

What's going on...



From Flood to Feast by John Ringleb

I've never thought much about February 29th, called "Leap Day" by some, but this day began on an unusual note. The facilitator training did not start out as expected. A pipe burst in the facility, and our projected training site was quickly moved to a storefront prior to the starting time. The training started a little late, but we make it through and made many friends.

Dias Abraham, Nancy Abraham, Joyce Gomez, Iris Leon, Mairym Martinez, Sara Payne, Nicholas Selm, Joanna Surro, and Ann Mary Thekanal joined Norine Hodder, Fred Demouey and me at the Bridge to Care store to receive facilitator training.

Bridge to Care is a food bank, pantry and thrift store that serves around 1500 families a month. The organization is looking to expand to a small transition hall to help broken people who want to make life changes from addictions, crisis and broken relationships. For further information concerning this group you can find Bridge to Care on the internet @ bridgetocareus.org.

Leader Training at Lakeland, FL

This session was led by FIT trainers Fred DeMouey, John Ringleb, and Norine Hodder.

Fred DeMouey has been with us since the beginning when Ed White, Fred, and Don Pratt first started in the ministry in 2006.



John Ringleb has taught many clients and courses - lots of them. The list of his student course completions covers 47 pages! (1070 course completions and 18,617 contact hours). 104 of these were "100-Hour" complete program completions.



Norine Hodder recently joined the FIT trainer team and has done missionary work in North, Central, and South America; the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and several countries of the former Soviet Union.



All FIT workers are not paid except for a part-time staff to run the office.



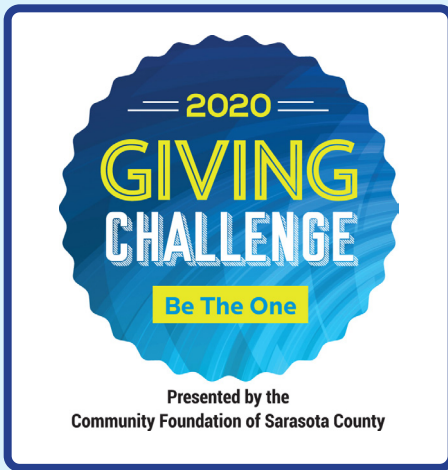
2020 GIVING CHALLENGE Be The One

→ HAPPENING APRIL 28-29 NOON TO NOON

GivingPartnerChallenge.org

Presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County

See next page for details



The Giving Challenge is an exciting 24-hour giving event taking place from Noon to Noon on April 28th and 29th that connects 700+ nonprofit organizations with donors and community members to build relationships, support diverse causes, and create enduring impact in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties. To strengthen giving during the 2020 Giving Challenge, The Patterson Foundation will provide a 1:1 match for all unique donations, up to \$100 per donor, per organization. All donations made during the Giving Challenge are unrestricted gifts to the nonprofit organization of your choice. Transform your impact through meaningful relationships and partnerships, all while strengthening your potential reach, through the 2020 Giving Challenge.

Hashtags

#GivingChallenge2020

#BeTheOne

The 2020 Giving Challenge is presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by The Patterson Foundation.

Check out each of the links below. The general Giving Challenge Link shows the countdown to the event. The FIT link shows a detailed accounting of our vital information. FIT is approved for matching as described below.

Giving Challenge Link

<http://www.GivingPartnerChallenge.org>



FIT GC Link

<https://www.thegivingpartner.org/organizations/family-integrity-training-inc>

Background Information

FIT holds two fundraisers each year - one midyear and one on Giving Tuesday just after Thanksgiving. This year, we will be participating in the Giving Challenge where your contribution will be matched by the Patterson Foundation. Later on, matching may also be possible through other Giving Tuesday initiatives. The Giving Challenge is not offered every year, so please take advantage of it. Here are the particulars:

- Gifts up to \$100 will be matched
- To get matching, you must give online and use one of the links listed above
- A minimum of \$25 is required.
- Tax receipts will be issued by the host, not FIT.
- Online events are the only practical way for FIT to conduct a fundraiser due to being so spread out across the countryside.
- Gifts may also be made through our normal "Donate now" button on our website or by check but these amounts will not be matched. But they will still count and be appreciated.

Exciting News...

Dr. Joe Sheehan is well along in his development of the *Starting Over* course. He is currently field testing the first six lessons in two locations in the Pensacola, FL area. This course is designed to meet the needs of those in rehab centers or are completing short-term sentences who would otherwise not have enough time to take our complete program. It can also be used as an option to *Insight* for satisfying our group 2 complete program requirement.



Don Pratt on the way to the Post Office with books for FIT ministry. He usually makes at least one trip each day.