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Cross



Jacob

The Loveland Village, a Venice nonprofit that provides educational, vocational and residential programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, has hired **Rebecca Cross** as its marketing manager and **Kellye Jacob** in the newly created position of database manager. Cross has over 15 years of experience in nonprofit management, development and marketing. In her new role, she will be responsible for creating, implementing and measuring the success of the marketing, communications and public relations programs and facilitate internal and external communications with all stakeholders. Before joining the

Loveland team, she was the editor of the weekly dining and entertainment publication "Let's Go!" with the Sun Coast Media Group in Southwest Florida. She also was the executive director for Elizabeth City Downtown Inc., a nonprofit Main Street organization in North Carolina. Cross has a bachelor's degree in communication from Houghton College, where she helped launch an adult degree completion program at the Buffalo Suburban Campus after graduation. She is a certified speaker, trainer and coach with the John Maxwell Team, focusing on leadership and personal development.

Jacob is a results-oriented administrative professional with a strong customer service background. As the database manager, she will be responsible for working with the development staff to create, update and maintain a management system. Previously, she worked in the development department for the Ringling College of Art + Design and Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast Inc. Jacob grew up on Siesta Key and attended the University of Alabama. Loveland Village provides educational programs and vocational training for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Lisa Rowe has been promoted to vice president of Programming and Operations at Selah Freedom, of Sarasota, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending sex trafficking and bringing freedom to the exploited. Selah Freedom also has hired **Kimberly Manooshian** as director of events and volunteers.

Rowe joined Selah Freedom in 2014. In her new role, she provides direction and clinical oversight to teams working with survivors in the prevention, outreach and residential client service arms of Selah. Drawing on over 10 years of experience working with at-risk youth and families as director of the Teen Parent Program for the Sarasota County School District and a social worker for the Department of Children and Families, Rowe combines her personal and professional experiences to deliver the most comprehensive set of services to victims of sex trafficking and those at risk of being trafficked. She is a licensed clinical social worker and holds degrees from both Florida State University and the University of South Florida.

Manooshian is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia with a master's degree in gerontology. She was executive director of an assisted living facility for more than 10 years, and she later was the No. 1 sales representative of a nationwide medical supply company. She founded Events by Kimberly and created and managed events in Virginia and Florida for small, large and multiday events.

Michael Jones, a certified senior advisor and owner of Comfort Keepers Sarasota and Manatee, has completed his coursework and has been certified as a Dementia Practitioner through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. The goal of the council is to develop and encourage comprehensive standards of excellence in direct-care skills, education and sensitivity in the area of dementia care. The program requires ongoing training and continuing education. This training will allow Comfort Keepers to stay on the cutting edge of providing the finest dementia care.

In the Sarasota office of Sutter Roofing Co., **Mike Klaiss** has been promoted from foreman to superintendent. Klaiss has been with the company for over six years. **Ben Cadle** has transferred to the Estimating Department. With more than six years of experience in the Production Department, he will be looking at projects from a whole new angle. Cadle started with the company as a roofer and

worked his way up to estimator. **Sergio Galvin** has been promoted from production foreman to assistant superintendent. He has spent his entire career in the roofing industry and has been with Sutter Roofing for over 14 years. He will concentrate on managing Sutter's Southwest Florida crews and projects.

The Sutter family has worked in commercial roofing for four generations. In addition to Sarasota, the company has offices in Tampa, Fort Myers, Orlando and West Palm Beach.

Loftus Law, a family law practice based in Sarasota, has hired **Lindsay Turner** as an associate. Turner graduated with honors from the University of Florida and Stetson University College of Law, where she was an editor of the Stetson Law Review. She passed the Florida Bar in October 2013 and worked as a staff attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit Court before joining Loftus. Turner will work on all aspects of divorce and family law, including adoptions, Chapter 39 dependency proceedings, and domestic violence injunctions.



Christy

Williams Parker attorney **Erin Hope Christy** participated in Teen Court of Sarasota Inc.'s inaugural Making HERstory event March 29 in celebration of Women's History Month. A presentation featured keynote speaker **Nora Demleitner**, professor of law and former dean of Washington and Lee University School of Law, and a panel discussion focused on

sharing stories of career successes, struggles and advice.

The panel discussion, moderated by **Joey Panek** of ABC 7's Suncoast View, included Christy as well as Christine Robinson of the Argus Foundation and **Tonya Willis Pitts**, of the law firm McIntyre Thanasides. The event took place at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota.

Teen Court of Sarasota Inc.'s mission is to introduce area youth to activities and services that promote feelings of self-esteem and self-improvement, leading them to develop a healthy attitude toward authority. At Williams Parker, in Sarasota, Christy focuses on real estate and land use matters, including representation of buyers and sellers in residential real estate transactions. She obtained her law degree and her bachelor's degree from Florida State University.



LeBaron

James S. LeBaron has joined the Sarasota Private Client Group office of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. Inc. as vice president/investments. LeBaron has more than 24 years of investment industry experience. His practice focuses on helping

high-net-worth individuals steward their wealth through portfolio management and investment planning. Additionally, LeBaron helps nonprofit organizations manage the investments in their reserves.

Before starting his career in the financial services industry, LeBaron was an officer in the Navy aboard the USS. Spruance, directly supporting Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Cizmic

Charlotte State Bank & Trust Assistant Vice President **Amira Cizmic** was named branch manager of the new office in North
Port. She is joined by Personal Banker **Amanda Losada** and
assistant vice president and residential lender **Kelly Louke**.

The new, full-service office is at 4300 Aidan Lane along Tamiami Trail, just south of Home Depot and across from the Cocoplum Village Shops.



Losada



Louke

Heather Cline, volunteer coordinator, and **Amber Lee**, manager of agency relations, are the two newest staff members at All Faiths Food Bank.

Cline had a similar role at Tidewell Hospice. With a background in managing large groups of volunteers, Cline plans to implement a comprehensive volunteer orientation program before the start of summer.

Lee has an extensive background in faith-based, nonprofit ministries, where she has overseen several food programs and worked with dozens of human-services organizations.

The food bank works with 59 partner agencies, including the Salvation Army and Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center, that are able to disseminate a majority of the food collected by the food bank each year.



Alexander



Stevenson

Snell Engineering Consultants continues its rapid growth by filling two new positions. The Sarasota firm has undergone shifts in leadership over the past yea, and has since set its sights on expanding its staff, services and geographical reach.

Percy Alexander has been hired as structural drafter after earning his certification as a Revit Drafter through Autodesk at Suncoast Technical College. While working toward his certification, Alexander headed a number of projects, including the design of an entirely self-sufficient 3,000-square-foot home.

Craig Stevenson joins Snell's team as structural engineer. In 2013, Stevenson received his National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Engineer in Training Certification as well as a bachelor's degree in structural engineering from the University of South Florida. He gained diverse experience throughout Central Florida, working on projects including the Interstate 275 and Veterans Expressway reconstruction project in Tampa.

Snell has completed decades of successful projects in various sectors, including commercial, residential, municipal, educational, health care and religious.

Jeffrey Woodin, of Lakewood Ranch, has joined the board of The Florida Center for Early Childhood for a three-year term. The Florida Center is a nonprofit serving children and their families in Sarasota, Charlotte, Manatee and DeSoto/Hardee counties. Woodin is senior vice president and state executive of commercial banking for Fidelity Bank and has extensive experience with nonprofit boards.

His previous experience includes the Pace Center for Girls; Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, where he was board president; and Hope Family Services. Prior to his career in the financial industry, Woodin was a

special education teacher. The Florida Center for Early Childhood provides early childhood education, developmental therapies, mental health therapy, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders diagnostic and intervention services, training and home-based child abuse prevention services.



Cowan

Christen Cowan has joined Modern-Wealth, of Lakewood Ranch, as marketing and client service adviser. Cowan came to Modern-Wealth from the Florida Department of Transportation, where she spent nine years in accounting, auditing federally funded projects in Tallahassee. Her responsibilities included analyzing, building and monitoring fiscal budgets at both the state and county levels.

Cowan was born and raised in Venice. She received a bachelor's degree in economics, with a minor in finance, from Florida State University, and a master's degree in public relations from Full Sail University.



Bennett

Doctors Hospital of Sarasota has added new directors:

Julie Bennett is the new director of the Progressive Care Unit. She has more than 20 years of experience in the nursing field, specializing in acute care and adult health. She oversees a team of more than 70 at Doctors Hospital. She is pursuing her master's degree from Loyola University.



Dulovich

Stormy Dulovich is the new director of the Intensive Care Unit. She has more than 20 years of critical care experience with a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Ohio University. Dulovich is pursuing her master's of health administration from Ohio University.



Yadav

Joshua Schuster, a registered nurse and certified emergency nurse, is the new director of Emergency Services. He spent 17 years as a paramedic and was a military medic in the U.S. Navy. He has a master's degree in health science.

> **Monica Yadav**, a former TV journalist, is the new director of marketing and public relations. Yadav worked in TV news for more than 15 years, including 11 years at the Sarasota ABC affiliate. She comes to Doctors from Direct Energy, a national energy and home services company, where she was the manager of external relations. She is a graduate of the University of Florida.

Leroy Butler, resource center associate at Booker Middle School in Sarasota and an alumnus of Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, has been named to HIPPY USA's National Board of Trustees.

Joel W. Walters, a shareholder at Walters Levine & Lozano, has been selected by Super Lawyers as a Top Business Litigation Attorney in Florida. This is the eighth consecutive year Walters has made the list. Walters concentrates his practice in business law and commercial litigation and is a board-certified business litigation attorney and a certified circuit court mediator. Walters Levine & Lozano is a full-service law firm with offices in Sarasota, Tampa and Chicago.



James R. Cardwell II has joined CareerEdge Funders Collaborative as the senior manager of workforce development to help develop initiatives across Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

Cardwell

Cardwell has over 20 years of experience in executive job coaching, training and teaching, mentoring, job placement and workforce development. He spent the last two years as the career manager for United Way Suncoast's Sulphur Springs Resource Center.

He has a bachelor's degree in English from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and is pursuing a master of business administration with a concentration in human resources management.

Steve Queior, former president of the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, was hired in March as the development director of the **Prader-Willi Syndrome Association**. Prader-Willi syndrome is a complex genetic disorder that causes low muscle tone, cognitive disabilities and other challenges. The association is the largest education, support, research and advocacy organization for people and families living with PWS in the United States. The offices of the

PWSA (USA) headquarters are in Sarasota County, and the association has specialists serving families around the country.



Angelotti

Richard "Dick" H. Angelotti and **Bruce Rakay** have joined the Pines of Sarasota Foundation Board of Trustees. The 2017 slate of officers for the all-volunteer board also has been announced.



Rakay

Angelotti is the president/CEO of the Advisor Management Group. He was previously CEO of Global Financial Asset Management and senior vice president of Morgan Keegan. He has over 35 years of experience in the financial industry. Angelotti graduated from the University of Notre Dame and has a law degree from the Loyola University of Law. He has

served on several boards, among them Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota Family YMCA and Sarasota Ballet.

Rakay has been an attorney for more than 40 years, graduating from Boston University School of Law. After nine years in the Office of the Attorney General of Ohio, where he eventually became the second-highest-ranking law enforcement official in that state, he was worked in private business law practice in Cleveland and Columbus. He began developing real estate projects in 1989, including mobile home parks, self-storage facilities and retail buildings. In 1992, Rakay began developing free-standing, single-tenant drugstores for the Rite Aid Corp., CVS Corp., Eckerd Corp. and the Walgreens Co. He has designed, built and placed into operation more than 325 drugstores for these national companies. The Rakay Family Foundation was created in 2006 to aid local and national charitable organizations. Since 2013, the foundation has distributed more than \$3.5 million.

The 2017 officers for the Pines of Sarasota Foundation Board are: **Jim Rutledge**, co-chairman; **Eddie Morto**n, co-chairman; **Marilyn Shuman**, 1st vice-chairwoman; Angelotti, 2nd vice chairman; **Shirley Fieber**, treasurer; and **Sue Jacobson**, secretary. The foundation is a 501(c)3 charged with generating philanthropic support for the endowment, capital and program needs of Pines of Sarasota Inc.