered to distribute 300 census information bags, 150 Spanish and 150 in English, along with voter registration forms and masks at upcoming community events. It takes a village to educate and engage our communities.

Thank you, GCLCC!

**Census Advocates: Celebrate America, Be Counted**

The Islander recently ran a census feature written by Lisa Neff. Anna Maria Island, who began Census 2020 with low response rates, has seen an increase that has outpaced larger Manatee County in recent weeks. If you or someone you know owns a rental property or is a snow bird, remember to include that address when you complete the census, listing the number of full time occupants as zero.

Instructions for accounting for a vacation property:
If you have a vacation home, we still want to track it.

To do this go to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

/  Click Start the Questionnaire
0  Click If you do not have a Census ID, click here
1  Follow the instructions to enter your vacation home address
2  Enter your name and phone number
3  When it asks how many people lived there write 0
4  Submit the form

**Our Growing Community Needs an Accurate Census Count**

Carol Whitmore is a registered nurse and At-Large Manatee County commissioner, read her column on Census 2020 and growth in Manatee.

**The Importance of Completing The Census**

Susan Firestone is aging systems coordinator for Sarasota County. Read her column to learn more about the census and our older community members.

**Share**

Do you have a resource or idea to share with the community? Send Census 2020 ideas to hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org to be included in a future weekly update.

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