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*Annual Corporate
Meeting and Luncheon
Program*

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True to Our Mission ... Forging a New Direction During the Pandemic.

Saturday, January 22, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

B Resort and Spa | 1905 Hotel Plaza Blvd. | Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Keynote Speaker

Jennifer Shephard Lester

Psychotherapist, Life Coach, Author and More



Affectionately known as the “Self-Help Queen”, Jennifer Shephard Lester is a psychotherapist, child advocate, entrepreneur, life coach, motivational speaker, and author. For more than 20 years, she has been a leader in behavioral change working with federal programs and in private practice. Jennifer combines a Master's degree in Psychology from Georgia School of Professional Psychology with a Bachelor's in Psychology from Clark Atlanta University. She was featured as one of Atlanta's top Doctors and Health Care Professionals in Who's Who in Black Atlanta TM, 15th Edition, for her work in mental health.

In 2008, Lester established the Purpose Project, LLC: a multidisciplinary behavioral healthcare practice that offers mental health services, life coaching, leadership training, and nonprofit management. As a Licensed Professional Counselor, she uses a Cognitive-Behavioral theoretical approach to insure clinically sound and culturally competent practices. The Purpose Project has a proven track record of influencing positive change in organizations, individuals, and families.

Jennifer has received numerous awards for her dedication to improving local communities and empowering others. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Along with serving on several boards and committees, she is also the Executive Director of the Big Kidz Foundation; an arts-focused youth development organization that was founded by Antwan “Big Boi” Patton of the iconic group Outkast.

Lester is the author of “14 Ways to Find Your Amazing: When Passion and Purpose Collide”. This transformative book shares 14 crucial steps to set you on your journey to find your amazing, the thing that truly makes you special and significant. Beginning with “honoring your calling” and closing with “being thankful,” the book not only exposes how you can learn to use your “why” as power, but it also helps you move beyond stagnating fear to purposeful hope. Each step ends with a call to action, “Journey to Amazing,” that will give you practical tools to develop new habits in order to achieve your amazing. Lester's forward-thinking and electrifying energy has captured audiences worldwide. She is committed to helping people live with passion, power, and productivity.

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Annual Corporate Meeting Luncheon and Board Installation

Theme: "True To Our Mission ... Forging a New Direction During the Pandemic."

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES: Annette Jones, Avon Park, FL
ALPI Board Member

Pledge of Allegiance	Recording
National Anthem	Recording
Welcome and Occasion.....	Marjorie Gaskin, Ft. Pierce, FL <i>ALPI Board Treasurer</i>
Greetings.....	Yolanda Robinson, Ft. Pierce, FL <i>ALPI Board Secretary</i>
Words of Inspiration	N’Kosi Jones, Bowling Green, FL <i>ALPI Board Member</i>
Message From the Chairperson	William Holt, Vero Beach, FL <i>ALPI Board Chairperson</i>
ALPI’s Impact In the Communities	Arlene Dobison, Lakeland, FL <i>ALPI Chief Executive Officer</i>
Musical Selection	Kirsten Domineck, Lakeland, FL
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Josephine Howard, Haines City, FL <i>Assistant Board Secretary</i>
Keynote Speaker	Jennifer Shephard Lester, Stone Mountain, GA Psychotherapist, Life Coach, Author, Etc.

Lunch

Keynote Speaker Award Presentation	Arlene Dobison, Lakeland, FL
Recognition of Guests	Gena Spivey, Port St. Lucie, FL <i>ALPI Board Member</i>
Musical Selection	Kirsten Domineck, Lakeland, FL
ALPI Board Leadership & Community Services Awards	Arlene Dobison, Lakeland, FL
ALPI Board Governance Support & Leadership Awards.....	William Holt, Vero Beach, FL
Program Participants’ Acknowledgements	Ruby Willix, Winter Haven, FL <i>ALPI Board Member/Special Events Committee Vice Chair</i>
Board Installation.....	Jonathan Thiele, Esq., Lakeland, FL <i>ALPI Board Legal Counsel - Law Office of Jonathan Thiele, Esq., President</i>
Closing Remarks	William Holt, Vero Beach, FL





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ALPI AWARDS INFORMATION

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARD

An annual award presented to a corporate organization or individual of a corporation for outstanding service rendered to the ALPI organization.

2021 Community Support Award Recipient

Charlie Frank Matthews

Lincoln Park Board of Directors, Inc.

“Since 1972, the Lincoln Park Recreation Center, Inc., formerly known as Lincoln Park Child Care, Inc. has been a valuable partner for The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. Head Start Program, providing rent free space to house our Lincoln Park Head Start Center that serves 105 preschool children and their families. As partners, we share the same core values and commitment to the most vulnerable children and families in the area of Fort Pierce, Florida. For those reasons, we say thank you for your continuous support to our organization and leadership in the community.”



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COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS

In recognition of a community individual for outstanding service in the community. This recognition award is a selection from ALPI geographic service areas and may be submitted by Regional Advisory Councils, Policy Council, Policy Committee and Division/Department Directors.

VERNON J. SHAZIER

Vernon J. Shazier is Senior Pastor at River of Life Fellowship Church located on the Treasure Coast of Florida in Fort Pierce. As an innovative coach of leaders and individuals, he is committed to helping people of all walks of life reach “Champion Status.” Shazier upholds the highest standards of personal and professional integrity, being sought after as a preacher, motivational keynote speaker and lecturer in the areas of public speaking, leadership, and team development throughout the country. Currently he is the President of The Champion Leader, Board Member and Chaplain for the National Football Players Fathers Association, Director of Football Operations at PMR Sports. He also served as NFL Chaplain with the Miami Dolphins. Pastor Shazier, along with his congregation, partnered with St. Lucie County Health Department and conducted two Covid-19 clinics where more than 1,000 residents were served. He also partnered with the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI) to help residents obtain assistance with their utility bills.

APOPKA AREA CONCERNED CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

The Mission of the AACCC is to obtain funding to impact local and statewide elections. AACCC additionally works to reduce violence in Black communities and foster equal opportunities in public schools to fulfill the American Dream for Black children. Moreover, AACCC seeks to help the black community remain focused on areas that are vital in the promotion of racial justice and economic equality. The purpose of the Corporation is to provide the opportunity for individual Citizens interested in politics, that may affect their community, neighborhoods, whether it’s Local, State or Federal, to have a voice. The organization contributes to the support of worthy candidates for State and/or Local office, who believe, and have demonstrated their beliefs in, principles to which the organization is dedicated. AACCC is all about the community and all it’s people, trying to make positive changes and improvements, in any way possible, such as food distribution, toys distribution during Christmas, etc. AACCC is a “boots on the ground” organization, proudly serving the community.

KARTRICE GREAVES

Kartrice Greaves, known to most as Monique, is homegrown in America’s Sweetest Town. She is a Clewiston High Tiger (1997) that went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (2001). After graduating from college, Monique returned home and started teaching in Palm Beach County School District at Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay, Fl. After a life altering automobile accident, Monique took some time off from teaching. During her time off Monique got married to Jeremy Greaves and shortly after became a mother of two children, Jeremy Joshua Greaves Jr. and Imani Monique Greaves. Monique missed educating children but did not want to return to the public school system, so she took a leap of faith and founded a daycare Little Disciples Learning Center. After only being in business for a few years, she expanded her business and founded a second location Little Disciples Learning Center II. Monique, being a homegrown girl, wanted to give back to her community and after much prayer founded Divine Intervention Motivational Experience (DIME). DIME, established in 2012, provides after school activities like modeling, cooking, sowing, and different genres of dance, guitar, Djembe drums, and mentorship for elementary and middle school aged students. Monique has also founded “Sowing Women” a ministry that meets monthly for encouragement, empowerment, and devotion while doing arts and crafts. Monique sits on various different boards and offers her wisdom in business and nonprofit work to many. Monique’s favorite scripture is Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”



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TRAILBLAZER AWARD

This Award recognizes Board Members who have contributed to changing lives through their outstanding involvement and dedication to further the mission of the Agricultural and Labor Program Inc. In addition, the Award acknowledges trailblazers, groundbreakers, innovators, and pioneers who have devoted their time and effort in servant leadership to make a positive change to help disadvantaged, disenfranchised people help themselves and each other.

GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP

Every year the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc., extends recognition and appreciation to its Governance Leadership, Shared Governance Leadership, Community Organizations, Corporate Partners and Agency Leadership who contributed to advance the ALPI's vision and mission to help socially and economically disadvantaged families, children and farmworkers help themselves and each other. Thus, it is with great pride that we present the following 2019-2020 Awards and Recognitions.

This award is presented annually to the ALPI's Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Chairperson, the ALPI Housing Development Corporation Board Chairperson, and ALPI Board Chairperson, in recognition of significant contributions and exemplary Governance Leadership to advance the ALPI vision and mission to help socially, and economically disadvantaged families, children and farmworkers help themselves and each other.

Board & Shared Governance Leadership Awards

Head Start Policy Council Chairperson's Award Recipient: Yolanda Robinson

ALPI Housing Development Corporation Board Chairperson's Award Recipient: Phillip Howard

ALPI Board of Directors Chairperson's Award Recipient: William Holt



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GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

Board Chairperson's Award

An annual award presented by the ALPI Board of Directors Chairperson to an individual for outstanding service beyond expectations to the organization.

Chief Executive Officer's Award

The award in this category is presented to ALPI's Chief Executive Officer in recognition of significant Agency's Management Accomplishments and Governance Leadership support rendered to advance the ALPI's vision and mission of helping socially, and economically disadvantaged families, children and farmworkers help themselves and each other.

Board Chairperson's Award Recipient: TBA

Chief Executive Officer Award Recipient: Arlene Dobison

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