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Above: Arthur Green Jr (Co-Founder/President) gives speech at Little League banquet

## LIFT Health & My Diabetic Dad

### How April 16, 2014 Changed Me

On April 16th, 2014 my community lost a patriarch and I, my dad. On that day my father was pulled over while suffering a hypoglycemic episode. The officers on the scene assumed he was a drunk driver and his body expired there on the street while in handcuffs. My father, **Arthur Green Jr.** (right), a servicer of those who came in contact with him, was no more.



My Father's outward expression of care for others is the basis behind me creating LIFT (*Life Is Finding Truth*) Health Organization along with the Arthur Green Jr Memorial Foundation.

Below: LIFT Health Sponsors AGJMF Walk For Diabetes



### Transforming Loss Into Action

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) stated in their 2014 report that **29 million Americans will suffer from diabetes.**

With support of the **American Diabetes Association** and the **Florida Dept of Law Enforcement, Senator Tom Lee and Representative Edwin Narain** sponsored House Bill 201 that later became known as **The Arthur Green Jr. Act**, on April 22,

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2015. Working alongside the American Diabetes Association we garnered overwhelming support to pass the only law of its kind in the nation. In just over a year of his transition, the bill passed in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Senate and in less than a month it was signed into law by **Governor Rick Scott**. With this law in place officers are able to be educated to recognize motorist with diabetes.

## LIFT Health in Action

LIFT looks to continue impacting practical lifestyle habits and build health awareness. Some of the activities in the last 24 months, championed by LIFT Health, as it pertains to Diabetes:

- Sponsored the Arthur Green Jr Memorial Foundation
- AGJMF/American Diabetes Association Walk to Stop Diabetes
- Diabetes Awareness Dinner and Life Celebration
- Community Conversation Series I & II

Diabetes is a health issue that can be controlled. Celebration



Above: LIFT Sponsors Diabetes Awareness & Life

Below: LIFT'S second annual Community Conversation



## Transition to be of Assistance

In order to move more efficiently with purpose, I removed myself from the coaching profession at the **University of Florida**. I was motivated to provide my full focus to promote health initiatives. In his truest essence of improvement, I sought to mimic a love by a man who cared for all that he would come in contact. I relay this same dedication, effort and passion to the cause of LIFTing Health. Join with me to help those who may not have been exposed to information, education, preventative and proactive avenues that may LIFT Health.

Sincerely,

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LIFT Health's Executive Director

