

# City Guide

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## of Sebastian & Vero Beach



## Placing Hope In A Child's Future™

Place of Hope is a unique children's organization who has been serving children and families for 17 years in Palm Beach County. Offering a comprehensive continuum of care including family-style foster care (emergency and long-term), family outreach and intervention, maternity care, safety for victims of domestic minor sex trafficking, transitional housing and support services, foster care recruitment and support, hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

In early 2015, Treasure Coast Community Based Care provider, Devereux CBC, invited Place of Hope to expand its traditional foster care model into Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties, making Place of Hope the

largest children's organization in the region. Ranked #1 in the Nation by Charity Navigator three years in a row, for "Youth Development, Crisis Services and Shelter," Place of Hope's mission to providing stable and loving family environments for children and youth who are hurting and their families is evident. "We are committed to meeting desperate needs in our community and placing hope in the lives of these deserving children – one child and family at a time." Charles L. Bender III, Founding CEO.

Serving from Sebastian to North Broward County and west to Okeechobee County, Place of Hope cares for over 340 children, youth and families on a daily basis. Not only are they known for their traditional and family style foster care models, but also for their proactive approach to preventing child abuse and human trafficking. From their current



Indian River office, in the United Way of Indian River County, and their office in Tradition Square, Port St. Lucie, Place of Hope is educating the community on the harsh reality that human trafficking is happening in our region while also providing tangible steps to take action against it. Soon to come is their newest outreach center in Downtown Hobe Sound. This mixed use space will serve as the epicenter for Place of Hope growth initiatives including a café/lounge social enterprise, foster family training and licensing offices, as well as a large meeting space for events. The Harris L. Weinstein Outreach Center is anticipated to be complete late 2018, and like all of their buildings, will open debt free.

“Place of Hope strives to foster hope rather than despair, potential rather than limitations, healing rather than hurting, belonging rather than isolation,



and what the future can be, rather than what the past has been.”

As the demand for quality families intensifies, so does their need for our support. Together, we can meet the physical, emotional and developmental needs of the children and youth in Indian River County. Learn more about Place of Hope, their GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency recognition, and consider providing hope today. Visit [placeofhope.com](http://placeofhope.com) or email [jamieb@placeofhope.com](mailto:jamieb@placeofhope.com)

