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Sanctuary on 8th Street ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrates new playground



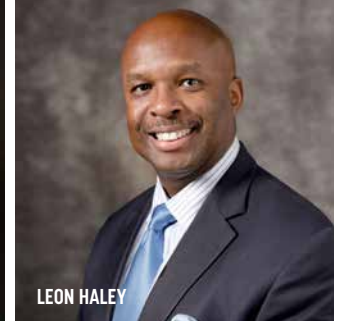
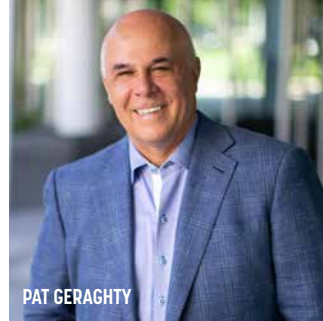
Youth from the Sanctuary on 8th Street After School Program, along with the Red Coats, throw out a cheer to celebrate the new Explorer Dome

The Sanctuary on 8th Street held a ribbon cutting ceremony for new playground equipment on May 6. The Explorer Dome was purchased from Kompan earlier this year and installed recently on the grounds of the afterschool and summer program. The high-quality equipment is designed to provide at-home youth of all ages ways to be creative, get active and learn through play.

Major funding for the project came from the Red Coats of THE PLAYERS Championship (past volunteer chairmen) and Springfield neighbor and long-time donor Diane Graese. UPS provided the mulch and volunteers to install a safety surface below the dome.

“We are grateful to the Red Coats, UPS, Diane Graese, and all our supporters over the years who have helped make the Sanctuary a financially sound organization. Without you, we wouldn’t have been able to invest in this wonderful equipment. Thank you to everyone who helped bring these smiles to our youth’s faces,” said Rick Cartlidge, executive director for The Sanctuary on 8th.

Leadership Jacksonville honors three outstanding community leaders



Leadership Jacksonville, a nonprofit organization that educates, connects, and inspires diverse leaders to build and strengthen their communities, recently hosted Celebration 2022 to honor three outstanding community leaders. The honorees were Patrick (Pat) Geraghty, Julia (JuJu) Taylor, and Dr. Leon Haley (posthumously).

Geraghty, President and CEO of GuideWell and Florida Blue is past chair of the Florida Council of 100. He is a current and past member of many Boards, was honorary chair of the 2019 American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Jacksonville walk, and an alumnus of New Leadership Summit 2013.

Taylor is a community volunteer with a long list of director positions behind her, including at PACE Center for Girls and Stein Mart. She currently serves as a trustee of multiple area organizations and is president of Weave Tales, Inc. Taylor is an alumna of Leadership Jacksonville 1978.

The late Dr. Haley was CEO of UF Health Jacksonville. He had held many leadership and volunteer positions and served on several Boards. He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities and an alumnus of New Leadership Summit 2017.

“These incredible honorees exemplify a commitment to improving Northeast Florida through their influential leadership and community engagement. We hope each of their diverse stories inspires others to step forward to elevate the community,” said Leadership Jacksonville CEO Jill Langford Dame.

Proceeds from Celebration 2022 support Youth Leadership Jacksonville, an annual program that brings together a diverse group of selected Northeast Florida high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership ability and prepares them to become ethical leaders committed to active community involvement.



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