

2015

FREEDOM AND
VIRTUE INSTITUTE

ANNUAL REPORT



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COMMITTED TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY,
HUMAN DIGNITY, AND SELF-RELIANCE

Dear Friends,

SIX YEARS AGO WE SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE AND WE TOOK IT.

Since then, our time and resources have been behind this opportunity because we believe there has never been a better time to accelerate progress and have a big impact in the lives of people in our communities.

Some people look at the problems in our communities and our nation and conclude that things are only getting worse and there is nothing different we can do about it. We see this as a challenge for us all to come together to make the society where we live a better place.

We are making the fight for freedom and human dignity a priority. We think that the present moment for our Institute is exciting—a time for growth. We also think that the next five years will see major breakthroughs for our Institute in terms of more accomplishments. The successes we detail in this report will continue, with your help. Those participating in our programs will soar. They will be living better lives built by themselves. They will have opportunities to get an education, earn their way out of poverty, and show others that what might look as a problem is in truth an opportunity. These breakthroughs will be driven by initiatives that take seriously the power of freedom and the importance of helping each other.

It is in your power to join this exciting journey and help one more child, one more adult in need, one more church community learning how to effectively help others, and one more mentor striving to help others. You have the power to change lives!

As we journey together empowering people to discover the beauty that is in them and their moral capacity for self-realization, those of us who work directly in the Freedom & Virtue Institute are filled with gratitude for your support and encouragement. We are reminded of how important you are for the work we do.

THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Samuel Hernandez

Executive Director



HOW CAN I
SUPPORT THE
FREEDOM
AND VIRTUE
INSTITUTE?



Help us launch additional Self-Reliance Clubs in our schools and support the important work we are doing in southwest Florida.

1

Complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the addressed, stamped envelope provided

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Mail a check to Freedom and Virtue Institute:
1500 Royal Palm Square, Ste. 105, Fort Myers, FL 33919

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Visit the FVI website at www.fvinstitute.org and click the donate tab

Your generous support is sincerely appreciated. The Freedom and Virtue Institute is a registered 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization and all contributions are fully tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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SELF RELIANCE CLUB CHARITY
GOLFCLASSIC

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2016

AT OLD CORKSCREW



SHOTGUN START 12:30PM (REGISTRATION OPENS AT 11:00AM)
LUNCH AND DINNER INCLUDED, WITH SHORT AWARDS PROGRAM

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**Generous donations
from our supporters
have led to significant
achievements for The
Freedom and Virtue
Institute in 2015!**



TRAINING

Over 25 training programs have been conducted in 4 states in churches, civic organizations, clubs, and other groups to over 1800 people; spreading the mission of FVI and positively impacting lives

MARKETING

A reputable marketing firm has been retained to re-create our website, develop more effective marketing and communication materials, assist with fundraising, and position us for future growth

STAFFING

We have hired a Programs Director to oversee our Self Reliance Club initiative and serve as our chief grant-writer

NEW FACILITIES

We now have office facilities for our Executive Director, staff, and team of volunteers

PUBLICATION

Our two-part Effective Compassion Training Manual has been completed and is being utilized by churches, community groups, and other high-impact local organizations to redefine their philanthropic strategy

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Our Self Reliance Club initiative is the Freedom and Virtue Institute in action; helping our young people make the connection between hard work, self-reliance, and accomplishment.

- **Currently, 6 schools and over 200 students participate in this program.**
- **Our 2016 plan calls for 5 additional schools and 200 additional students joining the program**
- **Participating schools include:**

Trafalgar Middle
Oak Hammock Middle
Bonita Springs Charter
Heights Foundation
Tice Elementary
Manatee Elementary

"We received the Effective Compassion Training program at our agency and it was thought provoking as to why we do what we do. After the training we evaluated all our programs to see how we can better serve our clientele while maintaining their dignity. The Freedom & Virtue Institute is a blessing!"

Charlotte Nicely, Executive Director
Lehigh Community Services, Inc.

"Your training really worked on me since I took it. The LORD really has been molding my thinking and I have come full circle from where I used to be. I have been on several short term mission trips to impoverished countries where I keep seeing good intentions, but not good results. My mind has been transformed into thinking only about ways to empower them instead of giving free handouts. My main task is to work with the local church and allow them to help worthy individuals the right way. Thank you, Freedom & Virtue Institute!"

Jim Brooks, Missions Team Riverside Church

"The Self Reliance Club is a great program for our school that provides a tangible incentive for our kids to work hard, persevere to complete a project, and learn new things, qualities that will serve them well all their lives."

Diane Curtis, Teacher at Tice Elementary School

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Our first book, entitled "Not Tragically Colored", published in conjunction with The Acton Institute will be released in December, 2015

