

SHINE A LIGHT

CFF VALUES IN ACTION

April 2024

Thank you to all who submitted for this month's newsletter. Keep them coming! The deadline for May submissions is **May 3**.

BHC Team Members

I'm shining a light on **Jenna Hanes** (BHC at Milford Central Academy), **Breona Kellam** (BHC at Delmar Middle), **Dr. Penelope Pitts** (BHC at Mariner Middle), and **Theresa Vial** (EC-BHC Team Leader) for providing support to Milford Central Academy. All of this could not have been possible without **Richelle Clark** (BHC Team Leader) coordinating this.

I'm shining the light on **Silver Debrick** (BHC at McCullough), **Dr. Jean Armstrong** (BHC at H.B. Dupont), and **Janice Viamontie** (BHC Team Leader), and **Georgia Hicks Brown** (CS) for providing support to the faculty and students at McCullough Middle School. All of these individuals missed the all staff training in order to provide crisis support to a school in need.

I wanted to say THANK YOU to **Kiera McGillivray** (CPO) for supporting the team throughout both stressful events.

Often times, things are quiet at our schools, but things can change in a blink of an eye. Serving others in the community is what we are here for, and I am so grateful to these individuals for their adaptability and compassion!

Sent by: Shanett Hynson



Vonya Cephas, Dunbar HS

Vonya was an absolute Rock Star during the month of March! She not only helped out her own Dunbar Family during a rocky time but she has willingly gone to other centers to help when needed over the last few weeks in March. She is consistently kind and shows up no matter what!

Sent by: Jennifer Porter

CFF Staff

I am Shining A Light on **Philinda Mindler, Linda McCain, Shannon Fisch, Jennifer Gallo, Laura Bartus, Steff DiMartine, Cassidy Varnum, Clara Martinez, Theresa Vial, and Lynn Kelley and IT!**

Expressing my deepest thanks/appreciation for these Children & Families First family members who volunteered to help make the 2024 Annual Meeting a success!

You are all STARS! And I can't thank you enough!

Sent by: Jeanne Johonnett

EDI Training Subcommittee, BHC Program

I'd like to Shine a Light on the **EDI Training Subcommittee** for helping me organize my first ever information session featuring the BHC Program. They helped give me guidance and provided support when my internet connection was laggy. I would also like to Shine A Light on **Shanett Hynson, Ainje' Hines** and **Kristie Watunya** of the BHC Program for giving an educational, professional and engaging information session about the BHC Program.

Sent by: Ariele Castro

Philinda Mindler, ARC

I am shining a light on **Philinda from ARC** for donating condoms as form of contraception for my program, NFP, for families to continue to help us prevent pregnancy and promote safe sex to reduce STIs!

We appreciate this greatly!

Sent by: Brazil Yates

BUT WAIT...THERE'S MORE!



ADAPTABILITY

COLLABORATION

INTEGRITY

INCLUSION

AUTHENTICITY

COMPASSION

Facilities Team

Shouting out **Tim Wasilkowski & Team** including **Nate Aldama, Colby Reppert & Charles (Chuck) Brittingham.**

I'm shining a light on these folks for the Champions they are and have been especially over the last several weeks keeping our buildings safe for all!

Thank you for all of your hard work!!

Sent by: Tam DeFer

Sixto Nunez, IT

I am shining the brightest possible spotlights on **Sixto Nunez** for everything he did - going way above and beyond the call of duty - to help me at the recent BSTI Community Education program. Without him the event would not have happened. Sixto's expertise and preparedness gave us the ability to react quickly to changes in circumstances and ensure the program went off seamlessly!

Sent by: Laura Bartus



Laura Bartus, C&E

I'm Shining A Light on **Laura Bartus** who showed a tremendous amount of support in preparing a series of 7 large-sized posters on CFF's EDI accomplishments over the last few years to be shared and shown at the Equity Summit (4/18-19/2024).

Laura, you did a spectacular job on the posters and your creativity and EDI storytelling ability through art really shined through once again!

I appreciate you!

Sent by: Edgard Martinez

Tiffani Brooke, EC-BHC

Tiffani Brooke just received her License as an Associate Counselor of Mental Health. Congrats, Tiffani!! We are lucky to have you on the EC-BHC Team.

Sent by: Theresa Vial

UNTIL NEXT TIME...WHERE WILL YOU SHINE A LIGHT?

