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To all the leadership and staff of the City of Ft Pierce and the Sunrise Theatre,

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Sunrise Theatre, the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, John Wilkes, his excellent staff and the many volunteers for building our entertainment center into the wonderful gift it has been to the city of Fort Pierce.

As a recent permanent resident to our downtown area, the Sunrise Theatre was the key magnet that brought us from our home in Stuart to live in the heart and soul of Ft. Pierce. We enjoyed the gem of the smaller Lyric Theater in Stuart, but the limited seating capped the spectrum of shows and talent that could be attracted. Further, parking in downtown Stuart was always difficult making, it easier to shoot up Indian River Drive or venture up Hutchinson Island. . With the Sunrise, we walk or park near by, see many of the same acts that play at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach and enjoy excellent seating from just about any where in the theatre and at an affordable price! We've been delighted that by becoming members of the Sunrise we can get early notification of newly booked shows, discounts at local businesses and enjoy much better access to premium seating.

The Sunrise does so much more than bring theater to our town. It brings people that see a town they didn't know and shied away from before. Our young people get an opportunity for a cultural initiation and education that they might not otherwise have the occasion to appreciate. The theatre- goers dine in our restaurants, refresh in our bars and spend money at our stores that are smartly staying open some evenings. These newcomers populate otherwise very lonely dark streets with strolling window shopping pedestrians, occupied parking spaces and even occasional traffic! When the Sunrise turns on it's lights, the silent movie set of our town that's just been waiting for a film producer to arrive, springs to life and the energy emanates from Second Street and ripples through the downtown area to the river's edge .What's more, even on evenings that the theater is closed , newcomers remember their discovery of our downtown area and come back to enjoy the restaurants and stores at a more leisurely pace when they are not rushing off to the theatre.

Thank you so much for the dedicated leadership and staff of the Sunrise. For many of us it was the draw to Ft. Pierce and is surely the anchor that keeps us here. We applaud the City and all those who have supported our wonderful theatre. ENCORE!!!

*Sincerely,*

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