ELC AWARDED $5000 GRANT FROM THE SCF MLK DAY OF SERVICE TEAM

Palmetto, Florida, January 10th, 2019 – The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc. (ELC) was awarded a MLK Day of Service grant of $5,000 from State College of Florida to provide 1,325 quality children’s books that promote diversity and harmony among all cultures to children from birth through twelve years of age at multiple locations in Manatee County.

The ELC will distribute books at four locations and events:

- The Educational Consultants Consortium, Inc. will distribute at the Read-A-Thon Event in Palmetto on Saturday, January 19
- Just for Girls will share the books at their locations beginning January 22 as part of the MLK Day of Service
- Books will be distributed on January 23 as students from Saint Stephen’s Episcopal School volunteer to read and mentor students at Team Success School of Excellence
- The ELC will provide books to help stock the Community Children’s Library at the Anna Gayle STEM/MLK Children’s Library Resource Center and the Kelly-Brown Career Development Center in Palmetto

The books selected for this project will lead children to aspire to an even greater understanding of not only the legacy of Martin Luther King, but of the world around them.

A primary focus of the ELC is to provide opportunities in every community of Manatee County that enhance learning and development in a child’s early years. The ELC is continually looking for new ways to increase family engagement and support parents as their child’s first and most important teacher.

The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc. is a multi-service agency dedicated to helping children develop skills that they will need to be successful in school and life. The agency’s focus is on high quality school readiness opportunities for all children and their families, understanding that it is in the first years of life that a child’s future educational success is determined and the critical role of parents, as their child’s first and most important teacher. To learn more about the Coalition’s services, go to www.elc-manatee.org or call (941) 757-2900, extension 212.