



## PRESIDENT / CEO SUMMARY

*June 12, 2020*

- I. **Building Update** – We are moved! We have sold the building at 2807 Remington Green Circle. We did not get as much as we hoped but the market and the building conditions thwarted our efforts to get top dollar. The final selling price was \$465K. After paying all settlement charges, our net for the building was \$447,063.81. On the bright side, at least it contributes to our fund balance and our cash flow which is what we were hoping to do. The new space will be nice once we have cleared out everything from the move and we get everything set up. It is a process, no doubt!
- II. **COVID-19 Response** – I am grateful for Karen Buesing who blessed what I had already done! We had one case of COVID-19 and knowing that we were preparing to do a soft launch in the new space, I required that all staff be tested before returning to our physical location. Karen reviewed our policy and determined that we are within our legal rights to ask employees to do so. Testing is available without cost to employees and without a doctor's orders. We have also deep-cleaned the new location and everything should be fine. We are requiring face masks and social distancing to reduce spread and have set up guidelines for reporting. We are also running staggered shifts to reduce the number of individuals in the space. We have purchased face masks for staff, touchless thermometers to check temperatures, hand sanitizers, gloves, and surface disinfectants. We have set up sanitation stations so that supplies are readily accessible and issued guidance for staff. We are working to ensure that all guidelines are followed and are still working with staff on schedules for those who have hardships, children at home with no child care or summer camps, and other health concerns. We are also staying abreast of all guidelines and regulations that continue to evolve. Our lives have changed!
- III. **Florida Afterschool Network (FAN) Fiscal Sponsorship** – We have agreed to take FAN under the Forum's umbrella. The Florida Children's Council (current fiscal sponsor) decided to let it go as their priorities have changed. We have continued our involvement with FAN as I have continued my service on the executive committee. Further, Larry has agreed to serve as the Treasurer for the FAN Advisory Council which will provide continuity and oversight for the revenues for FAN and serve as liaison for the Forum Board. We will also house the Executive Director for FAN in the Forum's offices. We have been vetted and approved by the Mott Foundation for doing this.
- IV. **Children's Week** – United Way and Capital Events, who have coordinated Children's Week, are ready to shift responsibility for it. We are the likely organization to take it on with our history for Children's Week and our infrastructure capacity. We have been in negotiation with Jason

Zaborske and Rick Owens for how this might occur. Apparently, United Way and Capital Events created a contract where they had equal ownership of the rights to Children's Week events. United Way of Florida is willing to relinquish ownership for no cost. However, Jason Zaborske with Capital Events is willing to relinquish ownership but wants to be compensated for his intellectual property and expertise that he has developed over the last 15 years. Ted Granger originally entered into this contractual agreement with Jason Zaborske. In essence, Children's Week is financed by sponsorships and contributions to the event. We are in the process of analyzing the fiscal feasibility of this venture. Initially, Jason proposed that he would have rights in perpetuity and a % of the proceeds. I explained that our board would not approve such an agreement.

- V. **Legislative Update** – As of this writing, the Governor has not signed the budget. There were rumors of a special session but that appears to be untrue. Florida's revenues are down even more than expected which is problematic. While our T.E.A.C.H. dollars are funded through federal CCDBG funds, our *Help Me Grow* program is funded through general revenue dollars which makes them more vulnerable. We are watching carefully to determine appropriate course of action.
- VI. **Other Opportunities for Work** – The Forum is currently under contract through the University of North Florida to continue the work on the Professional Development Initiatives. The current contract for the plan (which was June 30<sup>th</sup> budget) is \$15K with the Forum receiving about \$10K of that. The next phase of work is for the implementation of the plan that we submitted. We should receive about \$135K for that piece of work.
- VII. **When COVID is over** – we will have opportunities to rent out our meeting room. It is designed and equipped to be flexible for other nonprofits or profit organizations to use. We will work on rates and requirements looking at other space that is available for similar purposes. We are thrilled to finally have adequate space to host meetings, assuming we'll be able to actually do so in the future!
- VIII. **Coalition Letter to Congressional Leadership** – The Forum signed on to a letter regarding the racial inequities and recommendations regarding policy changes related to policing reforms. We were one of nearly 400 national and state organizations that signed on to the letter. We know that children and families of color are disproportionately affected by system dysfunction. We are hopeful for meaningful change. Letter is included in packet.
- IX. **Nonprofits First Accreditation** – We were just notified that we have earned our re-accreditation for 2020. Thanks to Kerri and the fiscal team for their efforts in helping us to be reaccredited.