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The City of Fort Pierce has collaborated with Project LIFT and their leadership on a variety of projects that have benefited our local communities. Their approach is cutting-edge and highly effective in addressing the complex challenges of mental health, high school dropouts, juvenile crime, and substance misuse among at-risk youth. Additionally, their replacement behavior therapy program delivers significant vocational education and job training to teens and young adults in order for them to find excellent jobs that will support them and their families in the future.

We are enthusiastic for Project LIFT to expand their services into St. Lucie County, particularly in the Fort Pierce area, which is home to the majority of these concerns. The Lincoln Park neighborhood has long been a financially impoverished community, and parts of the county's rural areas are economically distressed.

The City of Fort Pierce intends to work alongside Project LIFT in St. Lucie County as a supporter and stakeholder in their success. Their one-of-a-kind combination of services is addressing a number of the gaps we found. We hope you will give them serious consideration for funding since they will undoubtedly generate the outcomes we all desire for our young people.

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for the expansion of Project LIFT into the City of Fort Pierce.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson,
Mayor