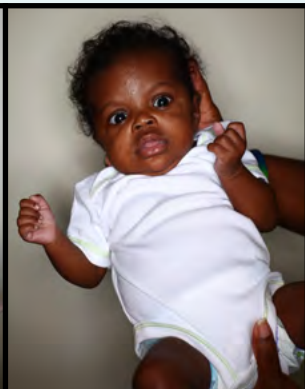


ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012



Take a moment to look at the portraits on the front of this Annual Report. There are two questions I have for you:

Which of these children are at risk, and which of these children have unlimited potential?

The answer to both questions, of course, is all of them.

In Martin County, with its distinctive neighborhoods and traditional cultures, it's easy to presuppose which children need help building a foundation to become successful students and citizens.

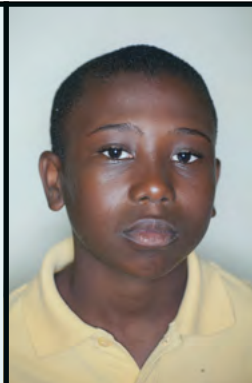
But the reality is that all children could use help in strengthening this foundation, regardless of neighborhood, socio-economic status, race, age or upbringing. Every child is at risk for drug and alcohol use. Every child is at risk for injury or death. Every child needs prenatal care. Every child needs positive adult role models and trusted adults to talk with when a problem arises.

At the same time, every child in Martin County has the potential to become our future leaders—the next county commissioner, the next small business owner or the next teacher. That is why it is so important for our community to invest in our youngest residents, and that is why I feel so fortunate to live in one of eight counties in Florida that support our families and youth through a Children's Services Council.

This investment helps all of the residents of Martin County, not just the children pictured throughout this report. The Council helps create a safer and healthier community, lowers our long-term tax burden and fosters a strong, vibrant economy. Together, we are working to avoid the risks and provide the foundation for unlimited potential for all children. This is something our community should be very proud of.



David L. Heaton
Executive Director



DID YOU KNOW? There is a direct economic benefit to the Children's Services Council of Martin County. According to the Business Development Board of Martin County, funding through the Council is directly responsible for 179 full-time jobs and nearly \$5.77 million in income for our residents.

“(Now) we are a family that has communication and problem-solving skills. Each family member has chosen to break bad patterns for good ones. My children are happy and safe, and they are not afraid to express their emotions, good or bad. Today, I have established boundaries with my husband and my children, and I am not afraid. Life is not perfect, but it is safe. CASTLE has given us something we thought we'd lost forever ... hope. For that we are so grateful, thank you.” -- CASTLE Safe Families participant



Who We Are:

The Children's Services Council of Martin County is an independent special district dedicated to providing a funding source for children's programs that make a measurable difference in the lives of all Martin County residents. With a focus on accountability and return on investment, our small staff provides intensive programmatic and fiscal oversight for local agencies funded by the Martin County homeowner. This ensures effective and efficient use of taxpayer dollars and significant results for residents of all ages.

The Council consists of:

- Judith J. Weber, Council Chair**
Governor Appointee
- Elmira R. Gainey, Vice-Chair**
Governor Appointee
- Cheri Sheffer, Treasurer**
Circuit Community Development Administrator for the Florida Department of Children and Families in Circuit 19
- Hon. Sherwood Bauer, Jr.**
Circuit Court Judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit presiding over Juvenile Cases in Martin County
- Michael Busha**
Martin County School Board member
- Anthony D. George, Jr.**
Governor Appointee
- Nancy Kline**
Martin County School Superintendent
- Robert Ranieri**
Governor Appointee
- Doug Smith**
Martin County Commissioner

Our Mission:

To enhance the lives of the children of Martin County and to enable them to attain their full potential.





"My girlfriend was screaming at our 2-year old, and I told her that we learned in our class not to show anger but to discipline with love. She was amazed at how effective my new skills were." -- Participant in the Father & Child Resource Center's weekly class at the Martin County Jail as part of the Public Defender's Re-Entry Program

What We Fund:

Our funding priorities are based on in-depth strategic planning, which takes place every five years. Council staff analyzes data, considers relevant research and listens to community members to determine what outcomes we seek for our children. This dynamic process ensures this local funding supports local needs and makes a positive impact on the quality of life for all in Martin County.



Maternal & Child Health

- Dunbar Center
- Easter Seals
- Helping People Succeed
- Martin County Healthy Start Coalition

After-School Care/ Summer Programs

- ARC of Martin County
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach & Martin Counties
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
- Martin County Parks & Recreation
- City of Stuart
- YMCA

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Prevention

- Project LIFT
- Tykes & Teens

Child Abuse Prevention

- Helping People Succeed
- CASTLE

Critical Resource Providers

- American Red Cross
- Early Learning Coalition
- Whole Child Connection
- 2-1-1 Treasure Coast
- Martin County Health Department
- Shared Services Network



Audited Financial Statement Sept. 30, 2011

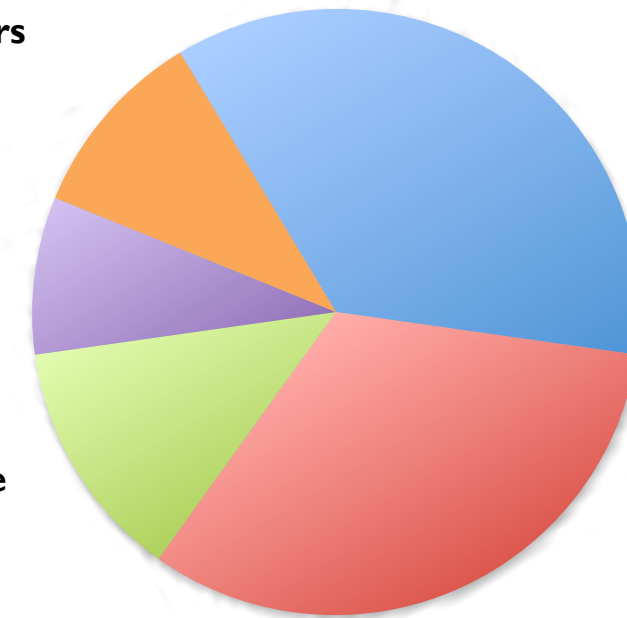
	Fiscal Year 2009-2010	Fiscal Year 2010-2011
Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$6,399,356	\$5,956,563
Grants & Rental Income	\$157,919	\$82,772
Interest Income	\$87,742	\$47,370
Fund Transfer	\$216,999	\$1,614,284
Total Revenues:	\$6,862,016	\$7,700,989
Expenditures:		
Program Services	\$5,365,842	\$5,070,584
General Government	\$1,224,905	\$1,195,590
Capital Outlay	\$271,269	\$1,434,815
Total Expenditures:	\$6,862,016	\$7,700,989

Funds Spent Per Funding Priority Area July 2010 - June 2011

Critical Resource Providers
\$518,045
10.2%

Child Abuse Prevention
\$423,897
8.4%

**Mental Health/Substance
Abuse Prevention**
\$651,449
12.9%



**After-School Care/
Summer Programs**
\$1,822,545
35.9%

Maternal & Child Health
\$1,654,648
32.6%

DID YOU KNOW? Because the funds collected by the Council are a dedicated source of money, agencies can leverage this funding to bring **NEW** dollars into the community. Last year, they were able to bring an additional **\$3,487,594** from federal and state funds that otherwise would not come into Martin County. That's a **68.8%** return on our investment!





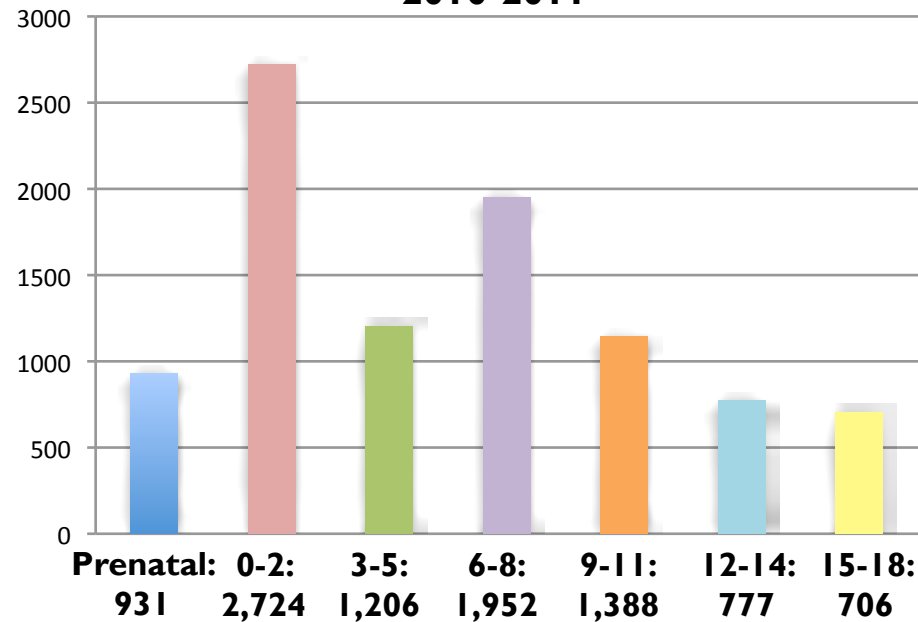
Who We Fund:

Through research and data collection, the Council recognizes that Martin County children are at risk—just as they also have unlimited potential. This is why the programs we fund serve such a diverse population. Here is a look at the demographics.

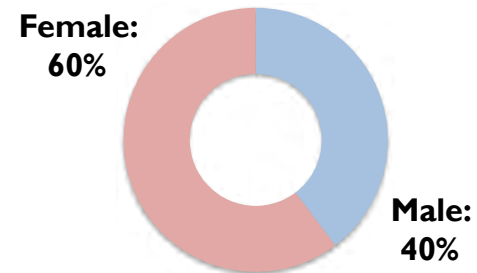
Total Numbers Served:

Children - 8,339
Adults - 3,233

Children Served By Age 2010-2011



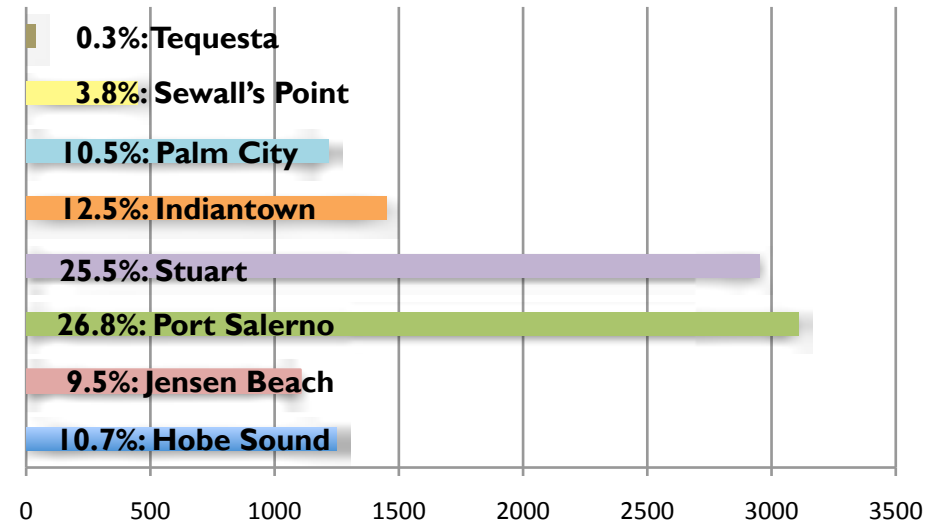
By Gender 2010-2011



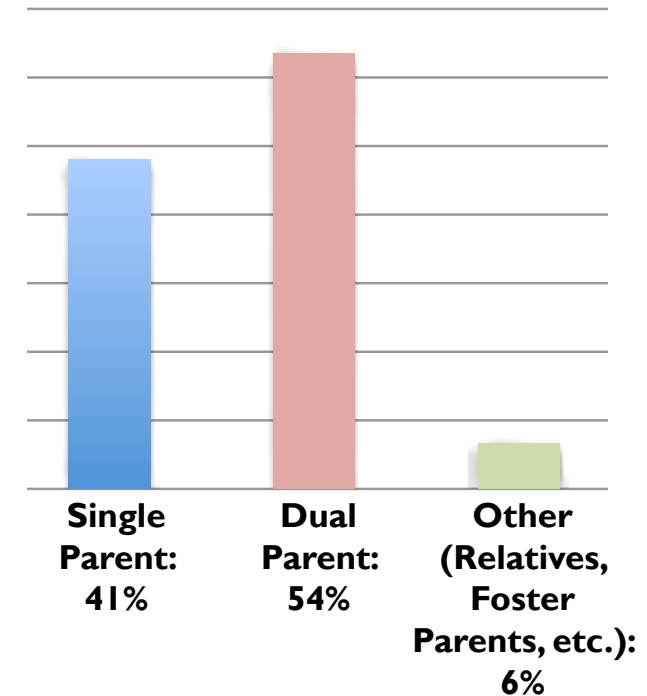
“The Children’s Services Council of Martin County continues to be an outstanding example of all that is good about Martin County. Children in all age groups have received assistance, services and even much needed basic care where none was available before. I’m proud to have been part of CSC and proud to be part of Martin County.” -- Jody Bond, former Council member and small business owner



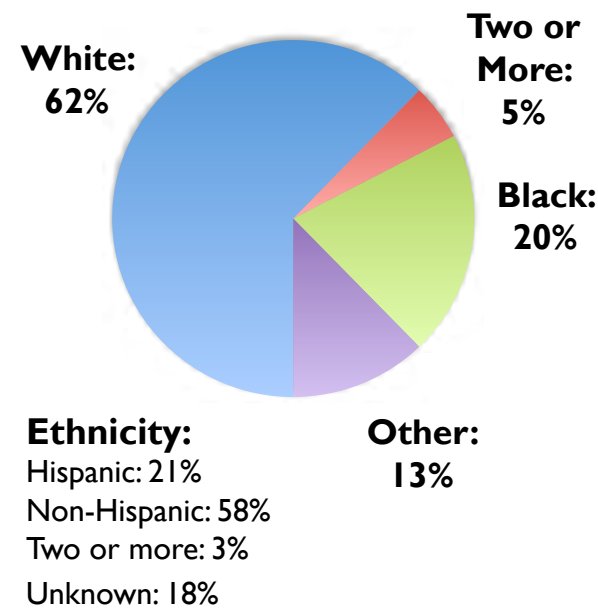
By Neighborhood 2010-2011



Household Arrangement 2010-2011



By Race 2010-2011



DID YOU KNOW? Of the funds budgeted by the Children’s Services Council of Martin County: 88.5% fund programs, 10.8% fund administrative costs and 1.4% pay for collection fees to agencies such as the Martin County Tax Collector and Martin County Property Appraiser’s Office.

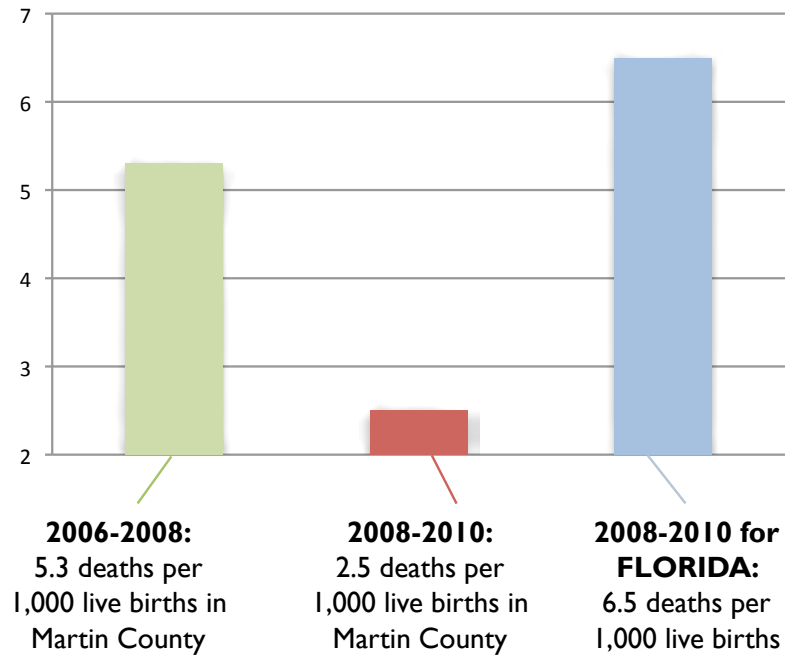


"They make it fun when you are learning to read. It helped me in school; my grades improved from Cs and Bs to Bs and As. Being on the girls' softball team has given me more confidence in school and on the softball field. Being in the Club (after-school program) has helped me."
-- Jakiya, 11-year-old participant in the East Stuart Youth Initiative after-school program

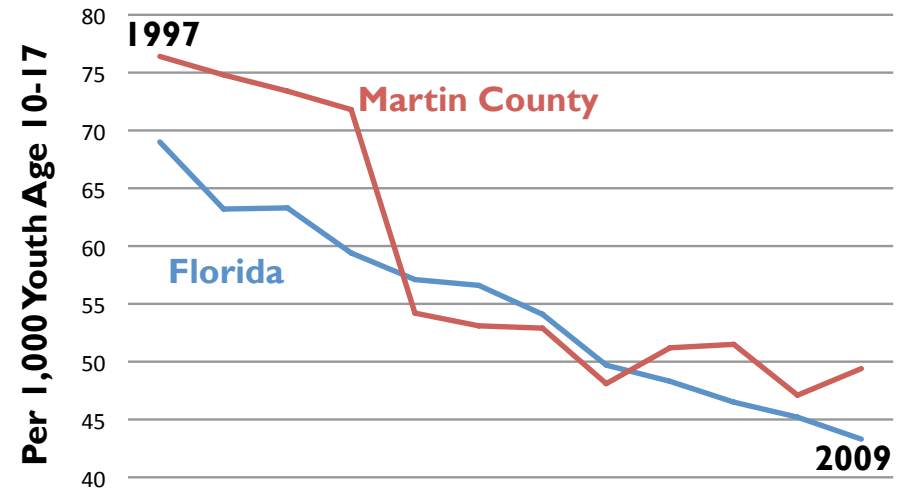


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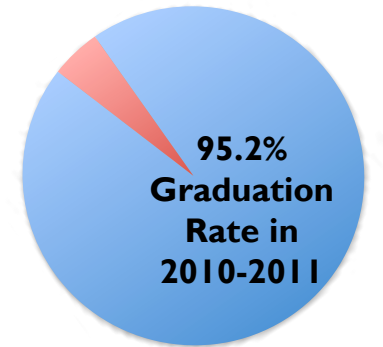
Decreasing the rate of infant mortality in Martin County for all races



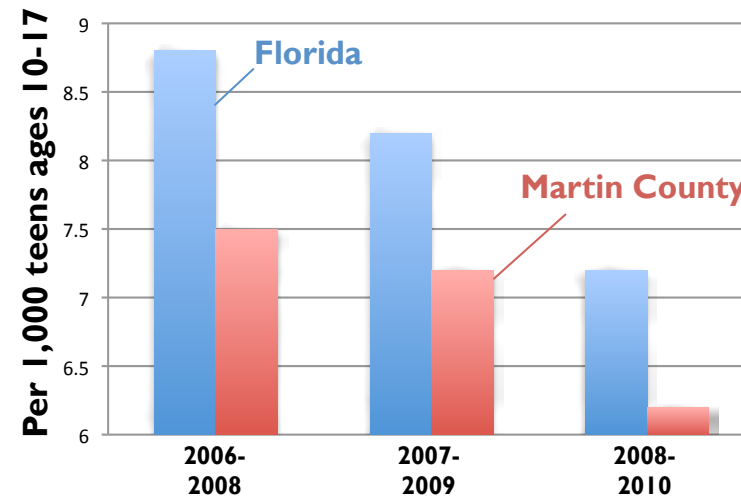
Decreasing the rate of Martin County youth referred for juvenile justice offenses



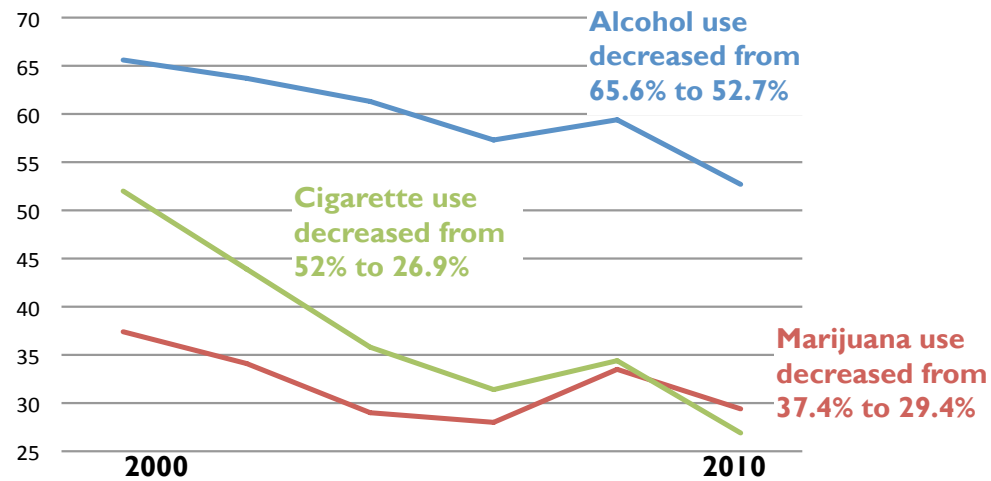
Improving Martin County's overall high school graduation rate through early learning and after-school programs



Reducing the rate of births to teens ages 10-17



Reducing the percentage of Martin County middle and high school students who report using alcohol and drugs in their lifetimes



DID YOU KNOW? Agencies funded by the Children's Services Council are held accountable to performance measures negotiated with our program staff. This helps to ensure the programs funded by tax dollars are run effectively and are making a substantial, measurable impact on the children and families we serve. Agencies participate in significant administrative and fiscal reviews, as well.

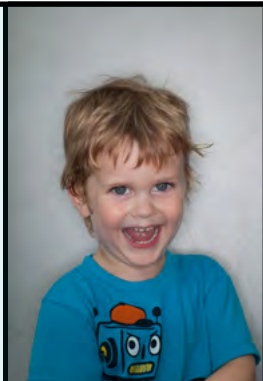




Photo provided by Hooks Construction

New Council Office:

Twenty-three years ago, the charter members of the Children's Services Council of Martin County voted to collect taxes a year in advance, invest the money and save the interest in a designated account. In 2012, their foresight was honored with the opening of the newly constructed, environmentally efficient building at 101 S.E. Central Parkway in Stuart.

This office, which includes public meeting space available for use by local non-profit agencies, will save the taxpayers \$8.5 million over the next 26 years, as determined by an independent study by the appraisal firm Deighan Consultants. It was built \$50,000 below budget and created 100 temporary jobs.

But there's even more of an economic—and environmental—benefit to this office. Contractors with Hooks Construction built the facility to green standards, which are expected to result in a 30% reduction in annual energy and water costs. Green features include a 39 SEER, highly efficient air conditioner, drip-style irrigation, motion-sensitive lights and individual thermostats in each room.

The construction costs did not take away from program funds, and some agencies are directly benefiting: Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Father & Child Resource Center and Whole Child Connection are all rent-paying tenants.

Tour the building during one of the quarterly student art exhibit openings, which feature artwork from students throughout Martin County! Learn more by visiting www.cscmc.org.



DID YOU KNOW? By not having to pay rent (or a mortgage) and saving 30% in utility costs with the environmentally friendly features of the new building, the Council will be able to provide more funding for children's programs each year.



"I believe that the Children's Services Council of Martin County plays a key role in the high quality of life in our community. The research and planning that is behind the Council's funding decisions certainly does enhance the lives of so many children and families in Martin County, enabling children to reach their full potential and be productive members of the community." -- Rob Ranieri, Council member

The Future of Martin County:

The YMCA's YReads program, funded by the Children's Services Council of Martin County, provides tutoring for struggling readers during after-school hours. As a writing exercise, the instructors recently asked some young students what career they'd like when they graduate. Here's a look at Martin County's future!

"When I grow up I want to be a taxi driver. I can train everyday in order to become an expert and when I'm hungry I can go home and get something to eat. I will wait for people to call me for a ride and I will pick them up. People can call me from basketball games and I will go get them. I will charge them 12 dollars every trip. My taxi will be yellow. I will wear a new uniform and when I'm tired I will take a break and eat food or go to sleep. If the kids said I want some toys we will go to Toys R Us. First I would need to go in the bank for \$10,000. Then we would go to Toys R Us because the kids want computers, Beyblades, and a Nintendo DS. I have to get a driver's license to operate a taxi cab. Then I can get the job." -- Yonatan A., grade 2

"When I grow up I want to be a teacher at the YMCA, because I like to teach little kids. I'm going to teach the kids how to read. I'm also going to teach at J.D. Parker." -- Jordan B., grade 2

"When I grow up I want to be an army ranger and save the world. I want to be in the army because my cousin was and I said to him, "When I grow up I will be in the army just like you." That's why when I grow up I want to be in the army." -- Jose G., grade 2

"When I grow up I want to be a football player. A football player can push people around and show off. The position I want to play is running back because you run with the ball a lot and can score touchdowns to win the game. I will be famous and have a lot of money. I will be able to buy a house and a car that is why I want to be a football player. The end of my career will turn out like this. It's the 4th down, 9 seconds until the game is over. The ball is snapped to me and I jump over the line into the end zone, TOUCHDOWN! I am a hero! We win the Superbowl!" -- Leonard W., grade 3



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on the fourth Monday of the month.
We welcome public participation!