

Dr. Synthia Michelle Doaks

[2022 Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore](#) Nonprofit Humanitarian of the Year  
Space Coast Black Chamber of Commerce



Dr. Synthia Michelle Doaks entered the non-profit world one month before the pandemic - February 2020. As the Director of The HUB at Endeavour Elementary, A Community Partnership School™, she led a team that increased access to healthcare, including dental, vision, medical, and mental health, to the students and families of Endeavour, as well as the surrounding community. She created a system of taking students to their medical appointments, resulting in hundreds of students receiving needed medical procedures, glasses, and cleanings/exams - 14 students receiving major dental surgery. She was a key taskforce member of the team that was awarded a HRSA Grant to establish the first school-based health center in Brevard Public Schools; there will be a Brevard Health Alliance on the campus of Endeavour Elementary CPS starting this fall.

The HUB provided monthly parenting meetings, leading to increased parent involvement. In addition, The HUB provided monthly resource bags filled with information about the resources in the community, coupled with bags of non-perishable foods and a box of fresh produce. Lastly, The HUB at Endeavour provided after-school tutoring, as well as an award winning, State - replicated, 2021 STEAM summer camp, all free of charge to families.

In January 2022, Dr. Doaks accepted the charter directorship of Elevate Brevard. Family Promise of Brevard serves as the backbone non-profit for this community initiative. Elevate Brevard is a collaboration of community partners working together to elevate the lives of Brevard residents by increasing their access to postsecondary educational opportunities and sustainable employment. Elevate Brevard coordinates the means that justify the ends – stronger individuals, stronger workers, stronger families, and a stronger workforce in Brevard County, Florida. In January 2023, Elevate Brevard will have a classroom and three office spaces in the renovated Firehouse in Cocoa, Florida, bringing services closer to the area in most need in Brevard County – Cocoa 32922.

Dr. Doaks sits on the Board of Directors for Brevard Health Alliance and the Academic Anglers. She also sits on the Advisory Board for Sustainable Workforce Alliance and Space Coast Health Foundation’s Dental Taskforce. She enjoys reading, researching, and writing, in addition to fishing, camping, kayaking, and “anything basketball”. She is the mother of three daughters and a grandmother to two grandsons.

***“At the end of the day, it’s not about what you have or even what you’ve accomplished. It’s about what you’ve done with those accomplishments. It’s about who you’ve lifted up, who you’ve made better. It’s about what you’ve given back.”*** Denzel Washington

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