Season of Sharing: A Vital Community Asset

"I was living pillar to post," says Kimberly Jackson. Haunted by her past struggles with addiction, a recent hospitalization caused her to miss work and fall behind on rent. Season of Sharing stepped in to help Kim catch up on back rent, and now, she's looking forward to watching her children pursue their dreams.

READ KIMBERLY'S STORY HERE

Imagine having to choose between rent, a car payment, or medicine. Season of Sharing raises money to support people and families who face unanticipated financial trauma. To this end, The Patterson Foundation will once again amplify donations with $100,000 for every $500,000 raised by the community through Jan. 31, 2024. Let Season of Sharing pull on your heartstrings; then listen to your wise-

CALLING ALL NONPROFITS ON THE GIVING PARTNER

The deadline for nonprofits to register for The Giving Challenge is 5:00 PM January 12, 2024

2024 Giving Challenge: Last Call to Register

Friendly reminder: registration for the 2024 Giving Challenge closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024. Take advantage of the chance for your organization to raise unrestricted funding during the 24-hour online giving day. Visit the Giving Challenge website to sign up today.

Registration Tips:
1. Designate a Giving Challenge Team Lead (your organization's single point of contact for all things 2024 Giving Challenge).
2. Fill out the online registration form --- only takes about 5 minutes!
3. Add your team lead as an administrator on your organization's profile in The Giving Partner (if not
In this brief podcast, Roxie Jerde, President and CEO of Community Foundation of Sarasota County, shares historical information about Season of Sharing, a campaign dedicated to neighbors helping neighbors.

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Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: A Walk to Respect

UPCOMING SHOWING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Social and political polarization. Is that what we want as escalating, intractable way of life in America? It need not be.

Venice Interfaith and The Patterson Foundation are co-sponsoring a showing of the one-act play Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: A Walk to Respect — written by award-winning playwright Beth Duda, with original spoken word poetry by Cedric Hameed, at the Venice United Church of Christ on Monday, February 5, 2024, from 7:00p–8:30p EST. A panel discussion will take place immediately following the show.

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You're Invited to the When You Wonder, You're Learning Book Circle Celebration!

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, alongside co-authors Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski, launched the When You Wonder, You're Learning Book Circle Project.

On September 13 and 14, Ryan connected with folks in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota, setting the stage for our region’s book circle adventure. In this podcast, TPF Fellow Kellie Alexander interviews him, where they share insights on gratitude, connection, and reflection.

For further information, please email GivingChallenge@CFSarasota.org.

4. Save the email GivingChallenge@CFSarasota.org in your contacts.

5. Update (or create if you're new) your organization's profile in The Giving Partner by January 12, 2023 as well.

In this brief podcast, Roxie Jerde, president and CEO of Community Foundation of Sarasota County, shares historical information on The Giving Partner and how to prepare for the Giving Challenge, coming noon to noon, Tuesday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

For further information, please email GivingChallenge@CFSarasota.org.
As a gift to the community, The Patterson Foundation is pleased to offer tickets at no cost. Tickets must be reserved in advance [HERE].

In this moving production, Frederick Douglass, the black abolitionist leader and former slave, and Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States of America, clash in their ideologies regarding race, politics, and slavery. Frederick Douglass, a true radical with a fiery spirit, believes in racial equality for everyone. Douglass dedicates his life, writings, and career to abolishing slavery everywhere. Abraham Lincoln, cautious and considered, while opposed to slavery, is first and foremost a patriot intent on preserving the Union at all costs. These two self-made men, at a time when our divided nation faced annihilation, face their differences with courage and compassion, forging a friendship that helps to end the Civil War and reunite our nation. Through their own words, we explore the walk of these two great American leaders from conflict to understanding.

History provides powerful examples of ordinary men and women with different opinions and agendas coming together to produce positive change. Lincoln and Douglass provide inspiration and hope. Their love of country and their willingness to connect built respect and understanding. They set the example for us who aspire to a better tomorrow.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS

In recent months, 1,000+ community members across Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties came together in 144 book circles to explore the timeless wisdom of Mister Rogers. The enthusiastic response speaks volumes, affirming that When You Wonder, You’re Learning has the power to transform communities by sparking curiosity and meaningful conversations.

As the book circles continue to ignite excitement around those “Aha” moments and the bonds we’ve formed, we cordially invite you join us for a community celebration with co-authors Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski on January 24 from 4:00p to 5:30p at Michael’s on East.

RSVP TODAY!

We welcome your thoughts. Connect with us at thepattersonfoundation@gmail.com