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Florida Civic Leader DeFoor to Speak at Hope Now Transition Centers

Bartow, Florida, May 28, 2013 – Hope Now Transitions Centers announced that Dr. Allison DeFoor will be the keynote guest speaker on June 13, 2013 at 12pm for a community luncheon. Dr. DeFoor will discuss "Florida's Incarcerated Population: Trends, Challenges, and the Future."

Dr. DeFoor is a seventh-generation Floridian currently residing in Tallahassee. He is an attorney and Episcopal priest working in prison ministry. A man of many interests, he is known as a conservationist, a businessman, Florida historian, former judge, and was Sheriff of Monroe County. Dr. DeFoor was the Republican nominee for Lt. Governor in 1990, as running-mate to Gov. Bob Martinez, was Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, and served as Gov. Jeb Bush's "Everglades Czar". In this latter role, he helped put together the largest land restoration project in world history.

Polk County is one of many areas affected by the relationship between addiction and crime. "Dr. DeFoor is a noted expert on the history and future trends of corrections," said Dr. Joseph Cox, Director of Hope Now Transition Centers. "We believe local leaders will benefit greatly from his insights."

The luncheon will be catered by Terry Loeb Catering and will be held at the Hope Now Women's Center at 2325 Bob Philips Road, Bartow, FL 33830. Those interested in attending must RSVP by June 7; limited seating is available. To RSVP, email info@hopenow or call (863) 519-5900 X712 for more information.

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