

# FCCD Chapter 20



2nd Quarterly Newsletter 2018

## Caps of Hope



This year the 3 Probation Offices and Juvenile Justice of Brevard County are collecting plastic bottle caps. We are taking them to the Quarterly State Board FCCD Meetings; turning them in to Chapter 23 to be used to recycle, make prosthetic legs to help people and give them “hope”.

“Thank You” in helping with this yearlong project. It is close to my heart since my mom had to get 2 prosthetic legs.

Thank You,



### FCCD Chapter 20 Board



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## Puerto Rico Donations



FCCD Chapter 20 would like to “Thank” Brevard County State Probation Offices: Cocoa, Melbourne and Titusville for donating items to Puerto Rico's time of need. Your generosity does not go unnoticed!

We would like to “Thank “Eastern Florida State College for letting us partner with them!

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The island was devastated by Hurricane Maria with countless homes destroyed and residents suffering without food, water, power and shelter. FCCD Chapter 20 always looks for ways to volunteer, to help those in need.

## National Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Month, and FCCD Chapter 20 would like to say “Thank You” to State Probation Offices in Cocoa, Melbourne, and Titusville Offices and friends as well as Melbourne Juvenile Justice for participating in this Community Service by donating supplies and personal hygiene products that are much needed for the Woman's Shelter: The Salvation Army Domestic Violence in Cocoa.

They really appreciated being remembered!

Thank You for Your Kindness,

Chapter 20 FCCD Board



National Domestic Violence Aware

## Breast **CANCER WALK**



FCCD Chapter 20 would like to "thank" everyone who purchased the hot pink & black bracelets (people all over Central Florida are wearing them & 20 % of the proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Society). "Thanks" to all who were able to join us in the 3 mile walk in Viera on October 28, 2017!

It seems everyone I meet has been affected by breast cancer or knows someone who has been affected or even passed on. I became involved 4 years ago when my sister in law was diagnosed with breast cancer and eventually lost the battle one year later. I will walk in memory of her and my friends yearly who have lost their parents to breast cancer. I will always encourage woman to get their yearly mammograms. Please never say you're too busy, this is one of the most important decisions you make each year. I am the voice for my sister in law who would tell you, "you're never too busy or it could cost you your life".

Donna Martin Bolton





**LET'S** make a **DIFFERENCE** and help fight to **cure!!!**



*COMMUNITY JOB FAIR*

Brevard County Re-entry Task Force and FCCD Chapter 20



*Left to Right: CPSO Donna Bolton, CPSO George Harrison, Employment Specialist Denise Hall, Career Development Specialist Susan Kowalski, and Khalilah M. Escalera, Reentry & Community Outreach Specialist; U.S. Attorney's Office-Middle District of Florida*

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 The Florida Department of Corrections, The Brevard County Re-entry Task Force, and FCCD Chapter 20 partnered bringing employers and community resources together to assist probationers. The successful event was held at the City of Refuge Christian Center in Cocoa, pastored by Sr. Pastor Bawanna Bostic. We had a total of 39 participants and 23 of them were on supervision. One employer attending the event hired 75% of the probationers they interviewed. Community resources included Eastern State College, The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, The Brevard County Clerk of the Courts, DCF, Vocational Rehab, CareerSource Brevard, and the Health Navigator. Due to the success of the event, discussions of holding quarterly Career and Community Resource events starting January 2017 were expressed.

BRINGING EMPLOYERS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
TOGETHER



## **Planning for Retirement from the FRS Training**

By George M. Harrison

On November 15, 2017 FCCD Chapter 20 hosted Jim King and Brian Lauria from Database Financial Services at the Cocoa 18-2 P&P Office for a retirement planning training for members of the Florida Retirement System (FRS). Twenty-two staff members came from all corners of Circuit 18 to gain insight into what is often times the most confusing and difficult part of their career! Jim and Brian delivered a message that the process does not have to be a personal nightmare and that there is LIFE after retirement! Interested staff was able to schedule a follow-up one-on-one appointment with Brian to discuss their personal options and look into minor, and sometimes major, tweaks that drastically improve your retirement options! All staff that took advantage of this training opportunity was able to gain some tidbit or knowledge they previously were unsure or unaware of.





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State Board Community Service Project is Autism-Putting the Pieces Together.

FCCD Chapter 20 donated monitors (Dept. of Corrections) were going to recycle and they graciously let us donate them to Dan Marino Autism Foundation in Miami. We also donated a back pack filled with school supplies.

It is really neat to hear a success story of one young man who the world gave up on him and his parents took him to Dan Marino Foundation (School) and they taught him the skills that he needed to survive in the work place. Today many years later he is a success story, able to work and have social skills to communicate in today's world.

Thank you that this type of school exits and were able to help this young man.



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THANKS TO BAGEL 13 OF ROCKLEDGE; DEBBIE HARRIS  
MANAGER & STAFF FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT WITH  
DONATIONS OF BAGELS AND CREAM CHEESE FOR FCCD  
CHAPTER 20 TRAININGS

# 89TH ANNUAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING INSTITUTE



Each year the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency holds an Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute. The purpose of this institute is to provide its membership with high quality training in the field of criminal justice.

The 89th Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute will take place August 27th - 30th, 2018 at the [Boca Raton Resort & Club](#) located at 501 East Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

**There's a chance to win a full scholarship to attend the institute: The ticket only cost \$10.00 for that chance to win. When you win and attend, it will be a wonderful worthwhile learning experience.**

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