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April 1, 2022

## CHAMBER EVENTS

**Registration is Required  
For All Events!**

### Business @ Breakfast

Tuesday, April 5th  
7:45 AM

Sponsored by  
**Business  
Development Board**

Hosted by  
**Marriott Hutchinson  
Island Beach Resort**  
555 N.E. Ocean Blvd.  
Stuart

### Networking Breakfasts

Tuesday, April 12th  
7:45 AM

Sponsored & Hosted by  
**The Grace Place**

1550 S.E. Salerno Rd., Stuart

### Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, April 26th  
7:45 AM

Sponsored & Hosted by  
**Supervisor of Elections**

135 S.E. Martin Luther  
King Jr. Blvd., Stuart

### Networking Luncheon

Wednesday, April 13th  
11:45 AM

Sponsored by  
**Brightway Insurance/  
Treasure Coast  
Insurance Partners**

Hosted by  
**Mariner Sands  
Country Club**  
6500 S.E. Mariner Sands  
Drive, Stuart

### Business After Hours Auction

Wednesday, April 20th  
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Sponsored & Hosted by  
**SkyBlue Jet Aviation**  
2315 Witham Field Drive  
Stuart

The Chamber Conference  
Center is sponsored by  
T.C. Urgent Care

## Chamber Kicks Off Innovative Employment Program

Led by the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce, CareerConnect Martin offers unemployed and underemployed individuals paid positions with great local companies, professional coaching, and on-the-job training.

Such positions-called Trial Employment Opportunities-are available across multiple industry sectors, including construction trades, manufacturing, logistics and distribution, marine, health care, agriculture, automotive and transportation, information technology and many others.

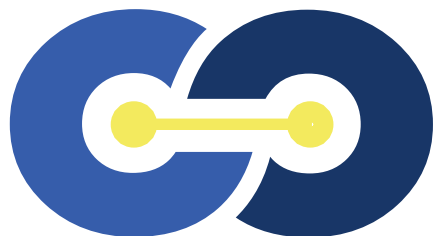
In addition to receiving support with employee recruitment, creating in-house training programs, and retention, participating businesses have salary and other related expenses covered during the Trial Employment period-mitigating some of the costs of hiring and training someone new.

Timing is ideal. According to the United Way, 44% of families in Martin County are part of the population identified as Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE). Many found their economic fates made far less stable during the pandemic.

CareerConnect Martin is collaborative, working with the Martin County Council of Chambers, Economic Council and Business Development Board of Martin County as well as various social service agencies to ensure success for trial employees.

"CareerConnect Martin allows us to embrace the individual goals of a career-seeker," says Angela Hoffman, the Stuart/Martin County Chamber's director of workforce development. "This helps them overcome barriers such as cost of childcare, lack of transportation and access to paid training. Too often, working families are one flat tire away from crisis, and the pandemic only made their savings smaller and debt load larger," she adds. "Even with a low unemployment rate (3.1 percent) in the county, we know there are several thousand residents who are not earning enough money to sustain their families."

Employers eager to participate as a Trial Employment Site can apply now. Career-seekers can also apply now for paid Trial Employment Opportunities. Any Martin County resident over the age of 18 can apply. For more information and applications visit [www.careerconnectmartin.org](http://www.careerconnectmartin.org) and follow updates on Facebook @Career ConnectHiresYou.



# CareerConnect

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Stuart/Martin County Chamber members filled the banquet room of Monarch Country Club at the March Networking Luncheon, to hear sponsor and Trustee Rob Gluckman, Treasure Coast Urgent Care, declare his candidacy for City Commission and Trustee Ali Soule, Brightline, who presented the latest update on the train's future plans. Shown (from left) are Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone; Past Chairman/Trustee Rob Gluckman and JoAnn Gandolfo, Treasure Coast Urgent Care; Trustee Ali Soule, Brightline and Chamber Chairman/Trustee Kelly Johnson, R.V. Johnson Insurance.

*Sky's the Limit*  
AUCTION

**APRIL 20TH  
BUSINESS  
AFTER HOURS**

*Bid on Trips, Cruises,  
Fishing Charters, Golf,  
Recreational Land & More!*

**LIVE AUCTION WITH ELLIOT PAUL**

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Hosted by:

**SKY BLUE**  
JET AVIATION

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Members!**

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