

## Celebrating Year One



The United Way Team -- Bronwyn Beightol (Manatee), Carrie Blackwell-Hussey (Charlotte), Maryann Terry (South Sarasota), Phillip Brown (Manatee) and Trish McConnell (Suncoast)



Dr. Lisa Merritt of the United Sarasota Team with Father Celestino Gutierrez of St. Jude Catholic Church



Aspirations to Actions Guide Mike Mansfield, The Greater Clark Foundation CEO Jen Algire and The Harwood Institute's Bill Booth



Carol Lipp of The Patterson Foundation, Ashley Coone of the DeSoto (Smith Brown Gym) Team, and Alicia Chalmers of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Team

**Aspirations to Actions** Teams came together on August 27 at a breakfast celebration to share and enjoy the successes of the initiative's first year.

The morning was delightful as Debra Jacobs, CEO of The Patterson Foundation, served as emcee, and Fr. Celestino offered a beautiful blessing in both English and Spanish. We were honored that Dan Bailey, a member of The Patterson Foundation's Designation Committee, inspired us with a keynote speech about the impact of positive community engagement, and that Bill Booth of The Harwood Institute led a large group conversation where Team members shared what they learned as individuals, as teams and as a community.

A highlight of the morning was the first public viewing of the **Aspirations to Actions video** starring 10 Public Innovators whose heartfelt interviews informed, moved and dazzled us all.

We remembered and honored the legacy that Kathy Baylis left us in Aspirations to Actions: That we can – together -- make a positive difference in our world and this becomes the legacy that we all leave.

### Watch It!

Our **Aspirations to Actions video** is now on YouTube. Kudos to **SCOPE's** John McCarthy & Mary Butler, **Realize Bradenton's** Johnette Isham, DeSoto County's Ashley Coone, Charlotte County's Kathy Silverberg, **United Way of Manatee County's** Philip Brown, **United Way of Charlotte County's** Carrie Blackwell-Hussey, United Sarasota's Mary Mack, **Sarasota Library System's** Ann Hardy, and **Campaign for Grade-Level Reading's** Alicia Chalmers for capturing the heart and soul of the Aspirations to Actions experience over the past year in your wonderful interviews.

### Grateful ...

To our "Guides on the Side" Mike Mansfield, Bill Little and Pam Trutt: We are forever grateful to the three of you for helping all of us on this magnificent journey called Aspirations to Actions.

To **The Patterson Foundation's** Carol Lipp and Nancy Henry: Thank you for all the ways -- too numerous to count -- you have backed this initiative with talent, expertise and good humor.

To Debra Jacobs: We deeply appreciate you believing we could do this, supporting the process and for celebrating our successes, both large and small. It is changing lives already -- and that change started with all of us.

### WORD!

As Debra Jacobs joyfully emceed the Celebration breakfast, she asked all guests to share one word that described their Aspirations to Actions experience:

Inspiring  
Passion  
Engagement  
Innovation  
Potential  
Persistent  
Collective  
Expecting  
Awesome  
Enlightened  
Compassion  
Fresh  
Phenomenal  
Relationship-building  
Real  
Intuition  
Contribution  
Listen  
Wow  
Fun  
Hugs  
Trust  
Enthusiasm  
Intermission  
Unexpected  
Long-term  
Wisdom  
Perseverance  
Respect  
Together  
Care  
Commitment  
Action  
Connect  
Amazing  
Learning

### Connect with Us

Join us and learn more ...

[TPF Website](#)

[Twitter. #TPFaspire](#)

[Join us on Facebook](#)

[The Harwood Institute](#)

[Join The Harwood Institute on Twitter. @HarwoodInst and #TurnOutward](#)

### Blogsphere

In coming weeks, the **Aspirations to Actions Initiative blog** will be filled with wonderful reflections from Guest Blogger Bill Booth of **The Harwood Institute**, and extended video interviews posted as "vlogs" from the 10 "brave souls" who participated in the creation of our Aspirations to Actions video. Stay tuned!

### What's Next?

Yes, there will be a Year 2 that will include Group Learning Sessions and support from Guides. Information will be sent to Team leaders with options to participate at different levels. We hope you will continue the journey.

Share this email:



[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

2 North Tamiami Tr, Suite 206  
Sarasota, FL | 34236 US

This email was sent to .  
*To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.*