



HEARTS OF PALM CENTER

A Capital Campaign
of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

HOPC News & Notes. Feb. '24

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Donor Spotlight

Teri Trotter, the Senior Warden of St. Mark's, graciously agreed to discuss her dedication to Hearts of Palm Center with us. Together with her husband Lloyd, Teri's steadfast support has been pivotal to the campaign.



Teri, would you share a bit about your background and what led you to St. Mark's?

St. Mark's has a commitment to giving back. I was born and raised in an Episcopalian household in Ohio, and the church has always been a significant part of my life. My mother was particularly active in our church vestry and was a tremendous role model for giving what you could to those in need. I know she would be proud of the work I'm doing today.

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Your mother's influence was profound. What inspired your interest in HOPC?

Witnessing Karen and Jim's deep investment in the cause has moved me to step up and do my part. Karen has shared stories about the people in Riviera Beach who need our help, and that has struck a deep chord. There is an urgency to the situation.

Are there specific values of HOPC that align closely with your own?

Absolutely. As a Christian, I believe it's our duty to reach out and help those in need. HOPC embodies that principle perfectly. We're called upon to treat everyone as equals and to extend a helping hand wherever possible.

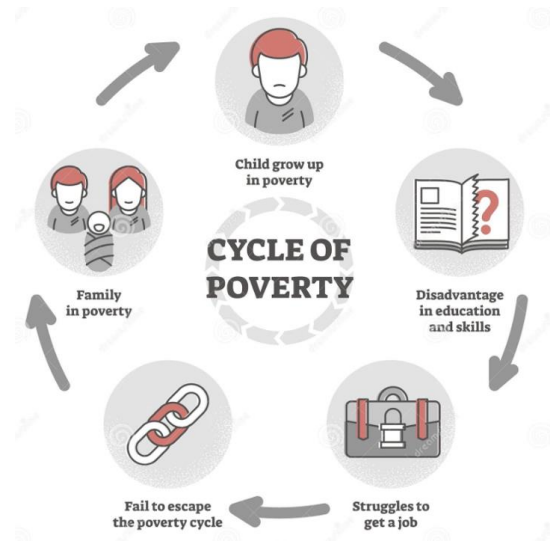
What motivated you to take a leadership role and what excites you most?

*Karen and Jim are the true leaders here. I consider myself blessed to be a part of this. St. Mark's has been so generous over the years, and it's our responsibility to continue that tradition by making a positive impact. Most people who know me know that I have a law background. Not everyone knows I was also a schoolteacher! A passion for working with children has stuck with me. Lloyd, my husband, shares this passion. He's a good-hearted man who's dedicated to making a difference. **Together, we're committed to doing whatever we can to support HOPC.***

“Our goal is to raise \$6,000,000 to fund the new Hearts of Palm Center and open our doors to the community in 2025.”
Father Cook

We can break the cycle of poverty!

HOPC aims to comprehensively address the holistic needs of those seeking assistance, working tirelessly to break the cycle of poverty & injustice in our community.

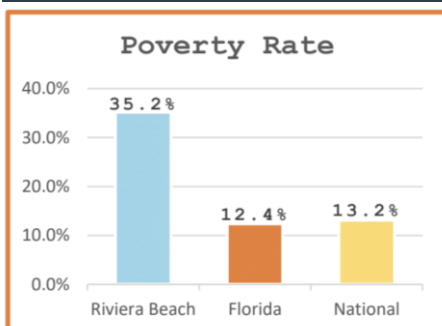


HOPC Events News

1. **Community Gathering** The excitement was palpable at the Hearts of Palm social hosted by Community Partners at the future site of the Hearts of Palm Center in Riviera Beach. Over 200 people from the Riviera Beach community came together on January 27th for an afternoon of grilled hotdogs and engaging conversation as they learned more about our mission and what's to come.
2. **HOPC Baptistry Dinner** On February 1st, we hosted our fourth HOPC dinner in the Baptistry, where 24 individuals with an expressed interest in learning more about the campaign gathered to delve deeper. Would you like to be included in our next Baptistry dinner? Check out our contact information below.

Milestones

- ✓ **Site demolition & preparation:** Permitting underway!
- ✓ **Nearly 75% raised:** \$3.95 million secured!
- 📅 **Coming Spring 2024:** Begin Construction.
- 📅 **Coming Winter 2024 / 2025:** 100% of goal met.
- 🎉 **Expected 2025:** Celebrate the new HOPC Center!



Let's "lower the bar" on poverty.

Please donate today and become a beacon of faith, hope, and light within Riviera Beach

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