

## PRESS RELEASE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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LAUREL, Fla. — The board of the Laurel Civic Association Inc., is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael D. Fluker to the position of Executive Director. A 14-year veteran of the nonprofit sector, Michael holds a B.A. in Business Administration from St. Leo University.

*“I believe we were fortunate to secure Michael to lead our excellent staff and keep our great programs going into the future,” said Executive Director Sandra Terry. “I’m confident that Michael’s experience and passion for helping others will serve Laurel Civic well.”*

After more than 30 years, 10 of these as a volunteer, leading Laurel Civic and fundamentally changing the lives of thousands of residents, Sandra Terry will transition into a new role as “Executive Director Emeritus” on August 14, 2019.

The Board intends to honor Sandra’s service to the community on November 2, 2019, with details to follow shortly.

*“Sandra’s influence and imprint on the Laurel/Nokomis/Venice, and larger Sarasota County community, cannot be understated. Through her vision, her dedication to our mission, and her resilience over the last 30 plus years, she has made lives better because she cared so deeply, and she took action” said Tish Scott-Murphy, the board chair. “We are grateful for the meaningful impact she has had on the organization’s mission and intend to continue her close association with the organization”.*

The Board, Michael and Staff intend to continue current programs, such as Teen Empowerment, Homework Assistance, Earning by Learning and USDA Food distribution while analyzing current and future community needs for program development. The Board and Staff are excited about what the future holds for Laurel Civic.

*“In Michael, we believe that we have selected the right individual to build on Sandra’s work to further the LCA mission and serve our communities,” said Scott-Murphy.*

### **About Laurel Civic**

**Laurel Civic** has grown to become an active and dedicated non-profit organization making a difference in a wide range of neighborhood issues throughout Sarasota County. The cornerstone and foundation of the organization has always been to educate, support and make life better for the disenfranchised and those living on the edge. With the backing of more than 300 active volunteers, donations, and grants, the association has been able to provide programs designed to prepare children and help adults become self-sufficient by improving living conditions, decreasing hunger, and improving access to needed services. Our Adult Program and Empowering Youth Program have brought a series of neighborhood improvements that go far beyond the original goals and have been a magnet for collaborations and clients from the southern-most part of Sarasota County to the northern-most part.