



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE SUNCOAST**

A SNAPSHOT INTERVIEW WITH JAHN VAN DE PUTTE PROSPERITY PATHWAYS COUNSELOR

WHAT IS LIFEHUB?

Lifehub is a unique opportunity for students to explore learning modules of a wide variety of topics and subjects and of their choosing. Students have the opportunity to learn more about a subject, event, or career that interests them, or to take a chance on discovering something that they previously had no connection with. They are rewarded for their explorations by earning cash at the modules successful completion which is credited monthly to a visa debit card. The cash loaded onto the card can be used at any retail establishment and can be saved from month to month giving students insight into budgeting money for larger purchases!

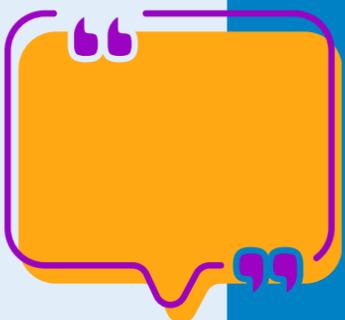
HOW IS THE LIFE HUB MAKING AN IMPACT ON KIDS AND TEENS SERVED IN THE CLUBS?

Club Members working through the program show a sense of pride in their accomplishments. It bridges the gap between working for a grade, and what that grade will be worth financially when they cross the finish line that is graduation. Each module indicates the reading level and difficulty of the information. This allows students at all levels of accomplishment the ability to be successful, and improve reading and listening skills.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR KIDS AND TEENS TO BE FINANCIALLY LITERATE?

The value of money is a difficult concept to master. There is a radical difference between having things provided for you and you providing for yourself. Understanding what the purchasing value of money is an essential skill, and one that is truly learned when you start on the journey of earning. Understanding the value of how far something like \$50 can go, helps a student to understand what needs to be done to achieve larger financial goals and needs like rent, transportation, utilities, and food.



HOW MANY YOUTHS HAVE BENEFITTED FROM LIFEHUB?

55 CLUB MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED AND EARNED A TOTAL OF \$1,700



WHAT DIFFERENCES HAVE YOU NOTICED WITH YOUTHS ENGAGING IN LIFEHUB?

Students who engage in Lifehub seem to connect their earnings with their level of intelligence. They earned what they earned through their academic abilities rather than through manual labor, and that has given them a sense of pride and ownership..

