North River Prevention Partners

PREVENTION CONNECTION

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret J. Wheatley

OCTOBER PREVENTION

Red Ribbon Week

by Ally Bergmann

Fall is finally here and with it, the celebration of National Red Ribbon Week October 23rd - 31st. This eight-day celebration honors the life of DEA Special Agent, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was close to breaking a multi-billion dollar drug trafficking operation when he was kidnapped and murdered by the traffickers in February 1985. Today, Red Ribbon Week is a national movement to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, workplaces, and communities. Each year, on October 23-31, more than 80 million young people and adults show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle by wearing or displaying the red ribbon. This year, our local school Youth in Action students will be participating by having activities and giving away Red Ribbon swag on their campuses. We will be supporting their efforts by proudly wearing our Red Ribbons and we hope you do, too!

Let's Talk Event

Another October happening for the NRPP is a Let's Talk event on October 20th, 2021 at the Palmetto Youth Center. This is an event that will bring generations together to talk about the issues facing our youth and brainstorm ways to support them as a community. Dinner will be provided by the Palmetto Police Department and our community partners Centerstone and the Hanley Center will be on hand to offer additional resources as needed. This event is free, but registration is required. You can find more information about Let's Talk and a link to register on our website; northriverpreventionpartners.org or by using the QR code to the right.

MOCKTAILS & MERRIMENT

MARCH 26, 2022 | 6:00PM - 9:00PM

THE WOOD BARN | PALMETTO, FL

Join us for a casual evening of music, food, and fun as we raise money to support the North River Youth Coalition.

Visit northriverpreventionpartners.org for ticket & sponsor information.

Qrt. 3 Social Media Analytics

Facebook Reach:	9,240
FB & IG Followers:	570
Instagram Reach:	945
Instagram Impressions:	3,527
Google Business Views:	360
Website Sessions:	443
Website Unique Visitors:	411

LET'S TALK

free event

Parents & youth coming together to discuss current issues facing our youth.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

#nrppmanatee

"Synergy – the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously." Mark Twain

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Program Highlights

by Kristin Olsen

NORTH RIVER YOUTH COALITION

Over the summer, we partnered with North River Firefighters to distribute backpacks to youth in Rubonia, and cleaned up litter and debris at Emerson Point with the help of Manatee Parks & Recreation.

Since school resumed, we have had a Q&A session with Dr. Skip Wilhoit from the school district and Chief Scott Tyler from the Palmetto PD. Those in attendance walked away with a greater understanding of what these men do to help make their communities a better and safer place to live.

Through the course of our meetings, two topics have emerged as being the most important to address: delivering positive messages and tips aimed at helping to reduce anxiety among their peers, and working with local agencies to help reduce vaping among youth. The next step is to develop a plan to address these issues.

In the next few months, we have opportunities to partner with Tidewell Hospice, Tobacco Free Manatee, and Manatee Agricultural Museum to provide community service projects for our ambassadors.

YOUTH IN ACTION - NORTH RIVER SCHOOLS

On September 11 & 12, Youth in Action teams from eight Manatee County schools gathered at DaySpring for their fall training event.

During one session, the participants from each school worked together, under the direction of their advisors, to complete a Community Assessment and draft a problem statement that they will address in some of their initiatives throughout the school year, using the Strategic Planning Framework.

Other sessions included Marijuana & Vaping Prevention, presented by the Hanley Foundation; You Are Not Alone, presented by Ally Bergmann; and Mindfulness and Yoga, instructed by Kayla McCarthy from Desert Blooming Yoga. Participants also had the chance to experience Fatal Vision Goggles, sign up for D-FY (Drug Free Youth), and compete in an amazing prevention-filled scavenger hunt.

Youth in Action
Fall Training at DaySpring

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