STEPS Foundation, Inc Newsletter



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- Upcoming Workshops for Osceola County high school juniors and seniors
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"I pledge to make a difference!"

Happy New Year

Our first newsletter of the New Year and boy do we have some awesome changes and updates. We have changed our name from Steps Corporation to Steps Foundation, Inc. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation as of December 2019. We have been busy working on getting things going to bring to the wonderful community of Osceola County and while we've had great support from a lot of people stay tuned because we need more. Through out this newsletter you will get to see a lot of the upcoming events and workshops as well as the many needs we have for people within our community to come out and help or support. Our first major event is coming up and I would love to see you all there.



Kick Off – Information Session

Our first annual event is coming up on February 22nd, 2020. This event is going to provide you with information about who Steps Foundation, Inc is, and it will also give information about what we plan to do within the community. From children to adults we plan to make a difference in every life we touch.

Our event will be held at Chambers Park Community Center at 2380 Smith Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744 from 11:00 – 12:00 pm. Light refreshments will be given.

We're inviting everyone in the community, if you have high school juniors and seniors at home this will be beneficial to you, we will discuss our life skills workshops and scholarship opportunities for high schoolers.





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

• Margaret J. Wheatley

Our Mission:

Steps Foundation Inc's mission is to empower and improve the quality of life for each individual we meet. We do that through providing life skills workshops, retreats, community networking and scholarships for high school seniors.

Life Skills Workshops

Each Workshop is \$5.00

Steps Foundation, Inc presents Life Skills Workshops

March 21 - Resume Writing April 18 - Interviewing Skills May 9 - Professionalism & Marketing June 13 - College and Vo-Tech July 11 - Time & Organization Management August 8 - Stress Management & Self Care September 12 - Working a Budget October 10 - Understanding your Credit November 7 - Preparing your Fiancial Future

- Provided for Osceola County High School Juniors and Seniors

We are starting a Life Skills Workshop's starting in March. The purpose of these workshops is to provide our high school juniors and seniors with the essential knowledge to help them progress in their life after high school. Understanding how to apply to jobs and interview for them is important, especially with the many changes in technology and many career paths. Understanding how to create and care for your credit is important now and later. Trying to secure your financial future is important especially since we don't know which way social security

is headed within the next 25 years. Helping them better prepare now will help them make better informed decisions later. These workshops will also have speakers from various community businesses that want to see the youth succeed as well. The workshops are \$5 to attend but you will gain a wealth of knowledge and the conversations don't stop at the workshop. Steps Foundation, Inc is here to help you through the program. You can always send an email or make a phone call. We're here to make a difference!

Meet our Board



President Abigail Ellis

Vice President Darlene Ellis



Secretary Fouzia Singh



Treasurer Priscilla Ward

About the Board

Abigail Ellis has over 10 years of early childhood education experience and moved on to better herself through educating herself in other areas to be of more help. She has prided herself in helping others and knew that she could make a difference.

Darlene Ellis has dedicated over 20 years to caring for patients

through nursing. She has always believed in bettering her community and helping others along the way.

Fouzia Singh has been searching for her purpose and has finally found something she believes fulfills that. Being able to assist in providing those we connect with valuable life skills is something that she is passionate about. She has over 7 years of management experience. Priscilla Ward is excited to share her knowledge throughout our organization by helping provide some of the key essentials on what should be given in the financial realm of workshops and throughout. She has over 10 years of accounting experience.

Donations

We absolutely love donations!! If you are able to donate items we would greatly appreciate it. Right now we are looking for donations that will assist in our life skills workshops. The essentials: pens, pencils, notebooks, printer paper, college ruled paper, planners, sticky notes, markers, colored pencils, and index cards. Items for giveaways: keychains, lanyards, stress balls, gift cards, t-shirts, grab bags, snacks, journals, movie tickets, (anything teen savy), etc.

If you would like to arrange a meet up for us to pick up items, please feel free to contact us and let us know. Our contact information is at the end of the newsletter. If you would like to mail or order items and have them shipped to us you can use the following address:

Attn: Steps Foundation, Inc 4701 Old Canoe Creek Road #700625 Saint Cloud, FL 34769

Special Thank You

I would like to give a special thank you to Chambers Park Community Center for allowing us to use their building for our Kick-Off Event and also for allowing us to come there for some of our workshops. We look forward to this partnership because they have a lot of great programs planned that we look forward to being involved in. Helping to strengthen family relationships and build connections amongst families and the community is important. Steps Foundation, Inc pledges to make a difference by assisting Chambers Park Community Center in their efforts to build a strong community. Please come out and help build that program up as well.

Become a Panelist

For our workshops we would love to have you as a speaker. We don't want this to be another boring lesson for the students involved. instead we want this to be as interactive as possible. We want to create an atmosphere where students are able to open up and ask questions that someone in that specific area can help answer for them. Let's take resume writing for an example. While most of us know that the resume is the first impression between employer and candidate, do

you know that your resume should be different depending on what job you're applying to. These are the things we want students to understand. Your Walmart resume will look different from your Fortune 500 company resume. They should be able to ask questions to someone who is a hiring manager that can give feedback on what captures their eye in a resume and what makes them not respond. So please feel free to look at the list above and let us know if you would be willing to be a panelist to interact with our teens.

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." - William A Ward



Shout Out

I would like to take a moment and give a shout out to one of our Board Members on her promotion back in November. If you follow our Instagram and Facebook, you may have seen this announcement. Steps Foundation, Inc's Secretary on the Board of Directors, Fouzia Singh was promoted to Vice President of Nations Roof Steep Slope in Florida. While this is no easy task, there are several reasons why this is a big deal and especially to our young girls and women. She is a female VP in a male dominated industry and on top of that she is a minority. We are excited for her although we know she will face many challenges, but there is nothing that she cannot overcome. We are giving her much love and support as she continues to create paths that will continue to make our young girls and community proud.

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