

Future Leaders United for Change

Service Learning Description Form

Project: *One Seed, One Plant, One County*

Proposed by: *Future Leaders*

Effective Date: *3/28/2017*

Youth Master Plan, Action Area: *Economic Access, Health and Wellness Supports, Social and Emotional Supports*

Objective

An outreach effort to plant food gardens and trees. Future Leaders United for Change (Future Leaders), the youth council of Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures to alleviate hunger, foster good health and wellness; create economic access throughout Palm Beach County and create partnerships with community agencies.

Background

Palm Beach County residents communicated their needs during 11 Community Conversations that Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures hosted across Palm Beach County as part of the Youth Master Planning process. Six themes were identified Economic Access; Parenting and Role Models; Social and Emotional Supports; Educational Supports; Health and Wellness Supports; Removal of Community Stressors and Systemic Barriers. In addition, a survey was administered to 345 youth ages 10 to 22 years of age and 16% indicated a need for access to food and 65% receive free or reduced lunch at school. Future Leaders wish to make an impact by addressing identified needs.

Best Practices

1. Tree Crops A Permanent Agriculture (J. Russell Smith, 1929),
2. In 1978 Bill Mollison developed the concept as Permaculture, and
3. The Beacon Food Forest Permaculture Project most recently in Seattle, Washington.

In Collaboration with other entities across the county, Future Leaders will implement a similar concept that fits Palm Beach County's needs.

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Action Steps, through the leadership of Future Leaders:

- Seeking partnerships with Palm Beach County(PBC) departments, PBC local cities, for profit and non-profits organizations. Initial organizations identified are:
 - a. PBC Office of Community Revitalization
 - b. PBC Parks and Recreation
 - c. Career Source
 - d. United Way
 - e. Memory Trees
 - f. Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County
 - g. Farmer Jay.
- Brainstorming ideas and strategies.
- Involving the media to announce and allow community engagement.
- Including County and City Commissioners involvement within local community.
- Creating a sustainable project within high need areas of Lake Worth, Boynton, and Western Community.
- Including Michelle Dryer relatives, co-workers, and friends to participate in her honor.

Dedication

A garden will be dedicated to the memory of Michelle Dryer, who was a beacon in the community, and an advocate on social issues.