

Cohort 2: On the Path of Possibility and Hope

And so it begins. A new journey. [Aspirations to Actions](#). Cohort 2 has officially set foot on the path of possibility and hope.

The [Patterson Foundation](#) is hosting a second, 2.5-day [Harwood Public Innovators Lab](#) starting on September 21st comprised of 120 individuals from the Sarasota and Manatee counties library systems, active members from Cohort 1 who did not attend Lab 1 and other initiatives of The Patterson Foundation.

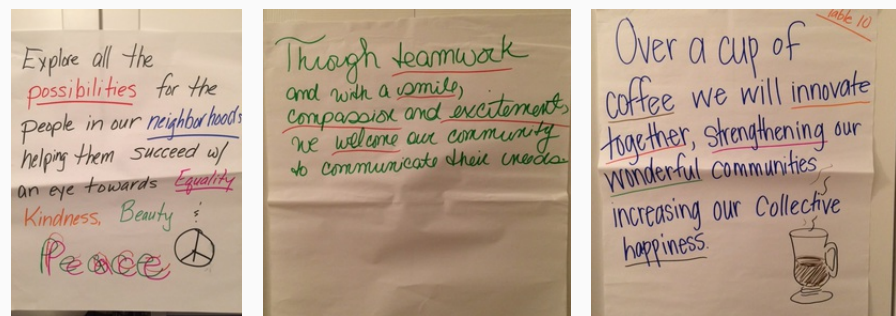
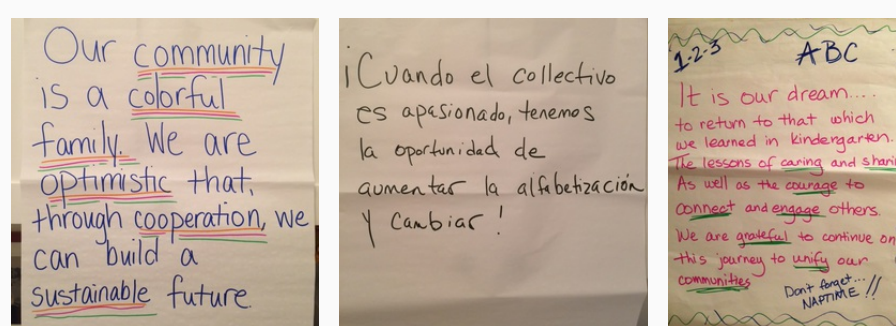
Cohort 2 came together at a Kickoff Breakfast in August that featured Manatee County Administrator Ed Hunzeker and Sarasota County Administrator Tom Harmer, along with The Patterson Foundation's CEO Debra Jacobs as speakers, and welcomed Manatee Deputy County Administrator Karen Windon and Sarasota Assistant County Administrator Mark Cunningham.



Prior to the Kickoff Breakfast, two Pre-Lab Workshops were offered this summer for Cohort 2 to connect, learn and share.

During the first Pre-Lab Workshop, attendees were asked to introduce themselves and share a positive word. Those positive words are listed in the column to the right. At our second Pre-Lab Workshop, attendees had to draw one of the positive words from a basket and, along with their tablemates, create an "aspirational" sentence or two using these words.

Some of their touching creations are below, as well as pictures from the two workshops.



And so, now, we look forward to what's ahead. Possibility and hope.

WORD!

These are Cohort 2's Positive Words ...

Accessibility Actions
Advocacy Aspirations
Bacon Balance Beach
Beauty Believe
Camaraderie
Caring Change Coffee
Collaboration Collective
Colorful Community
Compassion Connecting
Contribute Cooperation
Courage Creative
Empathy Encouragement
Energy Engage
Enthusiastic Equality
Evolving Excitement
Family Friendship Fun
Future
Genuine Grateful
Gratitude
Happenings Happiness
Happy Heartfelt Helping
Home Hope
Imagination Innovate
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Joy
Kindness
Laughter Leadership
Learning Listening
Literacy Love
Neighborhood
Opportunities Optimistic
Oxygen
Passionate Peace
Personable Poetry
Positivity
Possibilities Proactive
Reach Resilient
Rewarding
Sharing Smile
Strengthening Sunshine
Sustainable
Teamwork Together
Trust
Unity
Welcome Whimsical
Wonderful
Yes

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Asya Shine's [Becoming a better organization one day at a time](#)

Philip Brown's [Learning a new way of being using The Harwood Institute's principles](#)

Ashley Coone's [Harwood Institute's process creates momentum for rural community project](#)

John McCarthy's [Spanning our nation's history with common aspirations](#)

[The Harwood Institute's principles shared during public innovators lab](#) - YouTube

Catherine Ferrer's [Connecting multigenerational aspirations to community in Manatee County](#)

[Turning outward enables us to see, hear people in new ways](#) - YouTube

[Listening deeply to gain public knowledge](#) - YouTube

Mark A. Cunningham's [In life, thoughts on consuming the entire glass](#)

[Elements at the heart of turning outward](#) - YouTube

Frances Bermudez's [Enthusiasm builds ahead of public innovators lab](#)

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Keep Aspiring!

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."
- Dr. Wayne Dyer

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