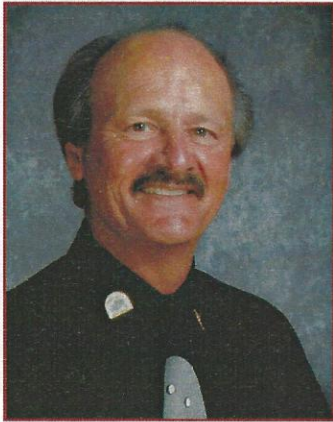


Unsung Hero of the Year



Charles Cuomo

Nominated by

The Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County

Charles Cuomo is dedicated to serving the youth of St. Lucie County 24/7. As the current Principal of Forest Grove Middle School, an educator in St. Lucie County for over thirty years, and Boys & Girls Club Board President Elect, Charles has touched the lives of thousands of children. Without being asked, Charles tirelessly works to meet and exceed any goal that will ultimately benefit the children in our community that need him most.

He is successful at teaching his objectives for a few important reasons; he is truly passionate about his philanthropic work. His knowledge of the community and shining personality allow him to rally hundreds to back any cause. Most importantly, Charles has always led by example, whether it is making the first donation or putting in the most volunteer hours.

Always going above and beyond his call of duty of the school system, Charles has made some major milestones by changing the culture of Forest Grove through promoting literacy. He truly believes that the Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County saves lives and continues to spread their message. He is personally motivated to raise funds enabling cancer research because of seeing family and staff hardships due to the disease.

His work does not stop in the classroom as he volunteers his time each day either through mentoring, promoting literacy, or helping one of the local nonprofits. His generosity along with superior leadership skills have made him the ultimate fundraiser and supporter of youth in this community. All of this comes without the limelight, and Charles' modesty will attest to the fact that he is the ultimate Unsung Hero.