



Crosswinds Youth Services

Celebrating 35 Years 1974-2009



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Young Adults Move Forward With FAST TRACK GED Training

Nine young adults from Crosswinds' [Independent Living and Transitional Living](#) programs completed an intensive 12 day training to prepare for the General Educational Development Test (GED). The FAST TRACK GED training, developed and taught by Patrick Higgs of Education Solutions International, was offered through the collaboration of [Community Based Care of Brevard](#), [Connected by 25 Brevard](#), and [Crosswinds Youth Services](#). GED preparation is one aspect of an initiative to assist those who age out of foster care to make a successful transition to independent living.

Photos at right, top left to right: Tonia Ocansey, Michael Moreno, Tiffani Hernandez; bottom left to right: Tanesha Atwood, Amanda Howard, Deanna Guinyard



Afternoon of African Folklore



On May 30th Crosswinds youth enjoyed an afternoon of African drumming, dance and folktales under the shade trees in the park. The event was a celebration of what they had learned with artists-in residence Don and Tutu Harrell of OrisiRisi African Folklore, in a program sponsored by the Brevard Cultural Alliance.

YOU can help the young people of our communities on their path to success in life.

To volunteer contact:

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Crosswinds — Who We Are

Crosswinds was founded in 1974, starting out as a shelter for runaway teens. Through 35 years of supporting youth in crisis, Crosswinds has developed a spectrum of programs to strengthen families and offer young people the support, skills and opportunities they need to succeed. Crosswinds touches the lives of over 3,500 children and youth and their families each year through intensive residential and community based services, crisis information and referrals, assessment, counseling, delinquency diversion, transitional living, and other programs.

Crosswinds is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

To learn more about who we are and what we do, or how you can support the work of Crosswinds, visit our website:

www.crosswindsyouthservices.org

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321-452-0800

OUR MISSION: Creating Opportunities For Young People To Succeed!

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Crosswinds Rocks on YouTube!

Crosswinds has an exciting new presence on YouTube. In a video created by AmeriCorps volunteer Brandon Stevens and Crosswinds youth, present and former clients describe their life-changing experiences with Crosswinds' staff and programs. Web visitors

are treated to a video tour of the Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter and other areas of Crosswinds' Cocoa campus. Luke and Jasmine, Crosswinds' therapy dogs, make a lively appearance.

Mr. Stevens is a Youth Care Worker in the Shelter through the SEN/AmeriCorps program, designed to increase the number of caring adults available to interact with youth. While working on this project, the youth learned many useful skills in video production and had fun doing it. AmeriCorps is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, and brought to Crosswinds by the Southeastern Network of Youth and Family Services (SEN).

Check it out and tell your friends about Crosswinds on **YouTube**. To view the video go to www.youtube.com and search for "Crosswinds Youth Services".



Sheriff's Office Golf Classic Benefits Crosswinds and United Way

Brevard County Sheriff Jack Parker and Communications International Inc. (CII) hosted a Golf Tournament on May 30th at Duran Golf Club to benefit Crosswinds and the United Way. *Pictured above from left to right:* Henry Erfurt, Director of Business Development for CII.; Jan Lokay, President & CEO of Crosswinds Youth Services; Sheriff Jack Parker; Bob Stork, CEO of CII; Susan McGrath, Vice President of Resource Development for United Way of Brevard and Sheriff's Office Commander Paul Drinkwater.



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