Nemours Children's Health Named Newest Florida **Chamber Foundation Statewide Community Development Partner**

Joins group of responsible business leaders and futurists who guide the Florida 2030 Blueprint



TALLAHASSEE, FL (June 15, 2021)— The Florida Chamber Foundation today announced Nemours emours. Children's Health's expanded efforts as the newest Florida Chamber Foundation Community Development Partner.

The Florida Chamber Foundation's Community Development Partnership (CDP) Council is a group of thoughtleaders and strategic partners from across Florida who have extensive reach and significant impact on their communities. These companies believe in putting the long term over the short term and these forward-thinking individuals and companies have a deeply vested interest in Florida's success and realize the importance of a measurable statewide strategic plan. In fact, their investment funds TheFloridaScorecard.org, which is an online decision tool that provides Florida leaders and local stakeholders with the metrics needed to measure progress within their own communities on the goals outlined in the Florida 2030 Blueprint.

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"The business leaders and futurists who make up the Florida Chamber Foundation's Community Development Partners play an essential role in uniting Florida's job creators across all industries as we prepare for 2030," said Florida Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Mark Wilson, "Their collective action with philanthropic alignment is guiding the Florida Chamber Foundation's Florida 2030 Blueprint initiative to secure Florida's future."

Community Development Partners contribute their time, skill, and expertise towards securing Florida's future through the development of Six Pillars—improving Florida's talent pipeline for a better workforce, creating good jobs by diversifying Florida's economy, preparing Florida's infrastructure for smart growth and development, building the perfect climate for business, making government and civics more efficient and effective, and championing Florida's quality of life. Community Development Partners have the opportunity to position Florida as the national example of free enterprise, job creation, and proven results, helping to steer Florida toward long-term solutions.

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Nemours Children's Health joins a group of 11 other Florida Community Development Partners who are unifying Florida business for good, including CareerSource Florida, Duke Energy, Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Florida Power & Light, Holland & Knight, PhRMA, Publix, RS&H, TECO Peoples Gas, Third Lake Partners, and Wells Fargo.

"We are delighted to have Nemours Children's Health's engagement and voice on the Community Development Partnership (CDP) Council," said Don Kiselewski, Sr. Director of External Affairs for Florida Power & Light, and Florida Chamber Foundation CDP Chair. "Now more than ever we need Florida's business leaders to step up and drive the relaunch of Florida's economy. Nemours Children's Health's commitment to lean in and participate in shaping the long-term success of our state is most admirable."

If interested in joining these companies as a Florida Community Development Partner with a focus on securing Florida's future, contact Aaron Kinnon at AKinnon@flfoundation.org or visit www.FLFoundation.org.

About the Florida Chamber Foundation

The Florida Chamber Foundation is a statewide, business-led, non-partisan research and future-oriented leadership group working in partnership with regional and state leaders to secure Florida's future. To ensure global competitiveness, prosperity, high paying jobs and vibrant and resilient communities for all Floridians,

the Florida Chamber Foundation places the long-term ahead of the short term by uniting the Florida business community for good to develop strategies around six key factors, the *Florida 2030 Blueprint Six Pillars of Florida's Future Economy*: improving Florida's talent pipeline for a better workforce, creating good jobs by diversifying Florida's economy, preparing Florida's infrastructure for smart growth and development, building the perfect climate for business, making government and civics more efficient and effective, and championing Florida's quality of life.

The Florida Chamber Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions are deductible as charitable gifts for federal income tax. To learn more about the Florida Chamber Foundation, visit www.FLFoundation.org.

About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the two free-standing children's hospitals: the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in five states, delivering pediatric primary, specialty and urgent care. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org, and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours CareConnect. Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org is a program dedicated to preventing reading failure in young children, grounded in Nemours' understanding that child health and learning are inextricably linked, and that reading level is a strong predictor of adult health.

Established as <u>The Nemours Foundation</u> through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, Nemours provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy and prevention programs to families in the communities it serves.

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