



# HEARTS OF PALM CENTER

A Capital Campaign  
of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## HOPC News & Notes, March 10, '24

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### Donor Spotlight

Riana and Colby Cook have pledged a generous \$20,000 to the Hearts of Palm Center. In our conversation, they elaborated on why this contribution holds far more significance than a mere tribute to his parents.

**Colby, when I first heard about your donation, I thought this gift transcends simply wanting to honor your parents. I'm curious to learn more about your commitment to Hearts of Palm Center.**

*I've been blessed with a loving family, access to education, and a strong community support system. So, seeing how Hearts of Palm Center aims to provide access and improve circumstances for others resonates deeply with me.*

*In Father Groff's last sermon before he went to Good Shepherd, he said he learned from my dad that if you're reading scripture or you're interpreting scripture and you walk away with anything other than the meaning is tied to love, you should go back and read it again. I love that. My parents don't just preach on a Sunday morning. They put action and love into what they say.*

**Riana, this is a big investment for a young family. Can you tell me how you came to the decision?**

*Watching the video about HOPC solidified my commitment to the project. I've also had the privilege, like other members of St. Mark's, to witness the Hearts of Palm impact firsthand. Seeing that impact is amazing. It's impossible not to support something like that.*

**What about you Colby? What made you trust this was a good investment?**

*With many organizations you are not certain where your donation is going. We trust St. Mark's and have seen the enormous effort put into creating the Center. Riana and I look forward to seeing the positive changes Hearts of Palm Center brings to Riviera Beach.*



See the HOPC  
video online



*“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

Honorary Chairmen & Chairwomen of HOPC

The Rev. Bonnie Q. Jones

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## COLLABORATION IN COMPLEX NEEDS INCREASED SERVICE EFFICIENCY

St. Mark's Hearts of Palm has unified stakeholders to tackle intricate challenges, consolidating resources that will enhance operations within the new Hearts of Palm Center.

St. George Table - Community Partners of South Florida - Riviera Bch. Police Dept. - Healthcare Dist. of PBC - Families First of PBC - Feeding Hope Village - Kiwanis Club - The Lord's Place - Faith Deliverance Church - YWCA Child Dev. Ctr., Family Promise - Open Arms Learning Acad. - Ambrosia Rehab Center - Real Life Children's Ranch - PBC Housing - Sovereign Order of St. John - Bridges - Sickle Cell Fndn. - Rojas Const. - Heart of God Missions - Victory City Church - Riviera Bch Code Inspect. - Eddie Mills Daycare - Seagull Services - Sandy Pines Hospital.

## HOPC Donors, as of March 1, 2024

*“He loved this place. He felt that this was one of God’s greatest secrets.”*  
Dede Lewis speaking of her husband, The Rev. Canon Hap Lewis, and St. George Table

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