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2011 Sumter County Community Hero.

At the Red, White & Blue BBQ Recognizing Our Community Heroes on Friday, August 5, 2011, Beverly Steele, CEO of The Steele Organization, LLC and Founder of Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc. received the 2011 Community Hero award. The program was hosted by Leadership Sumter and presented by the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce.

The program began with Dawn Cary, the Chamber President, welcoming all and recognizing the dignitaries present. After invocation, a moment of silence and flag salute... the delicious BBQ dinner was served and the award ceremony commenced.

Etta Huff, who nominated Steele, made the presentation to Steele and her mother, Evangelist Flossie Sesler accompanied her to the event. Steele began her remarks by thanking the Lord, Ms. Huff and the Chamber. "I'm truly humbled by this recognition. I, as the Leader, would be remised to not recognize all our sponsors, supporters, grantors, and volunteers. For without them, our success would be limited. I am honored and do not take this award lightly. I realize that to whom much is given, much is required. Also, I feel the pressure and feel I must outdo myself." said Steele.

In closing, Steele held a handful of thank you cards from some of the participants of their Summer Feeding & Activities program and read from one. The card read 'I love whoever you (are). I hope you have a good day. Ok, love you...from Tyerra.' "Children care who you are and don't care if it's me, you or you. They show appreciation and love when you do something positive and/or enriching to help them grow. This card sums it up for you and for me, as well." Steele summarized.

Also, presentation of Valor Awards went to Deputy Tim Lunday, Deputy Jeremiah Price & Sergeant Roger Hays from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office; Jerry Rhoden from the Sumter County Fire Rescue Services; Barbara Sheaffer from Lake-Sumter EMS, Charles W. Baltzagler, Jr. from The Villages Public Safety Department and Officer Anthony Tucker from the City of Wildwood Police Department. David Seagrest, Leadership Sumter 2011 Class President gave closing remarks.

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