

Family of Humanity Adopts Dania Beach Community

Family of Humanity, Inc. a growing 501c3, organization is taking Broward County by storm by adopting 2 of the most impoverished communities in Broward County. The community of Liberia in Hollywood, and the community adjacent to Collins Elementary school in Dania Beach, has been embraced by this robust organization.

Empowering each member of the family is the key to building a successful family. Family of Humanity wants to give individuals a sense of hope, independence, self improvement and achievement. It is the organizations belief that to target the family as a unit – parents, teens and children and offer specialized programs designed to teach each member of the family important skills to function in a healthy and safe environment will result in increased stability and oneness.

Research shows that 44% of families do not have regular after school care for their children, and as a result in low income neighborhoods there is a high percentage of juvenile arrests, teenage pregnancies, substance abuse, high school drop outs, std and the list goes on. In addition, Florida has the highest number confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in the country and Broward County averages 900 reports of abuse per month. That's 30 reports of abuse per day. And, 26.6 percent of the violent crimes reported in Florida during 2003 were domestic violence offenses.

Family of Humanity is determined to reduce these statistics by making a difference and be part of the solution. The organization has designed three unique programs tailored to each member of the family.

For the Children the organization has developed The Human Understanding and Growth Program, (H.U.G.) a community



youth program that provides after-school enrichment activities to at-risk youth which includes social skills development, art enrichment activities, and literature response education. Children ages 8-12 participate in fun community art projects like quilt-making, mosaics, culinary, dance, and so much more.

For teenagers, The Youth on the Move to Stop Violence Program is a new program designed for pre-teen and teenage girls ages 13-18 to recognize the warning signs of relationship abuse and develop skills for identifying and participating in healthy relationships. These teens also express themselves through the arts regarding intimate partner relationships. They participate in activities like graphic design, mosaics, dance, and culinary.

For parents, The Parent

Empowerment and Violence Prevention Program is another new program developed to give at-risk parents/caregivers ages 19-55 the tools and skills to allow them to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children. Parents/caregivers participate in interactive forums like lectures, group discussions, games, videos, skill building activities and socials that teach on topics like shaking, hitting and spanking and what to do as alternatives.

"There are some real issues of violence, child abuse and neglect that many are unaware of happening right here in our community," said Loretta Brunetti, Co-Founder and CEO of the Family of Humanity. "We want to give children, teens and parents the opportunity to express and be themselves in a trusting

and encouraging environment. The community of Liberia and the surrounding areas near Collins Elementary in Dania Beach are dear to our hearts. We need to make a call to action to our neighbors for their help to stop the violence and neglect and be part of the solution by sponsoring our programs to make them even better so we can reach more families."

You are challenged to play your part and make a difference in the lives of the families in these areas by donating or sponsoring Family of Humanity, Inc. Your contributions will give these individuals an even richer experience and the chance to enjoy true happiness and oneness as a family. You can make your donations on line by visiting www.familyofhumanity-inc.org or mailing to Family of Humanity Inc, 3896 Farragut Street, Hollywood.