



**William B. Horne II**  
City Manager



Herbert Hoover once said, "Children are our most valuable natural resource." This annual report emphasizes our commitment to developing Clearwater's youth into adults. It celebrates youth's potential to grow and change with our city, building on a foundation that past generations have established. It is my hope that all of us, young and old, will work together for the good of Clearwater's future. On behalf of the City Council, I invite you to celebrate our accomplishments during the past year and to be proud of a city committed to tomorrow's leaders.



As Frederick Douglass has said, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." We have a moral obligation as stewards of our community, to invest in and empower our young people but we can not do it alone. It is through strong education, arts, and recreation partnerships that we are able to raise today's youth. Every dollar spent in this effort is an investment in our future. This Council has demonstrated their commitment by making this a priority in our vision.  
-Frank Hibbard, Mayor

As a mother of three, I understand the importance of creating opportunities for our young people. During my tenure on the City Council, I have seen an increased participation of youth in community affairs at all levels. The GotGov! program gives students an in-depth view of local government and a youth now sits on the Sister Cities Advisory Board. The more opportunities we create to engage our youth today, the better prepared are our leaders of tomorrow.  
-Carlen A. Petersen, Vice-Mayor



Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders; we have the responsibility of leaving them a better city and a better world. Clearwater is committed to doing so and I am proud to be on a Council dedicated to such a goal.  
-John Doran, Councilmember



Growing up in Clearwater, I understand the importance of having home-grown leaders. Our partnerships with local schools, youth sports organizations and civic organizations are just a few of the areas where I have seen generations of our kids develop into great adults. Although my time with the Council is coming to an end, I am sure Clearwater's dedication to youth will continue.  
-Hoyt Hamilton, Councilmember



Clearwater is a place for kids of all ages. From our programs for seniors, to our skate parks, to our recreation opportunities that everyone can enjoy, I am happy to call Clearwater home. Clearwater is a great place to live, work, learn and grow.  
-Bill Jonson, Councilmember