



Sickle Cell Foundation

of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast, Inc.

presents

A Father's Heart Conference

Men of Distinction Awards & Recognition Banquet

Wednesday, June 14 - Friday, June 16, 2017

Riviera Beach Marina

200 East 13th Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Register online: www.sicklecellpbc.org

or call (561) 833-3113



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June 14 – 16, 2017

Riviera Beach Marina Village, Riviera Beach, Florida.



Men of Distinction Awards

Friday, June 16, 2017

At six o'clock

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Riviera Beach, Florida

Reception 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

At A Glance

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Father's Your Presence is Required: The Difference a Father Can Make

The objective of this conversation is to inform the participants of the difference a fathers' involvement can have in the lives of their children. Participants will receive up-to-date statistics on father-child relationships and how this prepares/improves the child for school readiness, socio-emotional skills and developmental skills.

PRESENTER: Shalonda Warren, CEO Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County & Treasure Coast

The Impact of Father's in Children's Educational Outcomes

This panel discussion will explore the role of fathers in improving the academic success of their children. Participants will discuss strategies on how to engage fathers in the education of their children and the value of building relationships with teachers and administrators at their child's school. Presenters will share real life experiences and concepts to teach educators and parents how they can work together and nurture an atmosphere that creates greater academic outcomes.

PANELISTS: Dr. Donald Fennoy, Dr. Anthony Hamlet, Dr. Debra Robinson, M.D.

Fear, Faith & Fatherhood

This session will address the critical role that fear and faith play in shaping fatherhood. This very skilled and qualified panel will discuss how fear that is derived from a sense of inadequacy, lack of direction and self-identity negatively impacts some men's approach to fatherhood which can lead to abandonment, rejection and even abuse. This panel will make the case of how Faith is the perfect antidote that speaks to men's identity and purpose.

PANELISTS: Bishop Harold C. Ray, Bishop A.J. Wright, Chief Clarence Williams

Concurrent Workshops

Fathers and Finance -Get in the Game

Edna Forrero, Financial Coach

Fugitive Fathers

William Cooper, Education Coordinator

Saving Our Sons: Generational Men's Health

(Lunch is served)

KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Roland Thorpe

Respect, Fear and Obedience

PRESENTER: J.R. Thicklin

Know your Rights

PRESENTER: Dodger Arp, Esq.

Conversations with Your Children

RESENER: Dr. Elvis Epps

Friday, June 16, 2017

Relationships, Communication and Partnerships

PANELISTS: Dr. Abel St. Amour and Dr. Shirley Amour

Mentoring: My Brother's Keeper

PANELISTS: Ike Powell and Gary Graham, Sr.

Fathers, Your Presence is Required

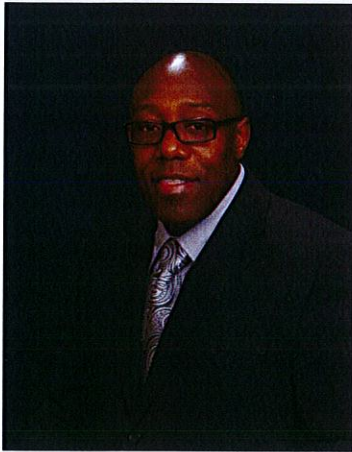
KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Roland Thorpe

Complementary Health Screenings provided by NCCI (12:00-3:00)

- Blood Pressure
- Glucose
- Cholesterol
- HIV
- Depression and
- Prostrate Screenings
- So much more!

FATHER RESOURCE CENTER IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Roland J. Thorpe, Jr., PhD, MS,

is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Behavior, and Society, and Director of the Program for Research on Men's Health, Project Director, and the Research Education and Training Core Director in the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions. He holds a joint appointment in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology. Dr. Thorpe is also a Visiting Research Fellow at Duke University's Center on Biobehavioral Research on Health Disparities where the focus of his work and collaboration is on improving the lives of African

Americans. Dr. Thorpe is a gerontologist and epidemiologist whose research agenda focuses on the association of race, socioeconomic status, and segregation with health and functional outcomes among middle- to old-age adults with a focus on men's health disparities. He serves as principal investigator of the National Black Men's Health Pilot Study, co-investigator of the Disparities in Prostate Cancer Treatment Modality and Quality of Life: Baseline Study and the Son's Study for Prostate Cancer Risk Awareness Study. His work appears in flagship aging, public health, and men's health journals including, *Journals of Gerontology Medical Sciences* and *Journals of Gerontology Social Science*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *American Journal of Men's Health*, and *International Journal of Men's Health*. Dr. Thorpe's research has been supported by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the National Institute on Aging. He teaches courses on health disparities, advanced methods in health services research, and research design and methods in social and behavioral sciences. Dr. Thorpe is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, Chair of the Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology, and an Associate Editor of the inaugural *Handbook on Minority Aging*. Dr. Thorpe serves on the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee for Minority Health. He also serves on the American Psychological Association Working Group on Health Disparities for Boys and Men, and Boys of Color Collaboration. He is a Guest Editor of *Family and Community Health* on the topic of Social Determinants of Men's Health Disparities, and lead Guest Editor of *Ethnicity and Disease* on the topic of Minority Men's Health Explaining Disparities Using a Life Course Perspective.

Guest Presenters



Anthony Hamlet, EdD
Superintendent Pittsburgh Public Schools

Dr. Anthony Hamlet was sworn in July 1, 2016, to a five-year term as Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools. He comes to the District from Palm Beach County, Florida where his career as an educator began with his work as a case manager and behavioral specialist with a county mental health unit. From there, he held positions of teacher, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Principal, and District Administrator. Having worked in affluent and impoverished districts, in high-achieving and failing schools, Dr. Hamlet has helped to transform the learning environment in dozens of urban and suburban schools. He is a natural leader in challenging educational settings, connecting ideas, people and resources, and allowing others to develop their strengths and take ownership of their work. Dr. Hamlet has proven success with positively impacting all students and creating a school environment conducive to cognitive and effective learning. His work earned him five awards as Principal of the Year in Florida from various organizations, including the state Department of Education. A native of Palm Beach County, Dr. Hamlet attended the Palm Beach County Public School system. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies from the University of Miami in 1992; a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 2003; and his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Nova in 2007. His continuing education experience includes Harvard University's School Turnaround Leaders Course in 2014, and the AASA/Howard University Urban Superintendents Academy Certification Program in 2015. Before choosing a career in education, Dr. Hamlet played three years of professional football as a defensive end with the National Football League (Seattle Seahawks and Indianapolis Colts) and the Canadian Football League (Winnipeg Blue Bombers) in the early 1990s. While in college, Dr. Hamlet played for the Miami Hurricanes.



Donald E. Fennoy II, Ed.D.
Chief Operating Officer
School District of Palm Beach County

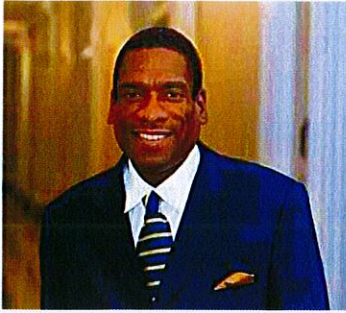
"I understand that my education has forever changed the life trajectory and quality of life for my family. I also recognize that I am obligated to educate and serve students who currently don't have enough champions making sure that their educational journey leads to their college and workforce dreams. This is why every decision I make as a leader is in the best interest of the children."

Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II is the Chief Operating Officer serving the School District of Palm Beach County. He most recently served as the Senior Area Superintendent of the South Learning Community for the Fulton County School District. Dr. Fennoy was responsible for the leadership and improvement efforts of 28 schools. Under his leadership the South Learning Community schools achieved dramatic academic gains in addition to significantly improving financial and operational efficiencies. Fennoy also served as the Executive Director of the New Leaders for New Schools Maryland Program. In this capacity, he oversaw the day-to-day operations and programming for the Maryland Principal Development Program. Dr. Fennoy also was a High School Principal in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, where his school received the National School Change Award. This honor is presented annually to six schools in the United States that have demonstrated the greatest academic turnaround in a two-year period. Donald was honored as one of the most notable 125 Alumni of Florida A&M University; during the 125 year anniversary celebration, for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of Public Education. He graduated from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University with a degree in Elementary Education. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration from the University of Central Florida. He and his wife Kendra are the proud parents of two beautiful children.



Debra L. Robinson, M.D.
Vice-Chairwoman, District 7 Palm Beach County
School Board Member

Debra L. Robinson was raised in Flint, Michigan, home of the community school concept. She graduated from Flint Central High School in 1974 and Michigan State University in 1977, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with honors. Additionally, she is a proud graduate of Howard University College of Medicine, Class of 1981. Dr. Robinson is married to Tay Gaines, M.D. They are the proud parents of three sons and grandparents to 3. Dr. Robinson completed her internship and residency training in Internal Medicine at Hurley Medical Center and McLaren General Hospital in Flint, Michigan. In return for her National Health Service Corps scholarship, she cared for the medically underserved in Chattanooga, TN and Pompano Beach, FL. Her medical practice has ranged from Emergency Medicine in Belle Glade and Okeechobee to HMO medicine to a private practice overlooking the intercoastal waterway. She recently retired from caring for our veteran population at the West Palm Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Robinson has been an advocate for a high quality education for her sons for 3 decades. Her school centered advocacy has included service on various Parent-Teacher Associations and School Advisory Committees/Councils. In 1991, Dr. Robinson formed the Progressive Association of Neighbors, Inc. - a neighborhood based organization founded to provide programs for neighborhood children. She successfully lobbied the City of West Palm Beach for a new North Shore campus summer camper. The summer camp provided activities for children ages 5 – 13. Later she worked with the City of West Palm Beach's Recreation Department and the city library to include reading activities in the summer camp. Additionally, she created and supervised an after school program, Academic Sports, at the North Shore campus. The program, which ran for 3 years, tied the desire to play basketball to the need to be academically successful. She has served as the Chair of the Education Committee of the West Palm Beach branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for 5 years and is also was its past 1st Vice-President. She was a founding member of the Coalition for Black Student Achievement (CBSA) and served as its Chair from its inception in 1998 until her election to the School Board. Under her leadership, CBSA wrote a 57-step plan to close the academic achievement gap in Palm Beach County schools. The Palm Beach County School Board adopted this plan, "Achievement Matters for All," in February 1999. Early in 2000, Palm Beach County residents formed "A Better County" Political Action Committee (PAC) to work for single member districts for election of School Board members. Dr. Robinson served as Vice-Treasurer of the organization. The voters of Palm Beach County, with a vote of 70%, enacted the new single member form of governance for the Palm Beach County School District. The constituents of District 1 who now had the opportunity for a voice, called for Dr. Robinson's candidacy for the District 1 seat. In September 2000, Dr. Robinson defeated the incumbent with over 70% of the district's vote. Since that time, the district lines have been redrawn and Dr. Robinson is now the School Board member for District 7. She was re-elected in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014 and continues to proudly serves the children of Palm Beach County. As a school board member, Dr. Robinson leads the charge for a focus on addressing the socioemotional needs of students and staff, a single gender school at the historic Roosevelt High School, fairness in the application of disciplinary rules, and the use of disaggregated data to drive district movement to equity. Additionally, Dr. Robinson is a past President of the Palm Beach County Caucus of Black Elected Officials and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Robinson believes that respect for the community is necessary in order to assist the community. She continues to work for systemic change while focusing on the needs of the individual student.



Thabiti Boone Thabiti Boone Served as the White House Representative for President Obama Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. He was appointed by President Obama and White House to Champion the President's platform on Fatherhood and Mentoring. In this Capacity Thabiti promoted the President's platform on the important role Father's play in the lives of children, families and our Country. He also served as a representative for President Obama entire White House Agenda, including My Brothers Keeper Initiative, Criminal Justice Reform, Faith Based &

Neighborhood Partnerships, Health Care and Education. He has organized and moderated the former President's CBC Legislative Convention platform and Partnership with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on Fatherhood, Racial and Criminal Justice, Men's Health & Education. Thabiti is recognized as one of our Country's most Inspirational public figures who has been a voice pushing the interest of the African American Community, particularly the concerns of Fathers, Men and Boys. From his challenging circumstances growing up in the tough streets of Brooklyn NY, becoming a teenage father, taking his daughter to college, sacrificing his NBA Dreams to raise her, against all odds becoming one of the most compelling success stories. Thabiti is a highly respected figure not only in the White House, but has been well received by world leaders, City, State and Congressional Officials. He has shared the platform with prominent leaders, sports & entertainment figures. He has worked side by side with Clergy, community leaders and organizations across the country on issues and efforts moving our country forward. He is a member of the NY Knicks and works with the NBA on community programs promoting Fatherhood. He is a former Adjunct NY Theological Seminary professor, who taught, 1st ever course connecting the role of the Church to Fatherhood, Men & Boys. He is the International Representative for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and served as its White House Liaison leading the partnership with President Obama and the White House. He was in charge of leveraging 100k members and 700 chapters around the country in support of President Obama's platform. Thabiti has been featured in Essence, Ebony, JET, Black Enterprise, Washington Post, NY Daily News, appeared on Steve Harvey, Tom Joyner, BET, TVONE, MSNBC and CNN. He is the Author of Rising to the Occasion Playin Sports Playin Life Winning the Game of Life; Contributing writer for bestselling anthology Be A Father to Your Child: Real talk From Black Men on Family, Love and Fatherhood; featured in BET on Black: African American Women Celebrate Fatherhood in the Age of Barack Obama; featured in bestseller The Hip Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in African American culture. High profile speaking engagements include: United Nation Young Leaders World Assembly; Congressional Black Caucus Convention; National Urban League; NAACP; NBA All Star weekend; NFL Superbowl weekend; President Obama Reelection Inaugural Ball; State of Fathers in America World Summit; Rev Sharpton National Action Network Convention, Rev Jesse Jackson Wall Street Conference, President Obama Congressional Black Caucus My Brothers Keeper Initiative Townhall; State of Nevada Men's Correctional facility; National Healthy Start Association Fatherhood Summit. As a Humanitarian, he founded Rising to the Occasion Program, teaching children how to rise above their circumstances through the importance of reading and academic achievement. His program has serviced over 20k children across the country. Honors include: Accepting Trayvon Martin Foundation Vanguard award for Fatherhood on behalf of President Obama; CNN World Hero for Championing Children; Verizon National Martin Luther King Man of the Year; White House Service Award; Congressional Black Caucus Leadership Award; State of NJ President Obama Inaugural Ball Ambassador Award; NFL Superbowl Manhood award; NAACP President's Service Award; Rev Sharpton National Action Network Youth Advocate Award; Department of Corrections Service Award; College Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee; Omega Psi Phi International Citizen of the year award for service. "Serving President Obama and his Presidency has been one of the most treasured moments of my life."

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Conference Registration: \$125 (\$150 after 3/30/17)

Non-Profit Registration: \$100

Per Day Registration: \$75

Men of Distinction Banquet Ticket: \$75

Register or purchase tickets online: www.sicklecellpbc.org

For more information, call (561) 833-3113.

Fax conference registration to (561) 444-0178.

Conference Registration

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

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“A Father’s Heart” Conference 2017

Men of Distinction Awards

“A Father’s Heart” Conference 2017 is designed to foster conversations which promote positive fatherhood interactions and bring awareness to the need to reduce black infant mortality, while offering supportive resources and health education for the overall well-being of the family unit. The **Men of Distinction Awards** is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of those men and fathers who impact our community. Information available at www.sicklecellpbc.org and (561)833-3113

Please consider the following categories for your nomination:

DISTINCTION AWARD *IN PUBLIC SERVICE*

Criteria: This award is the highest form of recognition presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in public service. To nominate, please provide the following:

- Nominator’s name and contact information
- Nominee’s name, short bio, and contact information
- Nominee’s outstanding contributions to their community (must include detailed description & explanation)
- Brief summary of nominee’s breadth of impact and the change outcomes on individuals, small or large groups that resulted from his advocacy, and efforts for the under-served communities

DISTINCTION AWARD *IN YOUTH-LEADERSHIP*

Criteria: This award is the highest form of recognition presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in youth leadership. To nominate, please provide the following:

- Nominator’s name and contact information
- Nominee’s name, short bio, and contact information
- Nominee’s outstanding contributions to their community (must include detailed description & explanation)
- Brief summary of nominee’s breadth of impact and the change outcomes on individuals, small or large groups that resulted from his advocacy, and efforts for the under-served communities

DISTINCTION AWARD *IN EDUCATION*

Criteria: This award is the highest form of recognition presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in education. To nominate, please provide the following:

- Nominator's name and contact information
- Nominee's name, short bio, and contact information
- Nominee's outstanding contributions to their community (must include detailed description & explanation)
- Brief summary of the nominee's breadth of impact and the change outcomes on individuals, small or large groups that resulted from his advocacy, and efforts for the under-served communities

DISTINCTION AWARD *IN SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP*

Criteria: This award is the highest form of recognition presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in the faith-based community. To nominate, please provide the following:

- Nominator's name and contact information
- Nominee's name, short bio, and contact information
- Nominee's outstanding contributions to their community (must include detailed description & explanation)
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DISTINCTION AWARD *IN NON-PROFIT SERVICE*

Criteria: This award is the highest form of recognition presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in non-profit service. To nominate, please provide the following:

- Nominator's name and contact information
- Nominee's name, short bio, and contact information
- Nominee's outstanding contributions to their community (must include detailed description & explanation)
- Brief summary of the nominee's breadth of impact and the change outcomes on individuals, small or large groups that resulted from his advocacy, and efforts for the under-served communities

NOMINATION FORM

**** Please read til the end and note the****

Name of Nominator	
<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Email</i>	
<i>Organization</i>	
Name of Nominee	
<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Email</i>	
<i>Organization</i>	

Distinction Award Categories (select one)

Place an X in the box next to your choice

Public Service	
Youth Leadership	
Education	
Spiritual Leadership	
Non-Profit Service	

Supporting Documents Required

Place an X in the boxes to indicate the information is enclosed

Brief Bio	
Summary of Contributions, Impact and Change Outcome (please provide information as a bulleted list)	

**** You can nominate multiple individuals however; you cannot nominate an individual for no more than two categories. If a nominee is being nominated for more than one category, there must be a *separate nomination form and Summary of Contributions Sheet* submitted for each category outlining the Impact and Change Outcome in bullet points.**

Deadline for Submission ~ May 14, 2017

You can submit your nomination electronically by going to:

www.sicklecellpbc.org and clicking Men of Distinction Nominations

OR

You can submit your nomination electronically by emailing it to:

Jthicklin@sicklecellpbc.org

OR

You can complete a paper nomination form and mail it to:

Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County & Treasure Coast
1600 N. Australian Ave
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

OR

You can complete a paper nomination form and fax it to:

Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County & Treasure Coast
FAX: (561)444-0178 **Attention:** J.R. Thicklin **Subject line:** Men of Distinction

Please send nomination form with all of the required supporting documents for each person that you are nominating. Make sure that you clearly identify nomination category.

Deadline for Submission – May 14, 2017, the nomination forms will be available to complete electronically online as well as paper copy. Nomination forms must be in our offices by the deadline, so please plan accordingly.

Finalists in each category, as well as the person that nominated them, will be notified directly and should be prepared to submit headshots for the program. We encourage all finalist to invite their family, friends, and colleagues to come celebrate with us as we honor them.

Forward your questions to J.R. Thicklin at (561)201-2443 or Jthicklin@sicklecellpbc.org

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