

**Tallahassee Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Supports
Connection First, Inc., *Healing Trauma. Building Hope.***

The mission of **Connection First, Inc., *Healing Trauma. Building Hope***, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization (www.connectionfirst.org), is to create spaces where young people are seen, heard, and valued. To this end, the organization will use nonviolent communication and restorative practices to counter the effects of epidemic trauma in all systems: government, education, business, industry, and homes to reduce crime, transform justice and increase connections in our communities.

Annually, over 800 young adults are arrested in Leon County alone. The recidivism rate for juveniles after incarceration is 70–80%. The potential recidivism rate when juveniles are actively involved with **Connection First, Inc.** is predicted to be 12%. Committed partners with **Connection First** are State Attorney Jack Campbell, Tallahassee Police Department Chief Lawrence Revell, and Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil.

The organization is presently fund-raising to support the introduction of the **Connection First** practices into the Leon County School System. Donations are urgently needed to implement this ambitious program. Contributions can be made on their website or checks made out to “**Connection First, Inc**” and mailed to 3288 Gramercy Place, Tallahassee, Fl., 32308. Tallahassee Friends Meeting donated 100.00.

Organizers: President, Jeremiah Murphy, Astrophysicist Professor at FSU, and Executive Director, Janelle King. If you have any questions, please direct them to Janelle King at (941) 323-2465 or at Janelle@connectionfirst.org.

8/30/2021
