

Champions of Change

Meet 10 local community service advocates who devote their lives to helping children in need.

1. TRACY R. HOWSE
ARC OF MARTIN COUNTY,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

"My proudest accomplishment is an ongoing daily appreciation knowing that I am making an impact in the life of the people we support. And, however small that may be, to them it is enormous and the appreciation they express is what makes it all the more momentous for me."

2. DEBBIE BUTLER
GUARDIANS FOR NEW
FUTURES, PRESIDENT OF
THE BOARD

"Children need the community to be there for them when others are not. If I can help to protect just one child from further harm, that is an awesome legacy."

3. JEFFREY SHEARER
TYKES & TEENS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Children do not have much of a voice in our society, especially children who are coping with mental health issues, addiction or family conflict. The work that we do with these kids enables them to be heard, and strengthens families."

4. ANNE McCORMICK
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF
MARTIN COUNTY, CEO

"I believe that the sustainability of a healthy community is dependent on the strength of our children and the tools we provide them to succeed."

5. ELIZABETH BARBELLA
HOUSE OF HOPE, CEO

"Caring for and tending to our most precious resources (our children) is the greatest investment we can make to ensure a bright future for all."



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SHOT ON LOCATION AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE TREASURE COAST