

THE CATALYST

spring 2019



The new Evans Center honors the legacy of Mr. Roosevelt (Ross) Evans

EVANS CENTER OPENS!

The Evans Center is a model for community healthy living. Located in a USDA designated “food desert”, the Evans Center includes a grocery store, health clinic operated by Brevard Health Alliance, and classroom space for job training, health and wellness education, and other programming needs identified by area residents.

In addition to access to healthy food, the Evans Community Market deli will feature hot breakfast items, and a selection of hot and cold lunch and dinner items with a Caribbean flair. In partnership with CareerSource Brevard, the Market will supply on the job training for employees,

who will gain transferrable skills in sales, customer service, inventory control and product presentation. Market Manager, Art Derico, strongly believes in providing hands-on leadership and guidance to his employees and a down-home personal relationship with every customer. For Mr. Derico, “Every life is a story and every story deserves to be told. As we greet each of our neighbors each day; as we take time to train and mentor every employee; when we can all share a smile and a laugh together, new chapters are written and every life story begins to unfold. Here at Evans Community Market,

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EVANS CENTER OPENS!

all are Kings and all are Queens as we humbly serve our community with pride for today and a passion of unity toward tomorrow.”

As Brevard County’s only Community Health Center, Brevard Health Alliance (BHA) is proud to be recognized as a medical and dental home where exceptional patient care is the number one priority. The Evans Center will offer primary health services, on a sliding fee basis, to adults. Referrals will be made to other BHA clinics for dental care, behavioral health, and case management services.

“We are so pleased to extend our services to the community through this new Evans Center location,” said Lisa Gurri, BHA’s Chief Executive Officer. “We strive to provide accessible, affordable patient care where our patients live, and we’re committed to ensuring that the individuals in the Evans community have access to high-quality, compassionate care when it is needed.”

Evans Center Community Room is a space where youth and young adults find mentors who inspire them and provide critical life-skills experiences. Regularly scheduled workshops training events, community conversations, health & wellness programs and other educational activities are available to residents.

“We are excited to honor the legacy of Mr. Roosevelt Evans by opening this facility on the same site where he first opened a community market many years ago,” said LeAngela Aitken, Evans Center Director. “It is our goal at Evans Center to bring the excitement of healthy living culture back to the community. We are focused on creating partnerships that promote the ideals and creative talent that are authentically tied to the neighborhood.”

Current board president and founding board member James Bartell points to the benefits the Evans Center will offer. “We are excited to realize the opening of this facility to bring healthy food options to this community. This facility will allow the community to begin a journey transforming how it approaches food choices and healthy living.”

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MEET THE EVANS CENTER LEADERSHIP

Evans Center Director:



LeAngela Aitken

LeAngela comes to the Evans Center with a diverse background in business that ranges from managing the office of the Provost of Bethune-Cookman University to the newsroom at PR Newswire Association in Cleveland. In addition to

these work experiences, LeAngela was a lead organizer and board chair for a faith-based non-profit that supports women coming out of incarceration. She is the proud mother of two adult sons and one grandson.

Evans Community Market Manager:



Arthur K. Derico

Art comes to the Evans Community Market with extensive retail experience. Most recently he was a store manager and senior field auditor at Sunoco. Prior to Sunoco, Art managed a Winn Dixie. When he’s not at the Market, you may find Art at

Mount Moriah, where he is an Associate Minister and enjoys writing and directing plays for the performing arts ministry. He also serves on the Code Enforcement Board for the City of Melbourne. Art has been married to his wife Alice for 25 years and they share three children.

Brevard Health Alliance:



Kinard Cooper

Kinard has an MS in Nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing. His specialty is family medicine. When not working, he enjoys fixing computers, boxing, working out and reading. (A few more sentences will come here.)

WHAT we DO

THE DOCK the Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids is a safe haven for children and teens of the Booker T. Washington neighborhood. Youth receive academic and spiritual mentoring and enjoy enrichment programs.

GREATER HEIGHTS an 18-unit apartment complex for low income working families and the elderly, also in Melbourne's Booker T. Washington Community.

EVANS CENTER a multi-use project in the Powell/Driskell Heights area, serving residents with a fresh food market, Brevard Health Alliance clinic, and workshops on topics such as health & wellness and youth job training.

DOCK Spotlight



Jarrad Baker

Jarrad Baker, a senior at Eau Gallie High School, who attended the DOCK as an elementary and junior high student has signed with University of Central Florida to play football! Jarrad, who now has a 3.5 GPA, credits the DOCK for his early foundation in academics. We're so proud of Jarrad and Jeremy Salmon, Principal at Eau Gallie High School agrees Jarrad deserves this opportunity. Salmon said, "I have seen tremendous growth in Jarrad over the past four years. He is a leader among his classmates and on our campus. I feel that the hardships that Jarrad has overcome during his life are a testament to the man he has and will become. An example of hardship for Jarrad occurred two years ago when he unexpectedly lost his mother the week before Christmas. The manner in which Jarrad worked through that very difficult situation and has continued to grow and mature is an example of the character and integrity he is developing." The extended family he has at the DOCK has helped Jarrad stay rooted and focused. Join us in praying for Jarrad's success, both on the field and in the classroom where he will pursue a career in health sciences.

GREATER HEIGHTS Spotlight



Clarence Wiltz

We are so happy to have Clarence Wiltz as our Greater Heights Property Manager. Clarence brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as a licensed property manager and active member of the Space Coast Association of Realtors. In addition to marketing and filling units, collecting rents, and facilitating positive neighbor relations, Clarence is a wizard at handling facility maintenance! Greater Heights will celebrate its 10 year anniversary this July. That means we are increasingly faced with repair or replace decisions! It's a challenge to maintain the high standards we have for our property, while also keeping rents affordable. Clarence is up for the challenge, as he often rolls up his sleeves, diagnoses the problem, and makes the repair himself. Since Clarence joined the team, he has helped Greater Heights realize a reduction of almost 50% on repairs. Greater Heights residents will tell you how they appreciate having a property manager who cares so much about them.

Trevor Howard is Recognized for Leadership by Lead Brevard

Each year, LEAD Brevard showcases the next generation of leaders under the age of 40. The "Top 12" finalists are selected by a group of independent community leaders based on the following criteria: demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession; providing a valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community; serving as a role model for others personally and professionally; showcases a commitment to his/her personal/professional development.



Staff, Board Members, and friends of Neighbor Up Celebrate at LEAD Brevard's "4 Under 40" Awards.

Thanks in part to the nominations of Dr. Katherine Cobb, President of Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Eau Gallie High School Principal, Jeremy Salmon, and FIT President Emeritus Dr. Anthony Catanese, Trevor was honored as one of the "Top 4 Under 40" at the February event! Dr. Cobb had these words about Trevor's civic impact: "Mr. Howard builds community by first building character into the young lives he touches on a daily basis. These young people in turn learn to love and respect their community because of the example he sets. The goal at the DOCK is to enable children to compete more effectively with their peers today and provide them with critical skills and knowledge they need for future success. Mr. Howard takes his role seriously, and is changing the trajectory of the lives of youth in the BTW neighborhood. Not only is he committed to seeing the youth through their elementary and high school careers, but also preparing them for life beyond high school. Eventually, Mr. Howard would like to begin a social enterprise at the DOCK, which would provide on the job experience for teens and employment opportunities for young adults in the neighborhood. Mr. Howard facilitates opportunities for teens to serve others, thereby nurturing their leadership skills and learning the value of civic involvement."

GIFTS FROM THE HEART Report:



The owners at MEC Contractors & Engineers chose to give their annual gift from employees to the Gifts from the Heart Shop and the owners made a match!

Gifts from the Heart closed out another banner year, and God's abundance continues to be a theme! We are thankful for the strong commitment and support we received from the Brevard community, and we are very pleased to report the following fast facts:

- Well over 1200 gifts were collected or purchased from cash donations.
- Parents from over 115 families purchased gifts for their children.
- Three hundred four (304) children received three gifts each, as compared to 235 in 2017, an increase of over 29.4%.
- We were able to employ two part-time seasonal workers, a manager and assistant manager in this mini-social enterprise. One of our employees was a Habitat for Humanity homeowner.
- Our staff was assisted by 45 volunteers, who priced and shelved toys, decorated the shop, assisted customers, and wrapped gifts
- GFTH was initiated by Neighbor Up Brevard in 2016 as a collaborative effort with 2 other non-profits. In 2018, there were a total of 8 non-profit agencies working together.

A message from the Executive Director:



I write this message with a heart full of joy and gratitude! First to our Lord, through whom all blessings flow. And we are also grateful to you. So many of you have prayed, donated money, lent expertise, and mentored youth. The 2018 stats quantify your impact. There are other impacts that can't be quantified, yet they are

the most remarkable of all. Think about the love that settles in a child's heart as DOCK volunteers listen attentively and offer encouragement; or the peace a parent has when she can afford decent housing for her family; or the excitement a teen feels in landing his first job at Evans Community Market; and the community pride that is revived as a historic market establishment returns to the neighborhood.

Thank you for being part of the restoration that is taking place in people's lives and in neighborhoods. DOCK Director Trevor Howard often refers to Neighbor Up Brevard as a "family." We consider you to be a member of the Neighbor Up family.

Related to family, ours is growing! This issue features the opening of Evans Center, a unique venture that is poised to provide much-needed social services. I'm thrilled to share that the Evans Community Market has created 12 new full and part-time jobs! Before long, we'll be able to quantify such things as customer volume & spending, numbers of workshop attendees, and patient visits at the clinic. I also look forward to seeing how, given new opportunity, the social fabric of a community will be changed for the better, for many years to come!

Gratefully,

Lynn

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Make a gift to Neighbor



by the Numbers

162 unduplicated children ages 5–18 visited the DOCK after school and for summer camp in 2018.

The DOCK serves an average of **65** youth per day.

All youth come from low to moderate income families (as defined by HUD), earning less than the

\$51,312 survival budget for a 4-person household in Brevard County (as determined by United Way in the ALICE report).

83% of DOCK families are headed by single women.

GREATER HEIGHTS



by the Numbers

The average rent at Greater Heights

is **\$524**. The average annual income of a Greater Heights household is

\$21,233.

EVANS CENTER

by the Numbers

The Evans Center is **6,000** square feet dedicated to healthy living.

The Evans Center will serve residents of the Powell/Driskell Heights Subdivisions.

2,500

The Evans Center has provided **16** new jobs in the neighborhood.



"You shall be called the restorers of"

Neighbor Up Brevard — Make an INSTANT IMPACT

What we provided in 2018:



The DOCK was open as a safe haven for **810** hours after school and **360** hours over the summer.



Greater Heights apartments provided affordable, attractive rental housing to over **50** residents.



An average of **35** volunteers per week delivered over **4400** hours of service.

The DOCK volunteers provided **2201+** hours of academic assistance.



DOCK youth received **88+** hours of character education.



Healthy food — over **2400** lunches and **1400** snacks



Points of Pride



The DOCK graduated four seniors in 2018. All are currently enrolled in college. We look forward to graduating five more seniors this May.



No child with regular attendance at the DOCK has dropped out of school or been arrested.



The average GPA among active DOCK youth is 2.74 with 40% of participants achieving a 3.0 or higher. Additionally, 99% of children who regularly attend the DOCK were advanced to the next grade level for the 2018–19 school year.



Crime in the Booker T. Washington neighborhood has dropped by 67% since the DOCK and Greater Heights were built.



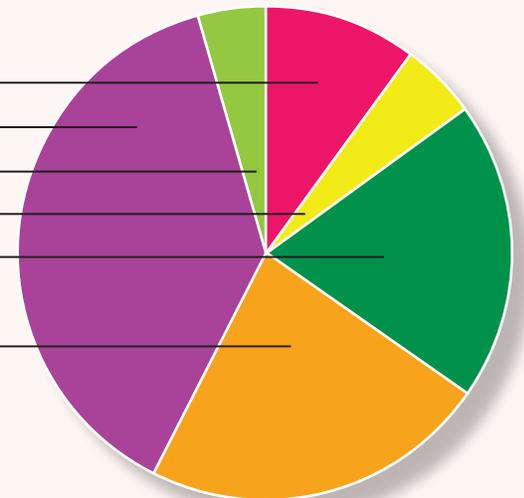
Neighbor Up staff were able to provide services at the DOCK and Greater Heights, staffing to Gifts from the Heart, and support to Evans Center with the equivalent of 6.4 full time employees.

Neighbor Up Giving By the Numbers

Number of gifts — 549
Total donations — \$449,602

Revenue sources

- United Way grant — 10%
- Individuals — 38%
- Churches — 4%
- Government — 5%
- Foundations/Grants — 20%
- Program Fees — .4%
- Corporations — 23%



Donations sustain the mission of Neighbor Up Brevard —

To plan, facilitate and implement solutions for the revitalization of impoverished communities.

Neighbor Up Brevard has been blessed with generous grants from the following sources since the last issue of the Catalyst. Thank you for your support!

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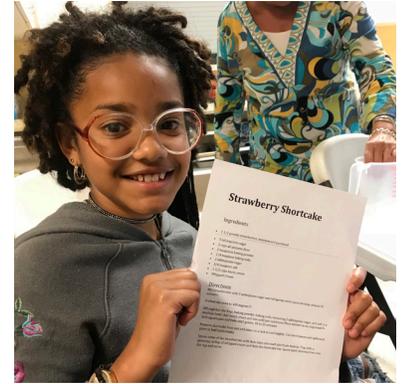
Wells Fargo Foundation



Thanks to the Margaret Binz Foundation, DOCK youth had regular dance classes, attended a musical at the Henegar Center and collaborated with local artist, Mary Moon, to create this tile mosaic that will hang at the Teen Center.



DOCK youth are enjoying healthy snacks every day after school and healthy cooking classes weekly thanks to Space Coast Health Foundation. Healthy minds make healthy bodies!



DOCK summer campers were treated to all of the exciting STEM lessons Epcot has to offer thanks to Harris Foundation.



Our DOCK teens are broadening their horizons thanks to the Wells Fargo Foundation.

Special thanks to our Community Partners — donors who make a monthly pledge to Neighbor Up Brevard and provide necessary operating funds for the organization:

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____ DOCK

____ Greater Heights

____ Evans Center

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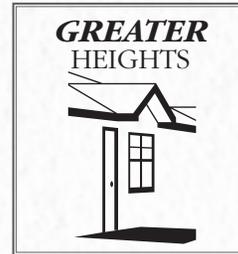
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