

## 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 innovate ... to be 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.



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



Dr. Lisa Merritt representing United Sarasota and Leroy \_\_\_\_\_ who is working with the SAVE Grant Team.

### WORD!

*Keeping up with Harwood ...*

#### Community Rhythms: The 5 Stages of Community Life

Each stage has different implications for how to help a community move forward. Where is your community?

**The Waiting Place** - In this stage, people sense that things are not working right but they cannot clearly define the problem.

**Impasse** - In this stage, the community has hit rock bottom and there is a sense of urgency; people are tired of waiting.

**Catalytic** - In this stage, steps are being taken by small numbers of people and organizations that are almost imperceptible but the actions are giving a sense of hope.

**Growth** - In this stage, people begin to see clearer signs of how the community is moving forward and leadership is expanding.

**Sustain and Renew** - In this stage, the community is ready to take on, in a deeper and more sustained way, the tough, nagging issues that may have been tackled but not adequately addressed.

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### Blogosphere

The [Aspirations to Actions Initiative blog](#) has been filled with extended video interviews posted as "vlogs" from the 10 Public Innovators who 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 Butler](#)

United Way's [Carrie Blackwell-Hussey and Philip Brown](#)

Sarasota Library and Campaign for Grade-Level Reading's [Ann Hardy and Alicia Chalmers](#)

Charlotte County and DeSoto County's [Kathy Silverberg and Ashley Coone](#)

Realize Bradenton's Johnette Isham 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."

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