

Church of Scientology Announces Quarterly Block Party and Celebrates the Historic Clearwater Building's Centennial

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, USA, October 25, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Saturday November 17th the Church of Scientology invites the community to celebrate the centennial of the Clearwater Building with a Downtown Block Party. Family, friends and neighbors are welcome to celebrate with local non-profits along with the non-profits sponsored by the Church of Scientology. The event will take place on Cleveland Street between Fort Harrison Avenue and Garden Avenue. The event starts at 4pm and all are welcome. There is no cost to attend. Family friendly 1920s attire is encouraged.

In addition to the live music, food,

raffles, prizes, carnival games, bouncy



The Church of Scientology Block Parties offer music, dancing, faces painting, carnival activities and information on the Truth About Drugs, Human Rights and more.

house, face painting, a petting zoo and caricature artist, there will be a stilt walker, pony rides, balloon artist as well as a youth drumline to kick off the event. The Scientology Information Center housed in the Historic Clearwater Building will feature a vintage photo station with 1920s props for guests to take photos. Also, parked on the Fort Harrison side of Cleveland Street will

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Guests also have the opportunity to learn more about the social betterment and humanitarian programs sponsored by the Church of Scientology.

"There are so many activities that are available for everyone," said Nicole Biancolini, event organizer. "People

can listen to music and dance. Kids can get their faces painted, participate in the carnival activities and can get information on the Truth About Drugs, United for Human Rights, the Way to Happiness and other programs. It shows youth there are solutions and things they can do to improve the situations that they may see in the world."

The Historic Clearwater Building, situated on the corner of Cleveland Street and Fort Harrison, was the first bank of Clearwater built in 1918 and is now 100 years old. The Clearwater Building was originally built as a beautiful two-story brick structure, but when the Church of Scientology purchased the historic landmark in 1975 it had been "modernized" and covered with concrete slabs and dome-shaped awnings.

In 1995 teams from New York and Canada arrived and they began the six-month project to renovate the building, starting with removing concrete slabs from the 60s and 70s, revealing the original brick edifice beneath.

In July 2015 it was officially reopened as the Scientology Information Center for anyone who is curious about the beliefs of the Church of Scientology, its practices and Scientology's Founder, <u>L.</u> <u>Ron Hubbard</u>. Since its renovation and reopening, the Clearwater Building has been home to theatre groups, social groups and non-profits for the community.

"This is a beautiful old building in downtown Clearwater that is definitely worth visiting," said one visitor. "It is very informative on the subject of Scientology which has a large and positive presence in the Clearwater community. I highly recommend visiting when you are in Clearwater."

The first Downtown Block Party was held in July 2016 celebrating the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Scientology Information Center on Cleveland Street and the Humanitarian Centers on North Fort Harrison. Since then, the event has become a quarterly celebration with the local community.

For more information about this event or to participate as a non-profit please contact Amber at 727-467-6966 or amber@cos.flag.org.

About the Church of Scientology:

The Scientology religious philosophy was founded by L. Ron Hubbard. The first Church of Scientology was formed in the United States in 1954 and has expanded to more than 11,000 churches, missions and affiliated groups, in 167 nations. Scientologists are optimistic about life and believe there is hope for a saner world and better civilization, and actively do all they can to help achieve this.

For more information on Scientology, visit <u>www.scientology.org</u> or the Scientology Network on DirecTV channel 320, or streaming at <u>www.scientology.tv</u> or apps at appleTV, fireTV and ROKU

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