The Restoring the Village program is an impactful partnership between Scouting, community leaders, and at-risk youth. It equips young people in embattled neighborhoods with the values, tools, opportunities, and mentors needed to build a brighter future for themselves and their community.
Many promising youth in our communities are in harm’s way. They are up against a slew of difficult circumstances: poverty, violence, crime, gang activity, and wavering parental involvement. And through no fault of their own, their chances of becoming productive and thriving members of society are greatly diminished. Sadly, this vicious cycle of despair is perpetuated for generations.

Our mission is to intervene at an early age before a young person starts down the wrong path, at which point it becomes much more difficult to change course.

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With training and guidance from Scouting professionals, these community leaders equip the young men and women under their charge with critical life skills, outdoor adventure, career preparation, a commitment to community service, and a positive outlook to help them be “Prepared. For Life.®”

Model for Success:
- The community is fully engaged with the program and establishes a long-term commitment to furthering its mission.
- The Boy Scouts of America provides community leaders with organizational knowledge, training, program support and outdoor adventure opportunities for youth.
- The program attracts the young people who need Scouting the most.

Focus Areas
We have prioritized the following neighborhoods for support: Riviera Beach, Pahokee, Belle Glade, Ft. Pierce, West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, Clifford, South Bay, East Stuart, Banner lake and Indiantown.

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- Boy Scouts of America Fieldbook