

A Message from the desk of Gary LaVenia – City Manager:

To mark the one-year anniversary of it first COVID patient, and honor the lives lost and those impacted by the pandemic, we, The City of Fruitland Park is partnering with AdventHealth in launching a "HOPE SHINES ON" campaign. We will light the City's facilities in blue lights this week. Throughout Central Florida, AdventHealth hospital chaplains will hold moments of remembrance throughout the week to honor the lives lost and recognize the impact the pandemic has had on team members.

To share the words of Greg Ellis, executive director of mission and ministry at AdventHealth; "2020 was an unprecedented year and the pandemic has impacted everyone in some way. Our hope is that as our community and team members see the blue lights, they stop to take a moment to reflect, pray and find hope that bright days are ahead. We continue to pray for healing and restoration of our community and we know the future holds tremendous hope."

Words stated by Linnette Johnson, Chief Nursing Officer; "Our community has experienced so much this year. But throughout these trials and adversities, there have been glimmers of hope that encourage us along the way. In recent months we have seen more than just glimmers of hope. Vaccines and advancements in COVID-19 treatment have given us beacons of hope. There are brighter days ahead, and we are grateful for our community's support as we rally together to end the pandemic. The community is invited to join the Hope Shines On campaign by sharing inspirational social media posts using #HopeShinesOn or the video Hope Shines On, If you would like to view the video please go to: AdventHealth Waterman – Hope Shines On.

