From the Stewart Stars

Megan, book circle leader of the Stewart Stars from Stewart Elementary in Bradenton, shared two takeaway phrases from their first meeting.

*We had a wonderful discussion. One of the big takeaways was to ‘Bloom Where you are Planted’ and ‘Hope Anchors the Soul.’*

The Stewart Stars also asked if there would be opportunities for all of the book circles to come together...we love this idea!

Please share with us what would make a “joining of the circles” meaningful in this [super short survey].

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Shareable Moments

SMH BabySteps Book Circle

The SMH BabySteps book circle comes from Sarasota Memorial Hospital. A group that, you guessed it, works with babies! During their first meeting they had a mix of in person and on the phone participants- you can see their phone friend in the picture. Chelsea their group leader shared the following insights from meeting one:

“People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care. Trust is important, as is relationships. It is important to be empathetic and a good listener to gain trust.”

“We had a great time and learned a lot about each other!”

At The Patterson Foundation one of our favorite quotes is “Change happens at the speed of trust.” Has your circle been talking about trust?

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Continue the Conversation

A2A Moments is a weekly update of photos, moments of possibilities, feedback, and stories that book circles share with The Patterson Foundation.

Don’t forget to send in your tidbits to hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org to be featured in an upcoming A2A Moments!

Help The Patterson Foundation see where people in the four-county area are stepping forward! Add your zip code to this [PollEverywhere] – we’ll share the results in upcoming newsletters.

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Local Stepping Forward Book Circles

National Spotlight!

This week the Harwood Institute spotlighted book circles happening in our communities in their [national newsletter] #FAMOUS!

Don’t forget to join Susan Nations and the Wilkinson Elementary circle for the [#SteppingForwardChat on Twitter.

Mark your calendar for this coming Monday, Dec 16 from 7:30–8:30pm. See page two for details.
How to Participate in a Twitter Chat

- Get a Twitter Account (or sign in if you already have one) at www.twitter.com

- Find Your Chat by typing in the chat’s hashtag into the search box. Our hashtag for December 16th will be: #SteppingForwardChat

- Clicking “latest” will have the tweets load in the order that people send them in so that you can scroll and follow along during the chat.

- Take note of who is moderating the chat—because that is the person who will be posting the questions. @SusanNations1 will moderate the #SteppingForwardChat on December 16th from 7:30—8:30 EST.

- Questions/Answering

  Questions will be posted with a Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 and will be posted every 10 minutes.

  Answers should be posted with an A1, A2, A3, A4 (to correspond to the question)

- Use the chat’s hashtag in EVERY Tweet you post—without it, people won’t see what you’re posting. In this chat you can use #SteppingForwardChat You can also use other tags see the Book Circle Discussion Guide for a few to consider.

- Start responding and engaging with others!