

Education Foundation, St. Lucie Donates \$400,000 to St. Lucie Public Schools



St. Lucie County, FL - The Board of Directors of the St. Lucie County Education Foundation presented a check to the St. Lucie County School Board in the amount of \$400,000 during a ceremony on Tuesday, August 13. The check represents the total revenue raised by the Education Foundation during the school year ending June 30, 2019. The amount is 10% more than last year.

Robbi Giaccone, Board Chair of the Education Foundation noted that funds were used to support teacher grants, student scholarships, classroom funding and teacher recognition. The Education Foundation is the annual sponsor for Night of the Stars, a district wide event recognizing excellence among the staff, culminating in the Teacher of the Year & School Related Employee of the Year awards as well as Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year and First Year Teacher awards.

The Foundation also sponsors the Evening for Education Annual Gala, now entering its 20th consecutive year. This elegant event raises funds for teacher grants and the operations of the foundation. This year the event is on November 16, 2019 at Harbour Ridge Clubhouse and the venue will include inducting distinguished alumni and community leaders into a new Hall of Fame.

Thom Jones, President of the Education Foundation noted that operating expenses of the 501 (c) 3 declined 19%. He also noted that 88% of the revenue are derived from outside the school district. This underscores the support of the community to help advance public education in St Lucie County.



Thom Jones

As the Education Foundation enters its 29th year as the only 501 (c) 3 nonprofit dedicated solely to supporting academic programs in St. Lucie Public Schools, the focus for 2019-2020 will be to support the school district goal to become an A rated district. The Education Foundation is working closely with district staff to align funding to programs that will benefit all students and increase the rating of the school district.

The Education Foundation was founded in 1990 to advance public education in St. Lucie County and has one of the largest private scholarship programs in the county. Its mission is to build stronger partnerships with the private sector to provide grants to teachers, scholarships to students as well as mentoring and employee recognition programs.

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