
NAPLES ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN

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PRESENTS: "BECAUSE SOMEONE BELIEVED IN ME"

Naples Alliance for Children offered the April 6 Celebration Dinner attendees a sneak preview of their new NAFC "Because Someone Believed in Me" documentary. Mixing interviews, music and photographs, the "Because Someone Believed in Me" documentary tells the story of the real life joy, laughter and heartache of Collier County Florida residents who have achieved their childhood dream with the help of someone who believed in them. By sharing their experiences, they hope to inspire Collier County residents to recognize every child's potential and help young dreamers turn obstacles into opportunities.

The film's "Dreamers" are Rodelin Anthony, Indhira Charles, Silogene Brian Clervoix, Aaron Henry, Hannah Rose Kandel, Samantha Hicks, Hans Koop, Claudia Navarro and Gloria Padilla.

The "Believers" mentioned in the film are Linda Ayer, Collier County Public School; Jeanie Bates, PAWS Assistance & Therapy Dogs; Pam Berryman, Collier County Public Schools; Collier County Staff, Boys & Girls Clubs of America; Marion Fether (deceased); Jean Marc St. Fleur; Joseph and Merrylee Kandel; Hermes and Joan Koop; Patrick Lawson, Collier County Sheriff's Office; Margaret Lee; George Lopez (deceased); Barbara Mainster, Redlands Christian Migrant Association; Margarita Navarro; John Weber, Former Collier County Public Schools Coach; Chad Willis, Former Collier County Public Schools Teacher; Honey Bun, Hannah's Autism Support Therapy Dog; and many more

"When we are stressed and things are going wrong it is easy to forget that there are kids out there doing incredible things against the background of insurmountable odds. Kids need just that one someone to believe in them" remarks Myra Shapiro, documentary chair. She invites community residents to step back and see how they can help a child turn obstacles into opportunities. "Everyone can become a believer." For information and DVD call Naples Alliance for Children, 239-649-5260.

President Wilson G. Bradshaw, Florida Gulf Coast University; Dr. Robin Cook, Author; Todd Eldridge, Six-Time US Champion World Figure Skating Champion and Three-Time Olympian; Barbara Mainster, Executive Director, RCMA have cameo appearances in the film.

Film production services are by ABG World, Alexander Goldstein and Marina Berkovich. The film was made possible through the generosity of Anonymous Donors who believe that every child has potential.

Since 1987, Naples Alliance for Children, a United Way Agency, has been providing information and referral services to Collier County, Florida children, parents, teachers, and agencies. NAFC works to increase awareness and facilitate the development of resources that address children's unmet needs. For information, visit their web site, www.napleschild.org