

Gannon University: Morosky College Of Health Professional Sciences

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“Gannon will prepare me to be responsible, to think critically, and to excel in my chosen profession.”

“They told me they prepared me for the future; they didn’t tell me that I would lead the future.”

Mission:

Graduates are prepared academically and personally in a caring and value-focused environment to be leaders in their careers and communities.

Vision – Health Professions:

Using the high quality health profession programs that are built on a foundation of academic excellence, the vision of the health profession programs is to produce interdisciplinary team learning throughout and among the curricula. We strive to be a regional asset specific to the educational preparation of health care professionals, committed to promoting the health and well-being of society.

Vision – Sciences:

The School of Sciences will be recognized for providing outstanding education necessary to build careers beyond the undergraduate level in employment and graduate and professional schools. The vision of the sciences and mathematics is to promote active, engaged learning through dynamic teaching and faculty – mentored research. Our students are prepared to become leaders in science, technology, mathematics, health care, and emerging fields important to society’s future.

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A Brighter Community

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A BRIGHTER COMMUNITY



A Brighter Community Preschool
The Burman Family Child Development Center
THE OLDEST OPERATING PRESCHOOL IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



Founded in 1922



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Mission:

The mission of A Brighter Community, Inc. (ABC) is to create a brighter future for at risk children by building a foundation of support through education and quality programming.

Our Purpose

We serve 3, 4, and 5 year-old children who are at-risk for school failure and have developmental delays due to the effects of poverty. The parents and caregivers of these children are faced with challenges of housing, employment and nutrition, as well as meeting the daily needs of their children. The program provides support to approximately 125 families annually whose average income is well below the national guidelines for poverty. Our comprehensive program not only provides a high-quality learning environment, but healthy meals and access to medical and dental professionals. Parents must be working, going to school or in a job training program for their child to receive services at A Brighter Community. Fees are calculated on a sliding scale based on total family income and the number of people who live in the household. Each family at our center qualifies for our family support program, which consists of monthly parent meetings where speakers provide information on various topics such as financial literacy, health and nutrition, and positive parent involvement techniques.

Ami Kids

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Separating a troubled past
from a bright future



MISSION:

Ami Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping youth develop into responsible and productive citizens. Ami Kids' mission is to protect public safety and positively impact as many youth as possible through the efforts of a diverse and innovative staff. Ami Kids works in partnership with youth agencies, local communities and families.

VISION:

Separating a troubled past from a bright future.

No kid is born bad. As life progresses, each one is faced with pressures and environments that can influence decisions. Fortunately for many, foundations of support through families, mentors, role models, and positive environments can guide us, providing opportunities and helping us make the right decisions.

But some kids don't have that support. There are a multitude of situations that can affect a child negatively, and dim that potential. Family issues, negative influences, and dangerous environments are just a few of many situations that can negatively affect a child's development and can lead to behavioral issues, learning disabilities, and in some cases offenses. If left untreated and punished, the cycle of negative behavior continues, many times for the rest of their lives.

There is potential born into every child. Ami Kids is dedicated to helping our troubled kids realize and achieve that potential, strengthen their community, and have a lasting impact on generations to come.

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Mission:

Our mission is to provide therapeutic horseback riding activities for children and adults afflicted with disabilities across a wide spectrum of physical and mental handicaps. Horseback riding activities include recreational riding, lessons, camps, Special Olympics, riding events and challenge shows. We also provide networking, support and social group settings with the goal of further improving the quality of life for our riders. Bakas Equestrian Center has been a highly successful program since 1987. It offers horseback riding to children and adults and specializes in those with disabilities. Operated by the Hillsborough County Conservation and Land Management Department, the program provides group riding lessons, trail rides, summer camps, and special events. Physically impaired and developmentally delayed riders have the opportunity to compete in Challenged horse shows and Special Olympics. Riding provides them with increased self esteem, balance, coordination and improved attention span. Speech and social interaction, trunk control and spacial awareness are also enhanced. All types of disabilities are served, including some that are severe and profound.

Horseback riding sessions with experienced and PATH certified instructors are offered at the John W. Bakas, Jr. Equestrian Center. The original center was established in 1987 to provide facilities needed for this special program. Due to the program's success and growth, Bakas needed to expand. In 2001 a new state of the art center was donated and built on a new site. Bakas now boasts a thirteen stall barn, covered arena, five outdoor paddocks, maintenance building and an administration complex including offices, accessible restrooms, a classroom and full kitchen.

Beth Shields Middle School

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Hillsborough County
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Preparing Students for Life



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Mission:

To provide an education and the supports that enable each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen

Vision:

Preparing students for life

School history:

Shields middle school opened in August, 2004 with approximately 1000 students. Beth shields Middle School was named after Kathryn Elizabeth "Beth" Shields who dedicated her life to improving opportunities for Hillsborough County's school children. Shields Middle School receives students from Cypress Creek Elementary, and Wimauma Elementary and feeds into Lennard High School.

Currently, the school has approximately 1500 students. The student body faculty and staff are a diverse and talented community

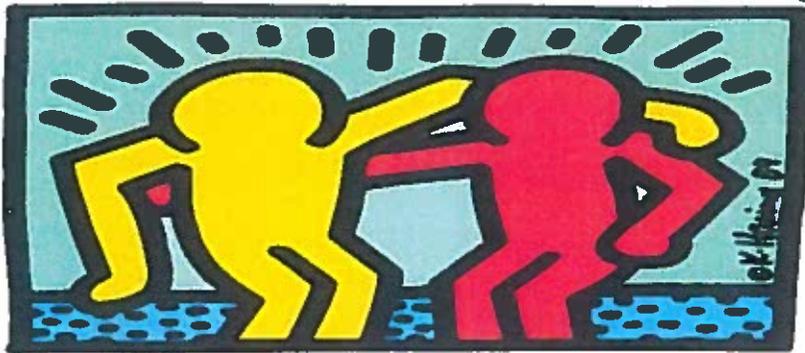
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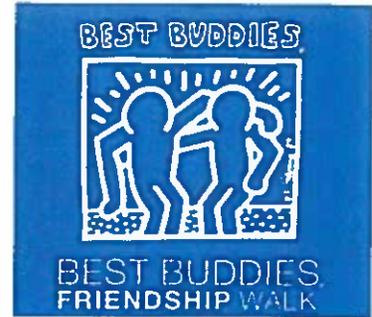
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Mission:

"Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)."

Disabilities include but are not limited to Down Syndrome, Autism, Williams syndrome, Fragile X, Cerebral Palsy, and TBI.

Vision: To put Best Buddies out of business. Best Buddies envisions a world where people with IDD are so successfully integrated into schools, workplaces and communities that its current efforts and services will be unnecessary. Until that vision becomes a reality, the organization will continue to educate middle school, high school and college students, community members, corporations and employers about the emotional, functional, and natural needs and abilities of people with IDD.

Programs:

"Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society."

Children's Home Network

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Children's Home Network™

IMPROVING LIVES AND CHANGING LIFE STORIES



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Mission:

We unlock the potential of at-risk children and families by providing compassionate and effective services that create opportunities for success.

Vision:

Children's Home Network will be a recognized leader in innovative programs and services in the field of child and family well-being, and as an exemplary model for the governance, management and operation of non-profit entities

Our Values:

The values honored by the Children's Home Network help to form our thoughts and guide our decisions and conduct in delivering our mission. Our interactions are based upon **Respect and Dignity**. We strive for **Excellence** in all that we do. People can **Trust** in our word and abilities. We conduct our work with **Compassion and Understanding**.

Dream Oaks Camp

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Mission:

The mission of the Foundation for Dreams is to celebrate the abilities and develop the strengths of children with special needs and chronic illnesses ages 7-17 by collaborating with families to provide individualized result-based goals, family support, and recreation in a camp environment.

"Where the things that make us different, make us beautiful"

At Foundation for Dreams, we believe a child's unique abilities should be not only recognized, but celebrated. Our program, Dream Oaks Camp, provides an exceptional camping experience for children with special needs and chronic illnesses ages 7-17. Each camp session has a theme and activities that are designed and tailored to meet the needs of each child we serve by modifying strategies to include participation of all campers, despite their physical, emotional or developmental challenges. We plan these with the mindset that each child will participate, learn new skills and take on many new challenges by focusing on what the child can do, rather than their limitations.

We use research-based practices to monitor and facilitate specific targeted goals identified by parents, physicians, teachers and/or caregivers that fall within 4 domains. These domains include: social interaction, activities of daily living, health and hygiene skills and/or behavior strategies.

Our staff receives intensive training to provide a supportive environment where individuals feel both physically and psychologically safe to participate. By maintaining a low camper-to-staff ratio of 3:1 or better, we can focus on each child's strengths and potential.

Children that attend regularly often achieve significant developmental, functional and behavioral gains that can be developed and sustained across multiple settings. Our campers truly develop a sense of belonging and recognize that Dream Oaks Camp is a special place they can call their own.

Faces Of Courage

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Cancer is Serious. Camp is Serious FUN!!!



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We are a non-profit organization located in the Tampa Bay area that offers free camps and events for women, men and children with cancer and blood illnesses. Though we are located in Florida, some of our camps are attended by women, men and children from all over the country. We strive to provide a judgment-free, comfortable atmosphere where women, men and children can relax and just have fun.

Faces of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization providing life enriching experiences to kids, women, men and families touched by cancer and/or blood disorders. Faces of Courage is the first organization in the nation to tailor a women's weekend camp for minority cancer survivors and is considered a leader in minority outreach and education. Current enrollment for programs is over 7,000 families and all programs are provided at no cost (FREE) to the participants.

While members naturally support one another, Faces of Courage is a camp, not a support group. Advice and help is readily available, but the organization primarily focuses on creating a fun, relaxed environment for women, men and children with cancer and other blood illnesses. Each camp and/or program aims to create an environment free of judgment for campers to take a break from the everyday stresses of overcoming their illnesses.

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Mission: Provide a continuum of services to meet the needs of those entrusted to our care, creating a safe and professional environment with the outcome of reduced victimization, safer communities and an emphasis on the premium of life.

Values:

Safety: Safety remains a priority in everything we do, for our staff, inmates, offenders and the public. Looking forward, technology will allow us to take an innovative approach toward creating safer environments.

Accountability: We must be accountable to those under our supervision, our fellow members and most importantly, the people of Florida through fiscally sound policy and strategic goals that complement our mission and vision.

Fairness and Integrity: We must always be fair and act with integrity. Our officers face difficult situations every day. We expect them to rise above these testing circumstances and be professional at all times.

Innovation: Finally, we must be innovative in our approach to building a modern Department of Corrections. I expect Florida to serve as a national leader in correctional policy and embrace a best in class approach to creating policies that promote success for our supervised population.

Goals:

Talent Development: We will invest in our members for their professional development, growth and success.

Inmate/Offender Programs: We will implement rehabilitative programs that support a continuum of services for inmates and offenders, resulting in a successful transition into the community.

Communications: We intend to promote a collaborative and transparent communications framework that engages all members and stakeholders.

Environment: We intend to provide healthy, sustainable and compassionate environments that are the foundation of our values.

Good Samaritan Mission

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GSM

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION
WIMAUMA, FLORIDA



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Mission:

Through knowledge, we inspire the community to find physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

Vision:

To transform the world for Christ, one heart at a time.

Teaching our neighbors practical life skills and the hope of the Gospel

The Good Samaritan Mission in Wimauma, Florida is a charitable, not-for-profit, 501(c)3, Christian ministry established in 1984. The Mission is dedicated to a holistic approach to enhancing the spiritual, emotional and physical quality of life for those living in poverty. We currently serve the community by offering a food pantry through our incentivized Adult Education Program, post-secondary scholarships, and Back to School and Christmas Outreach Events.

Haven Of Hope Hillsborough County

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HAVEN OF
HOPE
MINISTRIES



**YOU HAVE A CHOICE
EACH AND EVERY SINGLE DAY.**

I CHOOSE TO FEEL BLESSED.

I CHOOSE TO FEEL GRATEFUL.

I CHOOSE TO BE EXCITED.

I CHOOSE TO BE THANKFUL.

I CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY.

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Board of Directors:

Janet Smith, President

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Secretary

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Mission:

Our mission is to minister to women whose lives have been devastated by crime, drugs, and alcohol in order to help them get on their feet during the critical time following their release from prison. Through our programs, we hope to help former prisoners productively assimilate back into society as they become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

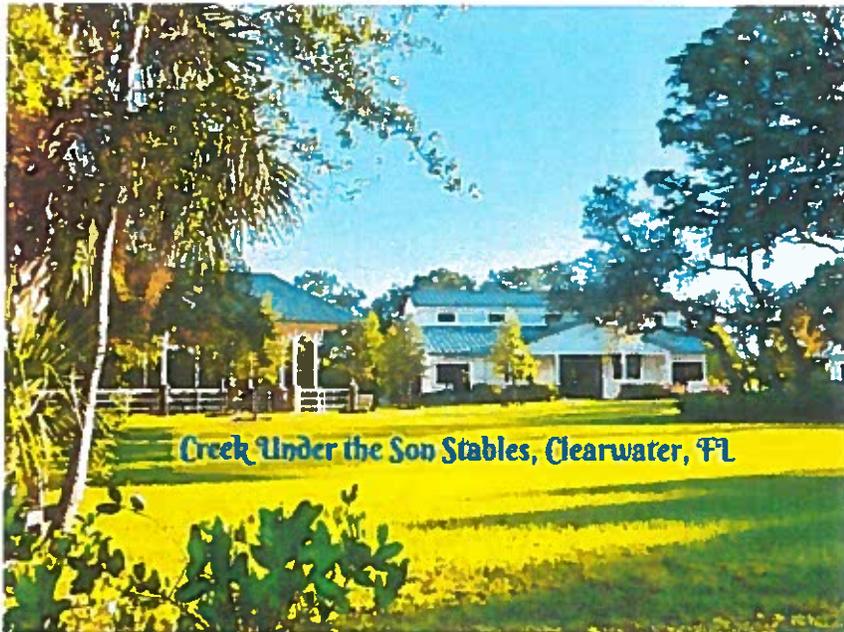
About Haven of Hope:

Haven of Hope is a Christ-centered, volunteer organization ministering to women whose lives have been torn apart by crime. Many have faced alcohol and drug problems, physical abuse and economic disadvantage. The program will provide food, shelter, job and skills training for up to five women in residence, and volunteers will work to develop relationships for them with area churches to provide positive influences in the community. Their Ruskin group home will offer future residents a large kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry, outdoor deck and an acre of land for gardening. A housemother will be at the home to supervise, provide direction and support. The female residents will be responsible for housekeeping, laundry, yard work and light maintenance of the property. Haven of Hope is modeled after the critically acclaimed success of the House of Hope residential program in Gainesville.

It is a strict, year-long program that has a 100-percent success rate with women who stick with the program. Florida prisons release about 3,000 women a year, and there are only 300 residential program beds throughout the entire state. Imagine the challenges of getting back on your feet without such programs. Far too many of the women will find it nearly impossible to rent a decent place and most have difficulty finding work without the stability, support and commitment of a group like Haven of Hope.

Inspire Equine Therapy Program

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Mission:

Improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and disabled veterans through therapeutic riding and other equine related activities

Vision:

To be the standard of excellence in our industry by providing the highest quality experience to teens, adults and families who experience physical, cognitive, emotional and behavioral special needs. To be a champion in the lives of disabled veterans and first responders

Programs:

Therapeutic riding- an equine assisted activity for the purpose of contributing positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of individuals with special needs

Therapeutic driving- an equine activity for people with various disabilities, in which the participant sits in a cart pulled by a horse and learns the skills necessary to drive a horse

Freedom heroes and equines- a free carriage driving program for disabled veterans and first responders

Horsemanship program- special olympics, field trips, day and summer camps

Agriculture training program- the program provides equine and other agriculture training experiences to adults with disabilities who are over the age of 22 years old and currently no longer attending school

Learn To Fish

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Mission:

"To breathe life and hope into women who have been marginalized, demoralized and traumatized, as we equip them for a future of love and prosperity."

Learn to Fish, Inc. is a Faith-Based, Non-Profit 501 Residential Recovery Center for women and children. We offer high quality treatment in a real home-like atmosphere that until now, was only available to those who could afford the \$20,000 - \$30,000 for a month at a "traditional" recovery center. Our rates are based on a sliding scale that makes recovery possible for all women who want help. Learn to Fish is a program that encompasses Mind, Body and Spirit. We offer a 90-day program that includes a full assessment of each woman's individual needs, medications, room and board, daily AA or NA meetings, weekly church services at various churches who support us and our women, recreational and fun outings and activities, the opportunity to learn valuable work skills by assisting with our LTF Thrift Store, fundraising activities as well as the following:

Groups

- Anger Management
- Emotional Maturity
- Parenting
- Loss & Grief
- Boundaries
- Dating and Marriage
- Addiction
- Co Dependency

Services

- Professional Assessments for Addiction and Mental Health
- Life Coaching
- Spiritual Mentoring
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Master Level Therapist
- Certified Addictions Specialist
- Courtroom Advocacy

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Mission:

To provide emergency and transitional housing and support services to abused and homeless women and their dependent children so that they will gain employment and successfully transition to permanent housing.

Vision:

Mary & Martha House will be the catalyst that helps abused and homeless women and their children to transform their lives

Mary & Martha House was established in 1982 by 3 women in the Ruskin community who identified a growing need to provide temporary, emergency shelter and longer term transitional housing for homeless and abused women and children living in unincorporated Hillsborough County. All of the shelters that provided emergency shelter services were concentrated within the City of Tampa leaving the rural population's needs unmet. A Board of Directors was formed in April 1987 and the organization was incorporated and became a 501(c)(3) the following year. Today it serves as the only residential shelter located in south Hillsborough County which serves women with or without children who are homeless and /or victims of domestic violence. Mary & Martha House continues to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and comprehensive support services in an environment of dignity, compassion and respect.

My Warriors Place

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Mission:

To honor, support and promote healing of the mind and spirit by providing a relaxed setting, special programs and to be a resource for any Military Service Member, Veteran, First Responder, Blue Star, Silver Star or Gold Star Family Member whose life has been touched and forever changed due to a tragic event and/or the death of a fallen warrior while in service to our country. To provide a safe refuge and bring about healing and hope to all Veterans and Military Service Members who have returned from the battlefield.

Vision:

To be the most desired refuge for all Veterans, Military Service Members, First Responders, Blue Star, Silver Star or Gold Star Family Members.

In the future to have other "My Warrior's Place" facilities and programs throughout the United States where there is a Military Base and a large population of Veterans.

My Warriors Place is a Retreat Center for Veterans, Military Service Members, First Responders, Gold Star, Blue Star and Silver Star Families. Additionally, My Warrior's Place offers several amazing programs for those who have put their life on the line for our safety and well being, endured the death of a Fallen Warrior and/or experienced the horrors of war. Each program offered by My Warrior's Place plays an important role in the healing and coping process, and the support that is obtained through these programs is priceless!

Special Olympics: Florida

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Special Olympics
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Mission Statement:

The mission of Special Olympics Florida is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with intellectual disabilities who wish to participate, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

The ultimate objective of Special Olympics Florida is to help people with intellectual disabilities participate as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs.

Population Served:

Special Olympics Florida serves over 38,000 athletes and offers training and competition in a variety of team and individual sports. These athletes are trained by 2,700 volunteer coaches, and are supported and encouraged by more than 25,000 event volunteers statewide.

Special Olympics athletes are given opportunities to participate without regard to economic, demographic, religious, or social factors. Neither athletes nor parents are charged a fee to participate in the program, and activities exist for those of all ability levels, from the highly functioning to the severely challenged. Anyone can participate in Special Olympics if they meet the eligibility criteria of having intellectual disabilities or a similar developmental disability.

Intellectual disability does not discriminate. Athletes who participate in Special Olympics come in all ages, ethnicities, and economic and social backgrounds. However, a significant number of athletes live in urban areas and come from lower socioeconomic groups. In addition, the vast majority of school-aged children with intellectual disabilities who attend public schools receive free or reduced lunch, placing them in the at-risk demographic.

Stay In Step

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Jason Kimber

Training aide I- Riczer "Rex"

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Mission:

Our mission is to provide a STEP forward to recovery through long-term rehabilitative care, treatment and hope to all our clients whose lives have been impacted by suffering from a spinal cord/traumatic brain injury and/or any neurological disorder. We seek to create a motivating, nurturing and faith-centered environment where our clients and their families can learn how to overcome limitations and navigate their challenges together. We strive to change lives one STEP at a time and help all our clients STAY the path towards recovery.

Vision:

Since September 16, 2008, the fateful day CWO3 Romulo "Romy" Camargo (Ret.) was injured on a mission in Afghanistan leaving him completely paralyzed from the neck down, he and his dutiful wife Gabriela "Gaby" Camargo, have worked tirelessly to seek out a cure for he and others whose lives have been impacted by similar debilitating injuries. Created out of necessity, as many traditional healthcare centers do not invest in long-term rehabilitation, SIS opened its doors June 21, 2015. Through trial and error and having a "No Quit" attitude, Romy and Gaby gained a tremendous knowledge on the subject of Spinal Cord Injury and Neurological Disorders. Their experiential knowledge was instrumental in not only their ability to create a sustainable health care facility, but also the create highly specialized treatment and recovery methodologies. As Gaby describes it, "This is my and Romulo's reality every day. We know it better than most." Under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Dr. John Merritt, Founders Romy and Gaby Camargo have grown the Center staff, patient base and service offerings steadily. Realizing that no two SCI injuries are the same, SIS utilizes a customized approach to rehabilitation, treatment and therapy in an effort to maximize the potential, independence and quality of life for each and every patient.

This non-profit recovery center is designed to provide state-of-the-art recovery treatment to SCI patients in the greater Tampa Bay and surrounding areas. The Center is open to both military and civilian SCI patients. Our proactive approach to rehabilitation combined with real-time global collaboration with other SCI subject matter experts and patients, make SIS a unique and unprecedented center offering SCI patients in the Tampa Bay and surrounding area a direct pathway to start their journey toward recovery!

Sun Towers

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SUN TOWERS
A RETIREMENT & REHABILITATION COMMUNITY



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Sun Towers is a long established retirement community located on Florida's Sun Coast, just outside the greater Tampa area. At Sun Towers, we offer a way of life for seniors who cherish independence while accepting the reality that we all may need help at times. As you continue through life's journey, you are secure in the knowledge that Sun Towers will be there for you every step of the way.

At Sun Towers Retirement Community we strive to provide everything under the sun. Our campus provides virtually all possible levels of care, including independent and assisted living apartments, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation center, skilled nursing, and memory care.

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**SELAH
FREEDOM**
Bringing Light into the
Darkness of Sex Trafficking

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Selah Freedom is a national organization providing education and training throughout the country, as well as teen prevention, outreach, and safe housing in the Midwest and Southeast regions of the United States. Selah Freedom's national headquarters is located in Sarasota, Florida.

Selah Freedom actively confronts the issue of sex trafficking and is being upheld as the model for how to effectively bring solutions to survivors of sex trafficking & exploitation. Selah is a Hebrew word which means to pause, rest, and reflect. We give survivors a chance to do just that. Women in our programs have an opportunity to dream again; to discover who it is they were created to be.

Selah Freedom brings Awareness and Education to the community and organizations through their speakers bureau team, CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) 101 Course, law enforcement training and Organizational Mentorship. The My Life, My Choice Prevention Programming, a survivor-written, survivor-led curriculum, empowers teen girls ages 12-17 years old with the tools they need to avoid being manipulated by a trafficker and successfully prevents girls from being commercially sold. Our Outreach Program is active in the jail system and on the street and provides support groups, case management, and referral services to women currently in "the life". Selah Freedom has partnered with law enforcement and the State Attorney's Office to launch the TYLA Program, a diversionary program for sex trafficking survivors in the legal system. We provide Residential Programming for survivors of sex trafficking that includes a personalized educational plan, job placement, trauma therapy, life skills, medical and legal assistance, and holistic restorative care.

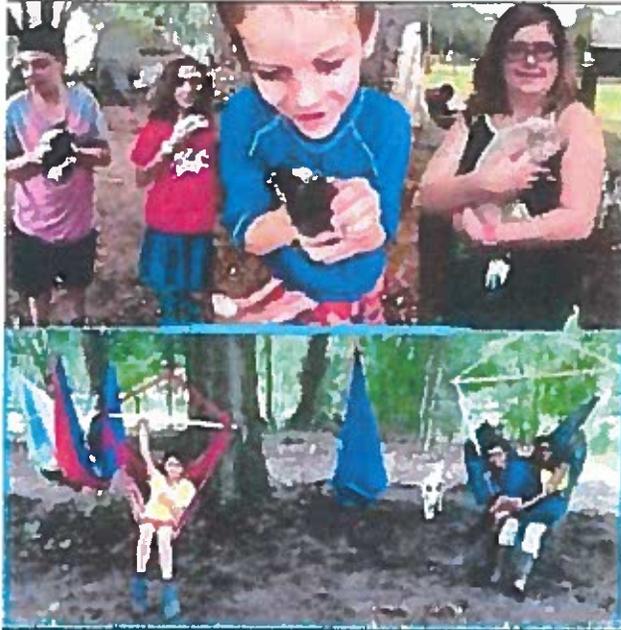
Goals:

Selah Freedom is passionate about equipping teens and children with the tools they need to recognize risk-factors, red flags, and the methods of sex traffickers and recruiters. Our goal is to prevent them from being exploited so that they do not need aftercare later in life. Our Prevention program provides multiple, cutting-edge approaches to accomplish this goal. We provide group curriculum for teen girls which not only opens up life-changing conversation on this topic, but ultimately helps participants harness the power of their voice, recognize the signs of exploitation, and identify what could be putting them at risk.

As we bring light into the darkness of sex trafficking, we see victims transformed into survivors!

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Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am -
3pm

Saturday: By appointment

Sunday: Closed

Mission:

Warriors for Autism Inc., is dedicated to creating inclusive programs and services to families affected by autism spectrum disorders.

Our hope is to enlighten the children to become the best version of themselves that they can be. Enriching their lives by showing them that different is by no means less and empowering them with the knowledge that everyone is good at something!

Enlighten, Enrich, Empower!

Sensory Warriors:

Our adaptive fitness program is open to children on the spectrum and their siblings. All ages are welcome! We focus on balance, coordination and sensory fun. Program runs Saturday mornings from 11am - 12pm at our Tampa location: 3420 W Main Street, Tampa, FL 33607

We offer a zip line, foam pit and rock climbing wall on site for children to enjoy.

Farm Camp:

Our inclusive day camp program is open to children on the spectrum and their siblings ages 6-16. Camp runs in weekly sessions from Monday through Friday from 8am - 3pm.

Children learn how to care for animals on the farm the best way possible - with hands on experience. They enjoy swimming, team building exercises and sensory play including relaxing therapeutic swings under the trees!

Discounts are available for siblings and multiple week packages are also available.

Hillsborough County Public Schools: Ruskin Elementary

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School Principle- Rebecca Salgado

Assistant Principle-
Shawnette Singleton

Mission:

The faculty and staff of Ruskin Elementary School will provide all students with the knowledge and skills necessary to reach their full potential. We will build a climate of social, cultural, and educational understanding through staff and parent training, and community involvement leading to increased self-esteem and readiness to learn. We will incorporate opportunities to work in a safe environment through cooperative learning, and risk-taking, and the integration of technology.

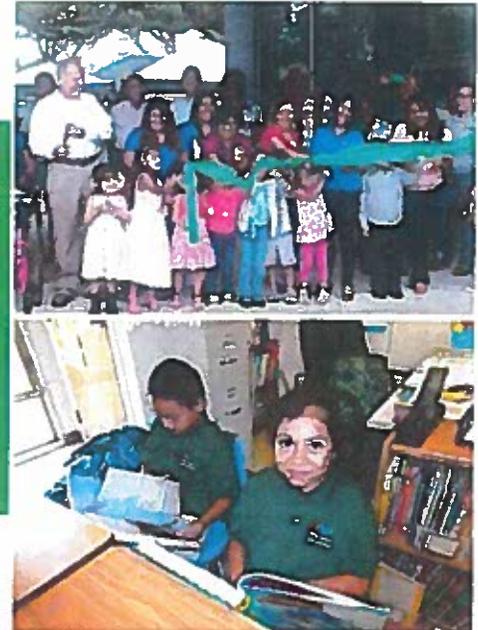
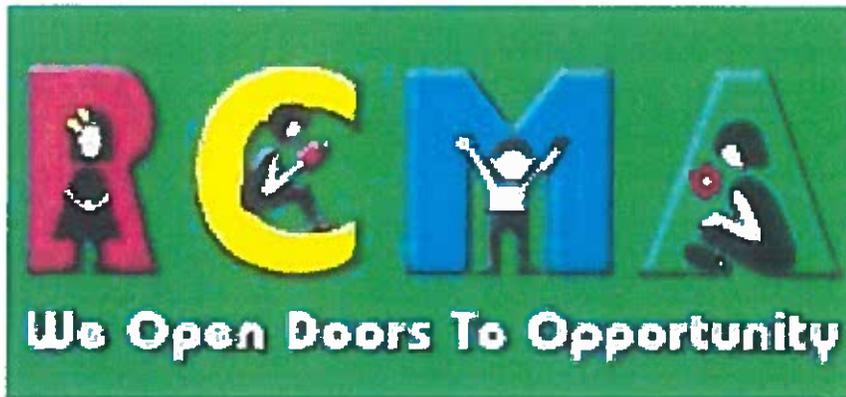
Vision:

The Ruskin Elementary School staff, parents and community will encourage active, self-directed, lifelong learners who are socially, culturally, and educationally responsible.

Redlands Christian Migrant Association

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Mission:

RCMA opens doors to opportunities through quality child care and education from crib to high school and beyond.

Vision:

RCMA will be recognized as a national role model in preparing rural low-income children

for leadership in an increasingly diverse and complex world.

Our Goals:

- To provide quality child care
- To provide children and their families with support services
- To provide educational opportunities and improve the health and general welfare of children and their families
- To involve parents in the educational process and in public policy decisions affecting their children and families
- To increase public awareness of the lifestyle of migrant and seasonal farm workers and the rural poor
- To provide opportunities and encourage the professional development of staff hired from the communities served

Parents & Children Advance Together

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Literacy Ministries, Inc.
Helping families with literacy...



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Mission:

PCAT Literacy Ministries will provide literacy programs to address the holistic needs of children and families residing in underserved communities, allowing them to become a community of literate, healthy, and economically self-sufficient individuals and families.

In 2003, as a result of community input from social services agencies, community leaders and parents, the Parents and Children Advance Together (PCAT) Family Literacy program began. PCAT is an after-school literacy program for underserved children and families living in severely distressed neighborhoods in Hillsborough County, Florida. These families are considered low income (census poverty data) and the children receive free or reduced lunch at their elementary school. The purpose of PCAT is to instill literacy as a value with emphasis on breaking the intergenerational cycle of non-readers. The program is under the umbrella agency, PCAT Literacy Ministries, Inc.

Our comprehensive program is designed to assist low performing young primary grade students (K-2) that are at-risk of school failure, with reading and reading comprehension instruction. Students that attend PCAT are reading below a desired reading level and are recommended into our program by their teachers. Parents are encouraged to participate and are provided integrated programs to maximize their academic and social abilities. All services are offered at no cost to our families.

National Alliance On Mental Illness

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Advocacy



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Identity And Mission:

1.1 NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness, especially those with serious mental illness. NAMI advocates for effective prevention, diagnosis, treatment, support, research and recovery that improves the quality of life of persons of all ages who are affected by mental illness.

1.2 NAMI provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. To meet that goal, NAMI is building a movement. We seek to broaden public awareness and inclusion in every part of our alliance. We seek to increase our visibility and impact; strengthen our voice as a unified organization of lived experiences and maximize our outreach to and engagement with all communities.

1.3 NAMI envisions a world where all persons affected by mental illness experience resiliency, recovery and wellness. Each individual experiences mental illness and recovery differently, and NAMI supports research, treatment and supportive services that address each individual's needs. Many individuals living with mental illness experience recovery through a combination of community services, medication, peer support, housing, education, employment and other supports. NAMI fights to ensure that people who are not experiencing recovery, but instead cope with hardships such as homelessness, substance abuse and incarceration, receive every support possible to put them on the path to recovery.