

## In Recognition of Handy Scholars Day

- WHEREAS,** HANDY is proud to be celebrating 30 years of service within the City of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** HANDY's mission is to embrace, educate and empower vulnerable youth to become engaged and productive adults; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1985 HANDY has met the needs of more than 50,000 children and youth in foster and relative / non-relative care and annually serves more than 1,300 at-risk children between the ages of 10 – 25 years; and
- WHEREAS,** many of the children who benefit from HANDY's support live in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area; and
- WHEREAS,** HANDY's one-of-a-kind LIFE Program provides emergency needs assistance for food, clothing, beds, housing, transportation and healthcare; tutoring and mentoring services; social, fitness, art and recreation activities; education to prevent school dropout, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, bullying and juvenile crime; college and employment preparation services and independent living planning.
- WHEREAS,** on May 21, 2015, HANDY will host its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholars Breakfast, recognizing more than a dozen HANDY scholarship recipients who have overcome abuse and neglect to graduate from college during the last 12 months; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, during its Scholars Breakfast HANDY honors three Champions of Children whose interest, vision and generous support have significantly contributed to HANDY's continued success. The 2015 Champions of Children are Kathryn and Roy Krause as community leaders, Superintendent Robert W. Runcie of Broward County Public Schools and Chad Moss, executive vice president of Moss & Associates.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **May 21, 2015** as:

### HANDY Scholars Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale

**DATED this,** the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

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**Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler**

