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LEGACY SCHOLAR ACADEMY REOPENS!

You may or may not know but due to Volusia County Public School budget restraints, our Legacy Scholar Academy (LSA) was closed in the summer of 2025 after providing a wonderful, specialized education for middle and high school students for ten years. Over the last year, most of our youth went to local public schools while several of them with safety plans attended online school with varying results.



As the 2025-2026 school year unfolded, we closely monitored the progress and well-being of our students attending school in the community. What we quickly learned was that the vast majority of our youth were struggling in a traditional school setting without the built in supports of our Legacy Scholars Academy. Supports such as the use of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and its corresponding tools of Recognize, Understand, Label, Express, and Regulate (RULER) that help our students navigate the school day as well as help keep behaviors and the emotional ups and downs our students face from interfering in the learning process.

As we quickly realized, our youth needed the structure and support they had previously benefited at Legacy Scholars Academy. As a result, we began our journey to create a private school that would holistically serve our youth. The school will also create an environment that is inviting and conducive to learning at their own pace. It will be an environment where successes are celebrated and failures are momentary challenges to be overcome.

As our journey progressed, there was much to learn and do when it comes to starting a school. Fortunately, we had the foundation of LSA in place from which to build upon. We also had our community partners who helped us prepare in various ways, including fundraising to purchase updated equipment, curriculum materials, financial resources to pay our teachers and staff as well as provide scholarships for our students.

When Legacy Scholars Academy opens in August for the 2026 – 2027 school year, we will have three classrooms, each with a full time teacher and paraprofessional. Our existing Education Team will provide support and leadership to the education staff and students. We have built into our education plan enough instructional staff to ensure that each student will receive the individual attention and support they need to be academically and socially successful. One of the most important components of the school day in previous years was a class devoted specifically to teaching our students the components and practices of social emotional learning and how mastering those skills will assist them in all aspects of their educational experience.

We are excited to see what the next chapter of Legacy Scholars will bring for our youth. In the meantime, much work still lies ahead to make this dream a reality. If you are interested in learning more about supporting our children's education through Legacy Scholars Academy, please contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer 386.801.2362 or Elisabeth.Gadd@ResidingHope.org. There is also a School Supply list on our website if you would like to support our students in that way.

YOUTH DAY OF HOPE

The Premiere of our Youth Day of Hope at Enterprise was a fun, inspiring, exciting success on a glorious, sunny day! We welcomed more than 100 visitors to our Enterprise campus on July 22nd from the youth groups of Anona UMC, Around the Table, Casselberry Community Methodist Church, First UMC of Port St. Lucie, First UMC of Winter Park, Palm Harbor UMC, Sanlando UMC, Tomoka UMC, Trinity UMC of DeLand and Welaka Methodist Church! They joined our residents and staff for worship with a Bible lesson and SPARK band performing at various times, a campus wide scavenger hunt, games, lunch and more activities for an exciting day of fun and fellowship learning more about Residing Hope! As these pictures demonstrate, it was an awesome day! Thank you to all who participated! You were such a blessing to all of us! Come again, soon!









LCR TRAINING DURING OUR AUGUST LCR LUNCHTIME CHAT

All are invited to join us by Zoom on Tuesday, August 25th at 12:00 Noon to learn about recent happenings at Residing Hope, discuss best practices, ideas, challenges and support for each other, as well as build stronger relationships. Our main emphasis for our August Lunchtime Chat will be a refresher on Local Church Representative Training! The Zoom link is below. If you have any issues receiving the link or don't receive the internet version, please contact Brian Carr at 386.351.5136 or Brian.Carr@ResidingHope.org.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Twin Comforters
- Pillows
- Bath Towels
- Male Hairbrushes
- Clock Radios
- Men's Belts size 34-36
- Headphones

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