



## JOINING PEOPLE FIRST

Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join. Cost: \$1.00 per meeting (\$12.00 per year)




## MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

### **NORTH & SOUTH DADE CHAPTER:**

North Miami Elks Lodge  
12495 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue-Side Door  
North Miami, Florida 33161


Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

 7:00 to 8:30 pm

### **BROWARD CHAPTER:**

Sunrise Community Inc.  
Broward Work Center  
5450 Stirling Road  
Davie, Florida 33314

Meets last Wednesday of the Month

 7:00 to 8:30 pm



*For more information please write or call:*

### **PEOPLE FIRST OF SOUTH FLORIDA DADE CHAPTER**

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**Miami Shores, FL 33138**



 **(786) 587-5089** 

Email: [smbebe@comcast.net](mailto:sambebe@comcast.net)

or

### **BROWARD CHAPTER**

**LINDA SHALETT-Membership Coord.**  
**1520 McKinley St.-214E**  
**Hollywood, FL 33020**

 **(954)925-5011** 



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# PEOPLE FIRST OF SOUTH FLORIDA



*"I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."*

*Christopher Reeve*

**AN ORGANIZATION  
FOR PEOPLE WITH  
disABILITIES**



People First is a group of people with **disABILITIES** whose primary purpose and mission is to teach members about their rights; then, secondly they help in getting things done, both for the community and for individuals with **disABILITIES** by members speaking up for their rights to organizations and legislators on issues effecting their lives. People First is a social group as well as a self advocacy group.

**People First Goals are:**

1. To inform individuals with **disABILITIES** about their rights & responsibilities.
2. To meet people and make friends by informing the public about People First.
3. To educate the public about people with **disABILITIES**.
4. To educate people with **disABILITIES** that they are capable.
5. To show that a person with **disABILITIES** can be a part of the community.
6. To welcome all members, new and old, to the group.



**ACHIEVEMENTS OF PEOPLE FIRST**

**PEOPLE FIRST HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY IN:**

- ☺ Various Community Service Projects
  - ☞ Visiting Nursing Homes, Agency Fairs, Hot Air Balloon Races
- ☺ Fundraising Events
  - ☞ Bowl-a-thon, Wrestling Events Ticket Sales, Dance-a-thon, Walk-a-thon
- ☺ Making Legislators aware of disability issues
  - ☞ Visits to Tallahassee, Membership to local committees and legislative meetings
- ☺ Advocating for our own and others rights
  - ☞ Self Advocacy and community advocacy



**HISTORY OF PEOPLE FIRST**

The first meeting of people with disabilities took place in Oregon in the 1970's. Since then, groups like People First are all over the world.



People First of South Florida began in 1979 by a group of people with disabilities who wanted to make the community a better place to live for everyone.



With the help of ARC of South Florida and other organizations, People First became the first self-advocacy group in Florida.



People First works hand-in-hand with Special Olympics, the City of North Miami Beach Parks and Recreation, Challengers, Coastal Championship Wrestling, Sunrise Community, several Bowling Leagues, CIL, Legislators, FDDC, and the Florida Grassroots Self-Advocacy Group Development.

