

Principled - Dr. Renee E. McQueen, Palm Coast

Nominated by Victoria McGuirk and JoAnn Schafer

Renee became Executive Director of PACE Center for Girls in October, 2006. She is responsible for leadership and advocacy at this non-profit therapeutic alternative program for at-risk middle and high school students. Renee is dedicated to enriching the lives of the girls we serve. She always shows respect for human dignity and understands the importance of advocating for young women to give them an opportunity to be successful.

PACE provides girls and young women the opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy." She is honest and trustworthy. Renee is tireless in her efforts to make a lasting contribution within our society through the girls we serve.

Renee is conscientious about respecting the unique qualities of the girls and encourages them to find their own voice and discover the special talents they each have to offer. She understands the importance of providing structure and support where girls can grow and blossom.

We chose the category of "Principled" because Renee demonstrates on a daily basis the Values and Principles of PACE. These include; Honoring the Female Spirit, Focusing on Strengths, Acting with Integrity and Positive Intent, Embracing Growth and Change, Valuing the Wisdom of Time, Exhibiting Courage, Seeking Excellence, Creating Partnerships and Investing in the Future.

Renee guides PACE with conviction and direction and is well respected by her staff. She leads by example and allows staff to do their job without micro-management. She is able to motivate, rejuvenate, and empower employees. Renee consistently encourages her staff to develop and grow.

Renee is detail oriented and demonstrates a sound knowledge of the Standards of Excellence that ensures the PACE program is exceeding the quality assurance standards required by Department of Juvenile Justice. Renee is "principled" in all that she does at PACE!