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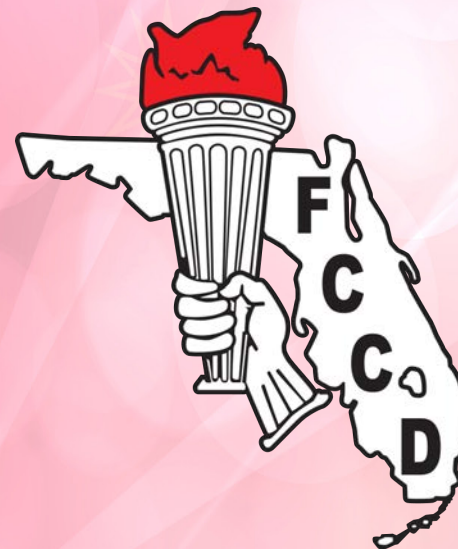


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President’s Message

Greetings FCCD Family and Friends,

We’re quickly approaching the 95th Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute, and this is an event you won’t want to miss! Join us September 8–11, 2025, at the beautiful Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida, for a training experience that promises to be both impactful and inspiring.

This year’s theme, “Anything is Possible,” perfectly reflects the dedication and creativity our chapters have shown through outstanding community service and exceptional training initiatives. You can register today and reserve your hotel room at myfccd.org. The full training agenda is available online, featuring engaging topics such as:

- Artificial Intelligence in Criminal Justice
- Simulator-Based Decision-Making Training
- Values-Based Leadership and Ethical Practices

Led by top-tier instructors with impressive credentials, these sessions offer something for everyone. Plus, this year includes new networking opportunities outside the classroom to support both professional and personal growth.

We held our third quarterly board meeting via Zoom on May 22, 2025, with strong participation and updates from each chapter. Reports included highlights from recent community service efforts and creative fundraising events. We will continue holding virtual meetings with chapter presidents leading up to the Training Institute to maintain connection and address any emerging questions or needs.

As part of our statewide community service project, we are proud to support the Pace Center for Girls in Orlando. Chapters are currently collecting needed items, and the outpouring of generosity from across the state has been nothing short of incredible. Your compassion and commitment continue to reflect the heart of FCCD.

We look forward to seeing you all in Orlando. Come ready to learn, grow, and connect—because with FCCD, Anything is Possible!

Warm regards,

Michelle Whitworth
State President

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2025
Statewide Community Service Project

By Donna Wiebe, Community Service Chairperson

FCCD State President Michelle’s theme for 2024-2025 is “Anything is Possible”; and she has chosen the Pace Center for Girls as her statewide community service project.

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As a reminder, we will be collecting for the Pace Center for Girls in Orlando, during the annual institute in September 2025. Requested items are needed: underwear (size S-XXL), soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hair ties, shampoo, and conditioner (for different types of hair).

We also have a wish list for our boutique, the Pace boutique is a special space where our girls “shop” using points they’ve earned throughout the school year through their hard work and achievements. To motivate and reward their efforts, we strive to keep the boutique stocked with items that excite and inspire them. The girls themselves have provided input on what they’d love to see, many of which are things they desire but can’t easily obtain due to their families’ limited income. To ensure we can keep offering new and exciting options, we’ve put together an Amazon list with items suggested by the girls. These items represent what they would most like to shop for Pace Boutique List. Although this is an Amazon list, you’re welcome to use it as an inspiration and purchase similar items from any retailer. It simply serves as a guide to what the girls would love to see at the boutique.





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How to Vote

1. Visit FCCD's Election page on our website. <https://myfccd.org/Elections/>
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4. Once logged into the site, you will be allowed to access the ballot by following the link on the Elections page. For more information about the candidates, click on the links provided.

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Note: Candidates with an asterisk (*) after their name were nominated by the Nominations Committee for their respective positions.

To cast your vote for officers of FCCD please log into your account and click the link below.

2025 Officers Ballot

For more information on the candidates for Secretary, click on the links provided below.



Gabe Simpson



Hope Simpson

The ballot is only accessible to members in good standing and requires each member to log into their account. Please click [here](#) should you have issues voting, or need help accessing the ballot.

Finding the Balance: Leadership and Management Principles

By Gabe Simpson, Florida Department of Corrections

In the Criminal Justice Profession, effective leadership requires a balance between inspiring people and managing processes. When we focus too much on one, we risk creating an organization that either lacks direction or fails to connect with its people. Leadership motivates, while management ensures things run smoothly, but *without both, neither will thrive.*

Have you ever worked for someone who could inspire you but couldn't back it up with action? Leaders can motivate, but *without solid management systems, their efforts can fall flat.* On the other hand, focusing only on managing processes may streamline operations but can leave employees feeling undervalued. *Without connection, morale suffers.*



"He can talk the talk – but can he walk the walk?"

True leadership in our field requires both inspiration and responsibility. As my uncle and former Colonel Andy Hart often said, *"If you take care of the small stuff, the big stuff will take care of itself."* By focusing on the details, like progressive discipline, communication, and daily tasks, we lay the foundation for bigger successes. He also said, *"Always take care of your people, because your people are who take care of you,"* highlighting the importance of creating a culture where your team feels valued and supported.

The challenge for all of us, regardless of rank, is to apply both *leadership* and *management*. Whether you're a Sheriff or Deputy, Warden or Officer, Manager or Staff Assistant, balancing these principles is crucial to building a strong, effective team.

I've had my struggles finding that balance, but I've been blessed to work with leaders who showed me the way and held me accountable when I needed correction. As a result, I've been part of some incredible teams. I would not be where I am today if the mentors before me had not applied both the principles of leadership and management equally in my development as a supervisor, manager, and leader.

Whether I am elected to FCCD State Board or not, I wanted you to get a snapshot of what drives me as a leader.

This article written in memory of Robert "Andy" Hart, Voice of the Hornets. Rest in Peace.

I appreciate your consideration and ask for your vote in the 2025-2026 FCCD State election for Secretary.



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I have spent years working in criminal justice and community advocacy. But beyond my professional background, I'm deeply passionate about our communities and the advancement of Mental Health. I am ready to bring my passion, dedication, and experience to the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency. I ask for your vote, and I promise I will work diligently to advance the mission of the council.

Thank you for your support.

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FUNDRAISING TO SEND A MEMBER TO THE 95TH ANNUAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Chapter 1



Chapter 1 has been on a roll with fundraising utilizing the Double Good Popcorn site and various drawings (Baskets by member Judy Brown and Television drawing donated by member Ilene Cobb). The proceeds of both events in February 2025 have gone toward funding the Black History Program where over \$800 was raised. With more fundraising on the horizon there is no doubt that Chapter 1 will be able to sponsor a member to attend the Annual Criminal Justice Institute. Over the course of the year Chapter 1 has worked endlessly with trying to increase chapter funds and membership involvement.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

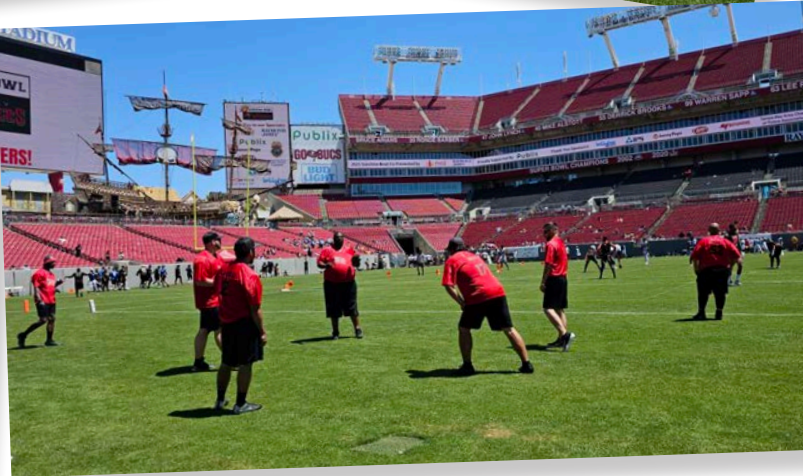
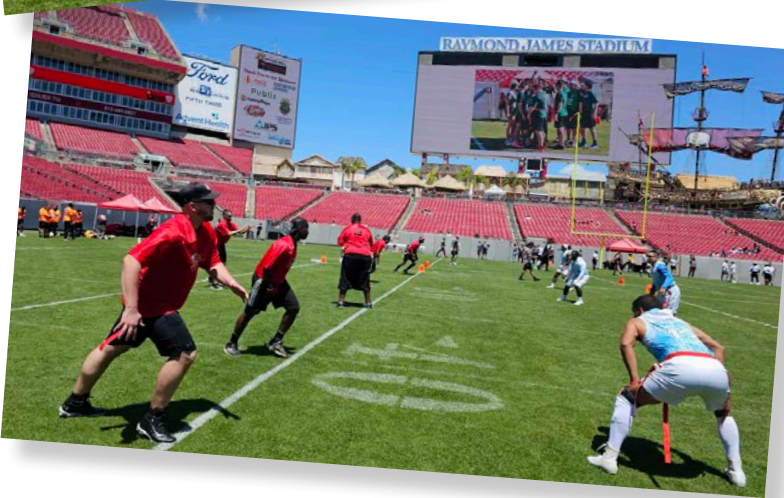
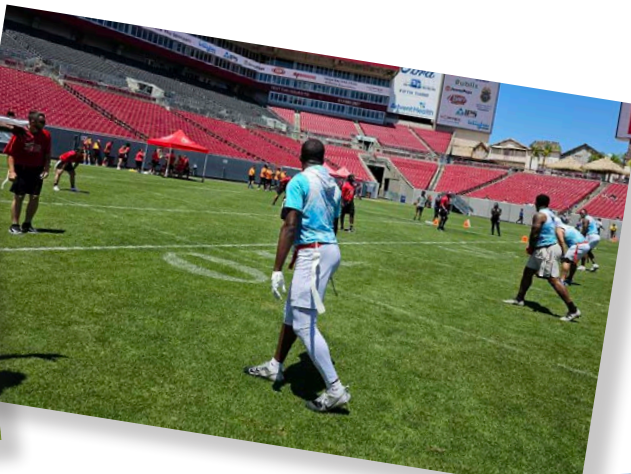
Chapter 3

By Rachel Medicus



On Saturday April 12th, 2025, I had the pleasure and opportunity to participate in the Special Olympics flag football game at Raymond James stadium. Since I had only seen pictures and had never been myself, I was in awe over the mass of people walking onto the football field and getting my first look ever at how The Tampa Bay Buccaneers and other teams feel this every time coming out onto their respective fields all over the country. Excitement and enthusiasm were an understatement. Teams were already ramped up and playing when we arrived, so we got to explore while we waited for our respective times to play. Comradery, teamwork and determination were in full swing from all the teams who participated this year. Our team, Avon Park Red Devils, wasn't scheduled to play until 1pm. Everyone got to visit with staff from other facilities who we had

not seen in a while and meet with friends and families who came to cheer us on. Exploring the Raymond James stadium was a great experience for the whole family. There were locker tours, a cheerleading class and a few vendors with some fun games for the kids. They had something for everyone to enjoy. The games were entertaining, allowing us to get a chance to see what everyone was made of on the field. Some with experience while others were there to support their teams and try their hardest to make every play count. It was a great time for everyone who was able to make it out. The organizers made sure we were all taken care of, had things to do for our families, and overall, a great experience with fellow coworkers at this great event for a great cause. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this great organization!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Chapter 4

By Tammy Marcus, Chapter 4 President



Several members of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD Chapter 4) and Circuit 17 Probation Officers in Broward County participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run on April 30, 2025. The Broward County route of the Law Enforcement Torch Run runs along AIA of Fort Lauderdale Beach, and various Law Enforcement agencies participate in the annual event. Chapter 4 had several of their board members running or riding bikes along the scenic route to provide support and awareness to the Special Olympics of Florida.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Chapter 4



On May 8, 2025, Chapter 4 helped sponsor an Employee Appreciation luncheon by providing cookies, drinks, decorations, and other food items to compliment the delicious BBQ meal served to Circuit 17 staff members for Corrections Appreciation Week. The BBQ themed luncheon also led to a team building exercise that everyone enjoyed participating in or just as a mere spectator.

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EAST MILTON ELEMENTARY – FOOD PANTRY

Chapter 6

By Janine C. Cannon, Chapter 6 President

The East Milton Elementary School located in Milton, FL serves 789 students in Pre-K through 5th grade. East Milton Elementary has 78% + of students on free/reduced lunches. The food pantry at East Milton Elementary supplies many students (and their younger siblings) with food during the weekend or when school is out of session.

East Milton Elementary put out a social media statement in early February 2025 stating that their food pantry was critically low on food items. The very next day, FCCD Chapter 6 members and Santa Rosa Correctional Institution staff began collecting requested food items to help restock the school's food pantry.

The generosity of the staff and Chapter members was overwhelming and brought big



tears and hugs from the East Milton Elementary staff on donation delivery day.

There is no match to the strength of our community when we work together and support one another.

Thank you to everyone that donated. FCCD Chapter 6 invites you to get involved by becoming a member and participating in Community Service and Training events.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Chapter 7

By Cherlanda Chiverton, Chapter 7 President



FCCD Chapter 7 proudly partnered with the Flip Side Mentorship Program for a dynamic and impactful event titled “Painting with My VIP.” This engaging event brought together youth participants and their chosen mentors for an afternoon of creative expression, meaningful conversation, and positive relationship-building through art.

Flip Side Mentorship is a transformative community initiative designed to support at-risk and justice-involved youth by providing structured mentorship, life skills development, and positive role modeling. The program’s mission is to help youth turn the page to a new chapter in life – what they call “the flip side” – by focusing on accountability, self-worth, and personal growth. “Painting with My VIP” offered participants a unique opportunity to connect with their Very

Important Person (VIP) – a mentor, guardian, or role model – while engaging in a guided painting session. The event was designed to encourage open communication, foster trust, and reinforce the importance of healthy relationships in a young person’s development.

Chapter members not only participated in the painting activities but also served as positive role models and advocates for youth empowerment and second chances. Through initiatives like this, FCCD Chapter 7 continues to expand its impact beyond the criminal justice system by investing in programs that promote prevention, personal development, and long-term community wellness.

This partnership with Flip Side Mentorship exemplifies the power of collaboration in creating meaningful change – one conversation, one relationship, and one brushstroke at a time.

20TH ANNUAL AUTISM WALK & FAMILY FUN DAY



FCCD’s mission to go beyond the scope of the criminal justice system and actively contribute to causes that strengthen the broader community.

In addition to the walk, the Family Fun Day featured a variety of activities for children and families, including games, music, and access to local resources. FCCD members actively engaged with attendees, furthering awareness of the Council’s work while building meaningful connections with the community.

The collaboration between Chapter 7 and Chapter 34 exemplifies the power of partnership in achieving common goals. By participating in this milestone 20th annual event, FCCD reaffirmed its dedication to inclusivity, public outreach, and meaningful service.

Their involvement in the Autism Walk is a testament to FCCD’s broader vision – advancing positive change not only within the criminal justice system, but throughout the communities it serves.

The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) Chapters 7 and 34 proudly joined forces to participate in the 20th Annual Autism Walk & Family Fun Day, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to community engagement, inclusion, and public service.

Held annually, this event brings together families, advocates, and organizations to raise awareness for autism and support individuals and families affected by the condition. The walk serves as a platform to promote understanding, raise funds, and highlight the importance of accessible resources and support systems.

Members from both FCCD chapters walked together in solidarity, representing the organization’s shared values of service, compassion, and advocacy. Their presence underscored





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12TH ANNUAL WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

Chapter 7



Among the standout participants was a team known as The Leading Ladies & Gents—a group of six individuals who went above and beyond in their fundraising efforts. Together, they raised an impressive \$3,920.00, earning recognition as the top fundraising team of the event. Their dedication exemplifies the power of collective action and advocacy.

The group also featured Past Chapter 7 Presidents Cordney Battle and Markeda Clayton, as well as Past State Board President Cornita Riley. Their continued leadership and support underscore FCCD’s long-standing commitment to community service and social justice.

FCCD Chapter 7 proudly participated in the 12th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, a powerful and symbolic event focused on raising awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault. Walking alongside Orange County Corrections, FCCD Chapter 7 stood united with hundreds of community members to support survivors and advocate for prevention and education.

This annual event, hosted to spark conversation and inspire action, challenges participants—especially men—to walk a mile in women’s shoes, promoting empathy and community responsibility. Orange County Corrections was recognized with an award for having the largest participating group, showcasing their unwavering dedication to the cause and their leadership in community engagement.



POWER OF THE PUMPS

Chapter 7

By Cherlanda Chiverton, Chapter 7 President



Facilitated by: Cecilia Denmark
Panelists: Paula Hoisington, Dr. Linda A. Brooks, Fran Barber, and Latisha Howard
Sponsored by: First Responders Pharmacy

FCCD Chapter 7 marked a transformative gathering. Bringing together voices of resilience, leadership, and inspiration. Hosted with grace and poise by facilitator Cecilia Denmark, FCCD Chapter 7 served as a platform for women to explore their paths to empowerment through shared experiences and candid dialogue.

The event featured a distinguished panel of accomplished women:

- **Paula Hoisington**, Deputy District Administrator, Central Florida Tourism District
- **Dr. Linda A. Brooks**, Retired Manager, Orange County Corrections & Retired Circuit Administrator, Department of Corrections
- **Fran Barber**, Retired Asst. Secretary – Re-entry, Department of Corrections
- **Latisha Howard**, Captain, Seminole County Sheriff’s Office



Each panelist brought a unique and powerful perspective, sharing personal stories of perseverance, leadership, and the strategic steps they took to overcome challenges and make a lasting impact in their communities and professions. With the generous support of First Responders Pharmacy, this session delivered more than just discussion – it delivered empowerment. Attendees were treated to delicious food from Firehouse Subs, provided by the event sponsor, adding a warm and thoughtful touch to the atmosphere of community and collaboration.

From navigating professional hurdles to discovering one’s purpose, the panelists offered invaluable guidance on how to drive, change, and make meaningful strides in both career and personal development. Attendees engaged in thought-provoking conversations, asked insightful questions, and connected with others determined to advance in their careers and uplift those around them.

This training was more than an event—it was a movement. A space where learning, growth, and empowerment were celebrated and encouraged. The Power of the Pumps Training served as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when women unite to share their voices, support one another, and lead with purpose. It was a true celebration of strength, leadership, and the power of collective inspiration.

A FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Chapter 7

By Cherlanda Chiverton, Chapter 7 President



FCCD Chapter 7 proudly hosted its 2nd Annual Balance Training, a powerful and purpose-driven event dedicated to promoting mental health and wellness for professionals in the criminal justice field. This year’s training continued to build on the foundation set in its inaugural year, emphasizing the urgent need for mental health awareness and support across all sectors of the justice system.

The training brought together a wide range of expert voices and committed organizations, including Osceola County Corrections, Luis Rivera, Yvonne Ball, Hope J. Simpson, Centene Corporation, UF Extension, UCF Restores, and Blue Line Support. These partners offered valuable knowledge and insight into the unique mental health challenges faced by individuals working in high-stress, high-responsibility environments.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to Central Florida Behavioral Hospital, who not only sponsored the event but also generously provided a

delicious meal for all attendees – adding a warm, communal element to the day’s experience.

Throughout the training, participants engaged in enlightening presentations and discussions that addressed trauma, burnout, emotional balance, and available resources. The event also reinforced the importance of breaking down stigma and encouraging open conversations about mental health in professional spaces.

The 2nd Annual Balance Training served as a reminder that wellness must be prioritized – not just for personal health, but for professional sustainability and community safety. As criminal justice professionals continue to serve and protect, events like this ensure they are supported in return.

This training exemplifies the strength of collaboration, compassion, and continued education in building a more resilient workforce. FCCD Chapter 7 remains committed to advancing these conversations and equipping justice professionals with the tools they need to thrive.



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2025 NAMI WALK TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Chapter 7

By Cherlanda Chiverton, Chapter 7 President

FCCD Chapter 7 proudly participated in the 2025 NAMI Walk, joining community partners and advocates across the region in a unified effort to raise awareness and support for mental health initiatives.

Organized by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), this annual event is one of the largest mental health awareness campaigns in the country. It serves as a platform to promote education, reduce stigma, and increase access to critical resources for individuals and families affected by mental illness.

The event also provided an opportunity for FCCD members to engage with the public, strengthen partnerships, and help advance the message that mental health is a vital aspect of public safety and well-being.

FCCD Chapter 7's involvement in the 2025 NAMI Walk reflects the organization's broader mission to lead with integrity, advocate for positive change, and contribute meaningfully to initiatives that enhance the quality of life for individuals across Florida.



BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION & TRAINING

Chapter 12 By Angelica Pennington, Chapter 12 President



This month serves as a time to honor the contributions of African Americans to American society and culture. Black History is American history, and the month of February is set aside to recognize those contributions. We continue to aim to learn more about Black History, honor Black leaders, especially our local leaders, challenge racism and systemic inequality, promote positive narratives, and celebrate diversity. Chapter 12 was honored to collaborate with Circuit 10 leadership and host a program and training with Dereke and Melinda Robinson to listen to their story and corporate climb as well as their continuous imprint within the local community. This year's Black History month theme is African Americans and Labor. This theme focuses on

the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds-free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational, and voluntary-intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. In this instance, the notion of work constitutes compensated labor in factories, the military, government agencies, office buildings, public service, and private homes. But it also includes the community building of social justice activities, voluntary workers serving others, and institution building in churches, community groups, and social clubs and organizations.

The theme, "African Americans and Labor" intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people's work and their workplaces in all their iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S. The event brought together the circuit and many Chapter 12 members as we collectively celebrated the African-American culture and contribution to society. The event ended with an excellent meal, showing homage to southern cuisine.



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THINK PINK: CHAPTER 12 SUPPORTS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS GAME

By Angelica Pennington, Chapter 12 President

Chapter 12 continues their collaboration with Polk County Schools by supporting a local girls basketball team for their Breast Cancer Awareness game. Chapter 12 supported by volunteering decorations, team shirts, and making a donation to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

For our chapter president, basketball is near and dear to her heart. Additionally, for our chapter president and the rest of the world, Breast Cancer is a disease that hits home. It's imperative that any opportunity to bring awareness to this cause, we are all hands on deck. Mentoring young women through sports can significantly impact their development by fostering confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging. Sports provide a unique platform for building these qualities, which can benefit them both on



and off their respective playing field. Simply showing up for them sets the foundation for the importance of service to others. It is our hope that the young ladies continue to do well in life and continue to bring awareness to causes that impact so many individuals. Breast cancer awareness is an annual campaign, specifically in October, that focuses on raising awareness about breast cancer, its symptoms, screening, and treatment options. Although this celebration and awareness was in January, any opportunity to bring awareness to this disease is always well worth it. The pink ribbon is a widely recognized symbol of this awareness. Early detection, often through screening like mammograms, is crucial for successful treatment. We are grateful to have been able to assist with a \$200 donation towards the teams' cause as well as to support the game. We also created some fun Valentine's Day cards for the girls on the team to share with their friends.



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CHAPTER PRESIDENT HONORED WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Chapter 12 President was honored at the City of Haines City Public Safety Awards Banquet on April 30, 2025 at the Lake Eva Event Center in Haines City, Florida. She was the recipient of the Keva Harris Community Service Award. This award is awarded to any police officer, civilian member or business for continued exceptional service, or for an outstanding accomplishment that demonstrated a high degree of professionalism. Ms. Pennington has served in many capacities both as a member of FCCD, as a correctional probation officer, as well as a coach within the community in many events presented



by the city of Haines City to include voter registration, community clean-up, house painting, technology for seniors, Shop with a Cop yearly events, and any miscellaneous requests throughout the year.



WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION AND TRAINING

Chapter 12

By Angelica Pennington, Chapter 12 President

FDC Community Corrections in Circuit 10 held their annual Women’s Day Program and Training on March 26, 2025 at the Lake Wales Training Room. FCCD Chapter 12 FDC brought riveting training and honor the beautiful and courageous women of Circuit 10 for their dedicated and selfless service within their respective spaces. The meal was provided in part by Publix Charities and members of FCCD. We had the pleasure of hearing from Fort Meade Commissioner Petrina McCutchen as she expounded on the national theme of: Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations.

Mrs. McCutchen is a graduate of Forte Meade High School and has an extensive background and career in public service, holding leadership positions and serving on several boards. She continued her academic journey post-secondary at Warner

University and received a Bachelor of Science in Educational Studies in 2011. She has 30 years of dedicated service at the Polk County Sheriff’s Office and is the 1st African-American Crime Prevention Practitioner and the 1st Official Minority Recruiter. She previously served the City of Fort Meade as the City Mayor and is now a City Commissioner. Additionally, Mrs. McCutchen is a paraprofessional at Lake Region High School.

As Mrs. McCutchen made her grand entrance to the tune of “I’m Every Woman” it is the lyrics that still stand supreme for all of the beautiful women in attendance as well as all of the women who do the hard work everyday: IT’S ALL IN ME! We are grateful for the opportunity to have our continued working relationship with FDC to bring impactful and relevant training to staff. As always, we are reminded that #AnythingIsPossible!



SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chapter 15

FCCD Chapter 15 offered a Valentine’s Day Basket Raffle and an Opportunity Raffle during the month of February; the proceeds of which were donated to Special Olympics, totaling \$360.00. This contribution to Special Olympics was made possible by the generosity of participants and supporters of Chapter 15. Supporting Special Olympics and the adults and children who participate in Special Olympic competitions, events,

trainings, and those who receive health services from the organization, is and will remain a long-time commitment for FCCD Chapter 15 and its members. You are encouraged to support and participate in local Special Olympics events; the memories and joy of doing so will last a lifetime for you and leave a lasting impression in the hearts of our special Olympians, evidenced by their smiles and excitement!



FOCUSING ON SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chapter 17

By Josh Lynn, Chapter 17 President



Tomoka Sharks – Anthony Hall, Rafael Tavaras, Thomas Touzalin, Andre Bodison, Gage Kudelchek, Jeffery Gillespie, Yavis Perry, Jadon Warren, Jose Tavaras, Wesley Corr, and Josh Lynn



Torch Run Flagler – Staff from Circuit 7 and Tomoka CI with their families.



Torch Run Volusia – Michelle Schindelheim, Zachary Dippold, Rafael Tavaras, Amanda Champion, Jennifer Whipple, Michell Braun, and Nichole Avila.

We are having a great time at the Beach with Chapter 17 members stepping up to help Special Olympics of Florida. We raised money for the Special Olympics of Florida by selling Chicken Dinners to the staff at Tomoka CI and Volusia County Jail. We also held a Bake Sale with many delicious baked goods supplied by our members to sell, with all the baked goods selling out! For the 1st time ever, Tomoka CI placed a flag football team in the Sunshine Bowl for Special Olympics held at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa and they were able to raise \$1500 for Special Olympics. Chapter 17 was able to cover the cost of the jerseys for the Tomoka Sharks and they looked sharp! Chapter 17 members also participated in the Torch Run at both Volusia and Flagler counties events this year. Once again, Chapter 17 members continue to step up by raising money to help the Special Olympics Athletes of Florida!

SUNSHINE BOWL

Chapter 18

By Sgt. Jacalyn K. Mike

Chapter members from all over the State of Florida came together in support of the Special Olympics Sunshine Bowl. Law Enforcement, Corrections & First Responders raised money through fundraising for this great cause. Chapter 18 held a couple 50/50 raffles in support of this event. The Sunshine Bowl flag football tournament is a one-day event that gives players the opportunity to play on the same field where the Tampa Bay Buccaneers won the Super Bowl, while supporting the nearly 60,000 athletes of Special Olympics Florida. Our teams raised over



\$36,000 this year at this one event. This year we had 18 teams competing for 1st place. This event helps to bring fundraising, money and awareness to the athletes of Special Olympics Florida and provides a bonus of teamwork and team building for all involved.

BENEFIT CHRISTOPHER'S MESSAGE

Chapter 18

By Sgt. Jacalyn K. Mike



FCCD Chapter members along with the Ocala Cornhole Crew held an event at the Ocala Moose Lodge to benefit Christopher's Message. We had a motorcycle run starting out the day with breakfast and then a cornhole tournament with raffles. All of the proceeds to benefit Christopher's Message. The mission of Christopher's Message is to support those who are having thoughts of suicide, those who have been impacted by suicide, and to collaborate not only with the local community and its leaders, but also on a national level, by increasing awareness, reducing stigma and providing data-driven education & techniques to prevent suicide. Christopher's Message was founded in 2022 to spread awareness of and to help prevent suicide. At this one-day event we helped to raise \$10,550 for Christopher's Message!



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Chapter 18

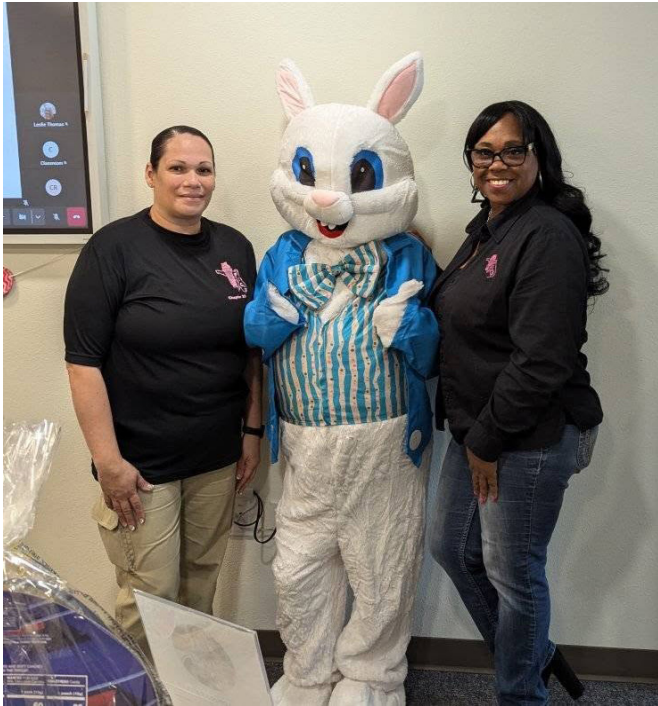
By Sgt. Jacalyn K. Mike

On April 25, 2025, FCCD Chapter members from the Marion County area participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Florida. This is a state-wide event that begins mid-February. Officers from over 350 Law Enforcement agencies across Florida take part in this event. Our Chapter assisted with the sale of LETR merchandise that included shirts, ball-caps & challenge coins, as well as obtaining sponsorships & participating in the biking and running. For over 40 years these Guardians of the Flame have transformed this event into one of the largest public awareness and fundraising efforts for the Special Olympics. Nearly 10,000 Guardians relay the torch across more than 1,500 miles and 67 counties, all to benefit the Special Olympics Florida. FDC and our Chapter have led the way in our participation and our fundraising efforts this year with over 150 of our Chapter members participating.



FILLING EASTER BASKETS

Chapter 20



FCCD Chapter 20 & FDC Circuit 18 launched Operation Easter Basket in Brevard County. Easter basket supplies and pre-made Easter Baskets were collected, Assembled and Donated 59 to the Family

Promise of Brevard. It was a Joy seeing smiles on Parents and children’s faces as we gave out ap- proximate 59 Easter Baskets, served dinner, hosted games and handed out household supplies.



VALENTINE’S BASKET

Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, Chapter 21 Past President

Chapter 21 had a Chance to Win for a Beautiful Valentine’s Day Basket in February. The basket consisted of 2 stainless steel tumblers, an assortment of chocolates, and some adorable little keep sakes that every woman loves for Valentine’s Day. Aysa Gant and Takiya Moore from Gadsden Re-Entry Center did a wonderful job with putting this basket together for this event. The winner of this amazing chance to win was Marco Manzano of Gadsden Re-Entry Center and I am sure the lucky lady who received the basket loved it. With this fundraiser, Chapter 21 was able to raise \$155 which is fantastic. It’s a wonderful feeling when members of Chapter 21 from all of our participating facilities come together to make these events successful.



SPRING BAKE SALE

Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, Chapter 21 Past President



As most FCCD Members know, Chapter 21 is known for having an Online Dessert Auction twice a year. One in the Fall or Winter and one in the springtime. Well, this year, instead of a Spring Dessert Auction, we had a Chapter 21 Bake Sale on April 23, 2025 at Jackson Correctional Institution. There was a vast assortment of delicious baked goods donated by our members as well as other staff. And of course, this was another huge success for a fundraiser which is probably no surprise at this point. With the support of all the staff at Jackson Correctional Institution to include Graceville Work Camp and Jackson Work Camp, we were able to raise \$550 in proceeds. And let’s not forget to give credit to their hungry stomachs. Needless to say, Chapter 21 has some very talented bakers within the group. But don’t worry, the Online Dessert Auction will be back! When Chapter 21 comes together for an event, we really come together to make it a hit!

SHINES A LIGHT ON AUTISM AWARENESS

Chapter 24



This year, FCCD Chapter 24, under the leadership of Chapter President Christa Riley, proudly made “Autism Awareness” its central focus. In support of this meaningful cause, the chapter created a custom-designed coin to promote awareness, with a portion of the proceeds going directly to Square Pegs, a local school that serves students on the autism spectrum.

Chapter 24 has actively partnered with Square Pegs, participating in community events such as a beach clean-up to raise both awareness and funds.



In addition, members rolled up their sleeves and joined in fundraising efforts through participation in Flea Across Florida, hosting a yard sale, and teaming up with Chapter 23 for their annual



softball tournament. Each event brought people together in the spirit of service, advocacy, and fun.

Our most recent event on May 17th was a Home Run Derby, which served as both a fundraiser and a celebration of our community’s support. Following the derby, members gathered for the May Monthly Meeting, where we enjoyed great food, fellowship, and reflected on the impact of our collective efforts.



FCCD Chapter 24 is proud to support organizations like Square Pegs and remains committed to raising awareness, fostering inclusion, and making a difference in the lives of individuals with autism.



TORCH RUN Chapter 25

On Thursday, March 13th and Friday, March 14th FCCD Chapter 25, both participated and served water for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics at both Walton CI and Holmes CI. Chapter 25 members are strong supporters of the Special Olympics Foundation and of the local athletes from Resources for Human Development (R.H.D.) in DeFuniak Springs.



UPDATE Chapter 26

On February 28, 2025, we held an election for the secretary position on our board. Ms. Lakesha Hill was appointed after Robin Meares stepped down from the position. We look forward to working with Ms. Hill. On April 4th, 2025, we held a Bake Sale fundraiser at Putnam Correctional Institution. The proceeds from the Bake Sale will help send one of our members to the 2025 institute. Recently, on May 20th, 2025, we held a training event with the Palatka Police Department and Community Corrections discussing the ongoing violence with different Security Threat Groups and gangs within our community and institutions.



Our goals for the next quarter include coordinating a training event with Joshua Lynn and his chapter. We also have a fundraiser event planned for Father Day's and a Backpack Drive before school starts.



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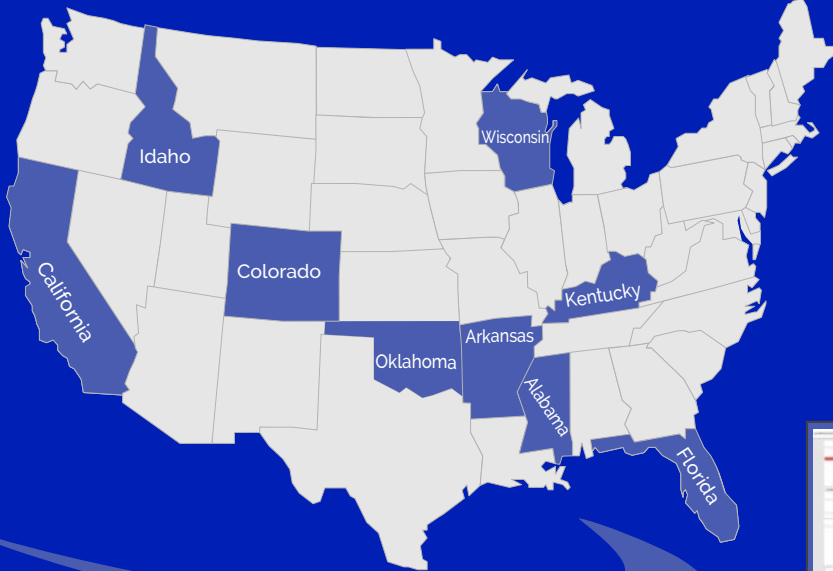



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Chapter 28 joined with Chapters 3 and 34 to hold a cornhole tournament. We held drawings for 2 cornhole boards to raise money for our chapter.

President John Robertson, Vice President Casey Westberry, Assistant Warden Bowden, and Assistant Warden Sboto and the winners of the raffle.

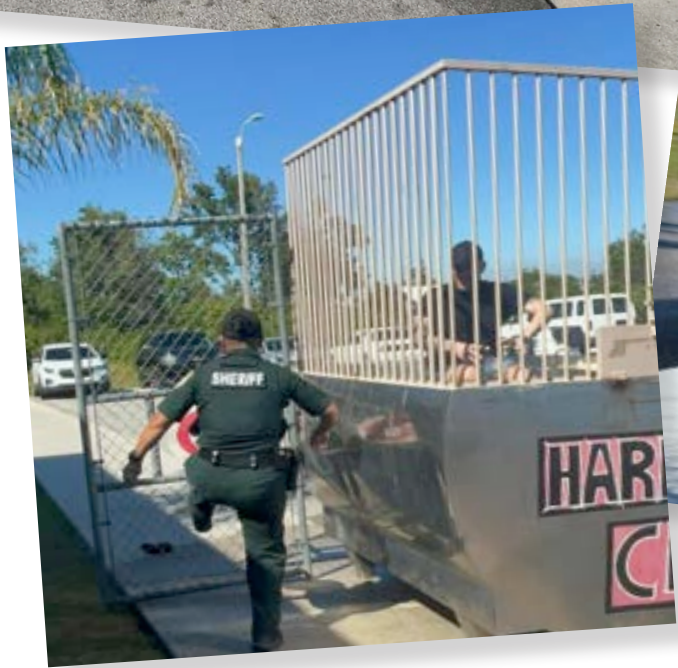
MONEY RAISED FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chapter 34

By Jacky Snow, President

FCCD Chapter 34 wants to thank everyone who came out and supported the HCI Honey Badgers Flag Football team. Your support allowed them to raise nearly another \$900.00 dollars to donate to the Special Olympics of Florida. It was an amazing event, and they could not be happier with the turnout. In total they raised over \$5000.00.







Way to go 3rd shift! Colonel Jorge made the comment today “This is probably the best morale I’ve seen at Hardee since I’ve got here.” And he was right, when you looked around all you saw was laughter. This wasn’t the case a year ago! Event such as these helps put the family back in the Corrections profession.



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