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Insights

Quarterly Newsletter | **Summer 2025**

A Message FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ilene Harper, PhD, Executive Director, Family Life and Community Resource Center

This year's second quarter was full of activity at FLCRC, with the 2nd Annual Hat & Tea Soirée fundraiser and 8th Annual Summer Enrichment Camp being our largest events.

The quarter kicked off with our participation in DA Brian Middleton's *Kinship, Connecting & Healing* event on April 10th honoring crime victims. During this special event, DA Middleton presented FLCRC with the Expose Excellence DA Bike Ride Grant. On April 11th, we received a generous check from Constable Sheikhani of Precinct 3, who donated his first-quarter salary to benefit local nonprofits. Our Y.A.L.E. leaders held a special April meeting that featured student internship interviews, a College and Career Seminar, and the students' presentation of Mother's Day gift baskets to their mothers.

At our five-day Summer Enrichment Camp in June, students participated in sessions on financial literacy, STEM, robotics and drones, creative arts, fitness, field trips and more. The highly anticipated water slide offered a fun and revitalizing ending to the week!

Our Hat & Tea Soirée on May 3rd was also a resounding success! Guests enjoyed an inspiring panel discussion. Our Y.A.L.E. interns displayed their exceptional leadership skills, and the vendor booths were a standout element. We are pleased to announce that this event raised $2,000 to support the youth leaders' 2026 trip to Canada.

We are dedicated to *Building Better Communities by Building Stronger Families*. July 1st marked the launch of our 2025-2026 capital campaign, *FLCRC's Future: Building a New Generation of Leaders*. We invite your support as we head into this exciting new chapter for our organization! Learn more at **FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign**.

Top: Students enjoyed five fun-filled days at the FLCRC Summer Enrichment Camp in June. Bottom row left to right: FLCRC participated in the Fort Bend Church Health and Wellness Expo in April; students created Mother's Day gift baskets at the April Y.A.L.E. meeting; guests at our Hat & Tea Soirée in May had fun with FLCRC-branded fans.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Did you participate in any of our services or programs in 2025? Please take a moment to share your feedback.

Fort Bend County DA and Constable Support FLCRC

On April 10th during District Attorney Brian Middleton's *Kinship, Connecting Healing* event, FLCRC received the **2025 Expose Excellence DA Bike Ride Grant**. On April 11th, **Constable Sheikhani** of **Precinct 3** generously donated his first-quarter salary to benefit local nonprofits, one of which included FLCRC. Special thanks to both gentlemen for the incredible support!

April Meeting for Y.A.L.E. Students and Parents

Our student leaders had a fun and productive **Y.A.L.E. meeting** on April 12th. The day began with interviews for our student intern positions, followed by a **College and Career Seminar**. Guest presenter Kenny Ta shared helpful information about the College 529 plan while the students discreetly prepared beautiful Mother's Day gift baskets!

Girls with Pearls: Women Leading & Soaring

On **May 3rd**, we hosted the 2nd annual FLCRC Hat & Tea Soirée, *Girls with Pearls: Women Leading & Soaring*. Guests were inspired by a panel discussion with four "women in business." The event also featured local vendor booths and a fashion show. Thank you to all who helped make this a fantastic event!

Camp with Y.A.L.E.

A FUN-FILLED WEEK OF **SUMMER ENRICHMENT!**

Twenty-five students enjoyed a fun and interactive week at our Summer Enrichment Camp **June 16-20**. Sessions focused on a variety of topics including STEM, robotics, chemistry, space travel, creative arts, gardening, community safety and financial literacy. The students also enjoyed daily exercises, a trip to the James Reese Center on Juneteenth to learn about the Sugar Land 95, outdoor sports and games, and a 16-foot inflatable water slide to celebrate our last day. Special thanks to our staff and volunteers for making this an amazing week for all!

Y.A.L.E. Leader *Shines*

AS A **JOHN MOORE JUNIOR INNOVATOR AWARD** FINALIST

We are excited to recognize the entrepreneurial endeavors of Y.A.L.E. student leader **Kendon Thibodeaux** and his business, Mr. Thirsty's. Through his "Mr. Thirsty's Sips of Service Program," each drink flavor purchased supports a different cause. On May 2nd, Kendon participated in the **John Moore Services Shark Tank Competition** and placed in the top 8 as a finalist for the esteemed John Moore Junior Innovator Award. On May 28th, he was featured alongside other finalists on KPRC's *Houston Life*. Kudos to Kendon for his hard work and commitment to serving the community!

"This business has taught me entrepreneurship, how to communicate with people and communicate my own needs. I believe in Mr. Thirsty's and I want it to make giving go viral. One flavor, one sip, one scan at a time."

— KENDON THIBODEAUX

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Back-to-School Parent Chat

July 30 & 31, 2025 (Virtual) | 6-7 p.m.
August 2, 2025 (In-person) | 10-11 a.m.

Prepare for the school year with this high-energy, interactive event! Learn more and register at **FamilyLifeCRC.org/chat**.

Scholarships Open August 1st

Each December, FLCRC presents scholarships to outstanding students who demonstrate academic potential, leadership, and a commitment to community service. Apply starting August 1st at **FamilyLifeCRC.org/scholarships-and-awards**.

FLCRC Launches 2025-2026 Capital Campaign

Our capital fundraising campaign, *FLCRC's Future: Building a New Generation of Leaders*, launched July 1st. Learn about how you can support our campaign goals at **FamilyLifeCRC.org/campaign**!

Bullying Awareness Conference

October 25, 2025 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Save the date for this event focused on awareness and prevention of bullying! Learn more at **FamilyLifeCRC.org/StandAgainstBullying**.

Dakota Merriweather 5K Walk/Run

November 15, 2025 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m. | George Park

Save the date for this special fundraiser in memory of Y.A.L.E. student leader Dakota Merriweather. Learn more at **FamilyLifeCRC.org/Dakota-Merriweather-5K**.

FLCRC 2025 Community Survey

Help us serve you better by sharing your feedback on our programs and services! Scan the QR code on the cover page or visit our homepage at **FamilyLifeCRC.org** for the survey link. Your opinion matters to us!

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