

ASPIRATIONS TO ACTIONS MOMENTS



Shareable Moment from the Stewart Stars

Here are few things we came away with after the last meeting:

- We want to live in a *we* society, not a *me* society
- We have far more in common
- We need to start our focus on a grassroots effort that's achievable
- To show kindness and lead by example
- It only takes one person to make a difference



Shareable Moment from Manatee County Neighborhood Services

Manatee County Neighborhood Services reflected on "Here I Am" both from a private and public perspective.

Privately: There is no commitment except to yourself, and when you only have yourself to account to, words and actions can easily change. This could be used as a mantra or reminder of what you want. You can change the rules. Easier in that there is less pressure and little or no fear of failure.

Publicly: Allows for other people to watch and respond to your actions. Opens up opportunity for team work to tackle an issue.

HOPE in life: Reminder that everything can get better. Offers the question, what's the alternative to no? A new view, obstacles are just things to be worked around. Hope is eternal, without it energy/life dies or the door closes. Allows us to envision what is yet to be.

Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: A Walk To Respect

In recognition of Black History Month, join The Patterson Foundation, in partnership with Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, for *Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: A Walk to Respect* – the original story of Stepping Forward!

This **FREE** one-act play written by award-winning playwright Beth Duda, with original spoken word poetry by Cedric Hameed, depicts how Abe and Frederick's relationship evolved from opposition to deep friendship. An experience not to be missed!

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY

DRESS REHEARSAL: Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30pm
Bay Village

One-act play: Friday, February 21 at 10:00am
Manatee Community Foundation.

**** SOLD OUT shows Feb. 19 & 20!****

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.

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