The Journey Continues

Aspirations to Actions kicked off Year 2 on November 9th by welcoming nine Teams to the first quarterly Learning Session, led by The Harwood Institute’s Bill Booth and supported by The Patterson Foundation’s consultants Bill Little, Mike Mansfield and Beth Doyle at Manasota Goodwill’s Corporate Campus.

Modeled after Innovation Spaces, these Learning Sessions are designed as an opportunity for diverse Teams to come together ... to share aspirations and reflect on learnings from turning outward toward their communities ... to build new networks and innovative to accountable to their communities and to each other. In his June blog about Innovation Spaces, Bill Little explained that it is a “learning adventure.” What a trip it has been and will continue to be in Year 2.

The group discussion was rich with sharing thoughts and learnings through topics such as Community Conversations, Developing and Using Community Narratives, and Understanding Stages of Community Life and Conditions.

To paraphrase the American Library Association’s (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities tool regarding Innovation Spaces, Aspirations to Actions Year 2 Teams look forward to always learning and always recalibrating with a relentless focus on what is possible.

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Blogosphere

The Aspirations to Actions building blog has been filled with extended video interviews posted as “vlogs” from the 10 Public Innovators who have helped us create the full Aspirations to Actions video. So let’s take a longer look at what these leaders had to share...

SCOPE’s John McCarthy and Mary Butcher
- United Way’s Tammy Backlund is MAPS and Philip Hoell
- Sarasota Library and Campaign for Grade-Level Reading: Ann Hardy and Alice Chevalier
- Charlotte County and DeSoto County’s Kathy Straub and Ashley Comer
- Realize Bradenton’s JoAnn Scharr and United Sarasota’s Mary Mack will be posted on November 19th

Off the Wall @ TPF

A special quote as seen on the wall at The Patterson Foundation: “How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a moment before starting to improve the world.’}

Charlotte County’s Phebe Westby, Ellen Harvey, Carrie Blackwell-Hussey connected with Sarasota Library’s Ann Hardy and Ellen India DeSoto County’s Asya Shine, Deb Bay and Mike Provau

DeSoto County’s Akia Shine, Deb Bay and Mike Provau

Dr. Lisa Merritt representing United Sarasota and Mary Mack who is working with the Local Grant Team.