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A Heart for the Homeless

Christmas in August touches so many people in so many ways. Kiwanis Club member Steve Riley and his family make a lasting impact on the lives they touch through Bradenton Kiwanis's *Christmas in August*.



"With a heart for the homeless and a wife that works in the school system we are always humbled to help Bradenton Kiwanis provide support to the students and families that participate in the annual Christmas in August program. This is a great opportunity to have my wife and children volunteer together for a great cause. Seeing the excitement in the families that receive items to help get started for the new school year is such a blessing."

Steve Riley, CPA, CGMA
Director of Financial Services
Manatee County Tax Collector
Bradenton Kiwanis Club Member
Christmas in August Volunteer

Photo Courtesy of Dr. Carol Probstfeld. *Christmas in August* participants in the early morning registration line outside Lecom Park.

Christmas in August Sponsor

NDC Construction Company is a sponsor of this years Christmas in August program with a leadership sponsorship.

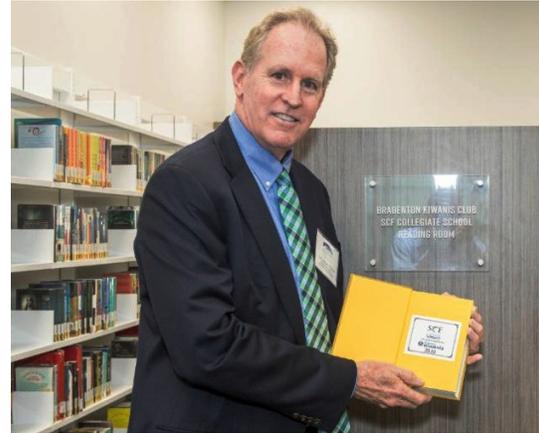


"NDC Construction is a leader that is dedicated to improving our community. All of us at Kiwanis appreciate NDC's Kiwanis membership and their generosity in continuing the Kiwanis mission through our Christmas in August program."

Linda Locke Agresta, Co-Chair
Christmas in August

Kiwanis Supports Student Reading

State College of Florida (SCF) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 22nd for the highly impressive new 70,000 square foot Library & Learning Center. SCF's President and Bradenton Kiwanis Club member, Dr. Carol Probstfeld pointed out that the Library & Learning Center is the new technology hub for our region.



Bradenton Kiwanis provided \$10,000 in funding, approved by the Kiwanis Charitable Grant Committee, for the Collegiate School Young Adult and Children's Reading Room located in the Library & Learning Center.

SCF's Collegiate School is a tuition free public charter school located on SCF's Bradenton campus. The room was designed for the SCF Collegiate School students; it is open to all youth in Manatee County. The room is a unique, safe place for young people to develop their reading skills. In addition to over 300 books, the room features a portable glass writing board, activity explorer stations and displays that feature new books. All new books purchased for the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation Book Collection will be award winning children and youth books that will be identified with a book plate indicating that the book is from the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation Collection.

Photo Courtesy of State College of Florida Foundation. Bradenton Kiwanis Club Past President, Judge Ed Nicholas in the Bradenton Kiwanis Reading Section of the Children's Reading Room in the Library & Learning Center, SCF.

Bert South Award Nominations

Hon. Betsy Benac, Chair for the 2018 Bert South Philanthropic Award is pleased to announce that nominations are currently being accepted for the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation Bert South Philanthropic Award.

The nomination deadline is March 30, 2018.

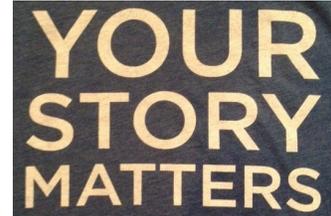


Nominations forms can be acquired by [clicking here](#) or by emailing Roland Emerton at roland.emerton@yahoo.com

Bert South was a forty-year Kiwanis Club member and community leader who very effectively managed the Bradenton Trailer Park (for the Kiwanis Club), was the Executive Director of the Bradenton Boys Club and was the first individual to leave a legacy gift to the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation.

Photo courtesy of Johnson Photolmaging. 2017 Bert South Award recipient Rae Dowling with Bert South Award Chair, Bob Turner.

Tell the World Your Story



The spirit of generosity that is so very common among our donors, volunteers and partners is much more than resources and financial contributions. When we give we are telling the world what is important to us just like Steve Riley's quote in the first section of this newsletter. Sharing your story, providing your quote and making a contribution gives voice to the life lessons and experiences that shape your own generosity. Telling your story might inspire others to take action and effect positive change.

Bradenton Kiwanis will soon be celebrating our 95th year of doing good for the community. Through the 95 years an awful lot of good things have been created by our members. Kiwanis is here to make this community a better place. We are here for the long term. We are here for good.

Bradenton Kiwanis is here for Good.

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