

On January 6, 2010, The Patterson Foundation launched in Sarasota, Florida, under an unfettered charter to do good and do it well while enlisting the expertise of a diverse group of consultants supported by agile staff.

Through its nine initial Legacy Initiatives honoring Dorothy Patterson and the Patterson family's legacy, The Patterson Foundation honed its innovative approach to making a difference in our world — focusing on strengthening the impact of people, organizations and communities that are working toward fulfilling shared aspirations, in ways that encourage diverse participation and foster opportunities for these change makers to learn, share, and evolve with one another.

A decade and 25 additional completed and ongoing initiatives later, The Patterson Foundation honors those who have embraced and strengthened their impact through this approach while pursuing further opportunities to continue these collaborative efforts in its ongoing journey.



*Honoring & Onward* is a celebration of The Patterson Foundation's decade of impact through people, organizations, and communities while continuing to connect, learn, share, evolve, and strengthen their efforts to realize shared aspirations. In this multi-faceted engagement taking place throughout 2020, *Honoring & Onward* will:

- Celebrate how The Patterson Foundation's work is making a difference
- Engage people, organizations and communities in a variety of endeavors
- Demonstrate how past initiatives inform future endeavors
- Heighten understanding of The Patterson Foundation's approach to philanthropy and focus
- Inspire onward actions to realize community aspirations



## HONORING & ONWARD

Today, we remember and honor the forward thinking of President Abraham Lincoln and the connective tissue that his actions created and which continue to bind those gathered here today;

- The ancestors of the Patterson family in their involvement in supporting Lincoln;
- Lincoln, who in his 2nd inaugural address established the National Cemetery System that set forth honoring of our nation's heroes;
- Sarasota National Cemetery, the 125th national cemetery, dedicated in 2008;
- Patriot Plaza, 2,800 seat amphitheater at Sarasota National Cemetery, designed and built as one of the 9 initiatives as the ceremonial area by The Patterson Foundation;
- The veterans who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom.

Be sure to check [thepattersonfoundation.org/honoring-and-onward.html](http://thepattersonfoundation.org/honoring-and-onward.html) throughout the year for highlights from *Honoring & Onward* engagements, along with opportunities to take part in the celebration.