



Community News Update

22 October 2019

Register today to attend

Stepping Forward Kick-Off Event!

REGISTER

- **Tue, Oct 29, 4:30-6pm - Manatee Performing Arts Center**
- Stone Hall Theatre - 502 Third Ave. W., Bradenton, FL
- **Wed, Oct 30, 4:30-6pm - Riverview Performing Arts Center**
- 1 Ram Way, Sarasota, FL 34231

The Patterson Foundation (TPF)'s **Aspirations to Actions** initiative has been working with Rich Harwood, president and founder of the Harwood Institute since 2012: <http://www.thepattersonfoundation.org/aspirations.html>

Rich Harwood has innovated and developed a new philosophy and practice of how communities can solve shared problems, create a culture of shared responsibility, and deepen people's civic faith. **Stepping Forward** book circles aim to help participants build a sense of community, foster positive relationships among citizens, discover shared aspirations, and embrace possibilities for our collective future through guided discussions around Rich Harwood's *Stepping Forward* book. *Stepping Forward* shows readers how to channel frustrations, energies, and aspirations to get on a more hopeful path. Here is a webpage to learn more:

<http://www.thepattersonfoundation.org/aspirations-to-actions-stepping-forward-book-circles>

The follow on activities are Book Circles. The Patterson Foundation looks for opportunities to strengthen people, organizations, and communities. No matter a person's current engagement level in the community, The Patterson Foundation has learned there are always new opportunities to create connective tissue... that is, to build and strengthen relationships that can contribute to the realization of community aspirations. Chambers, neighborhood organizations, religious communities, and many more are all invited to attend to connect, learn, and share together.

DSCA provides a service to our community by bringing and supporting many educational programs. We thank The Patterson Foundation for bringing expert resources to our community to galvanize action through educational projects such as the **Aspirations to Actions** initiative. DSCA shares this important initiative and educational opportunity for your consideration. The DSCA Board is also interested in feedback from any downtown residents who attend either of these 2 events and/or wish to participate in book circles sponsored by **The Patterson Foundation** and **DSCA**.

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