



## **Director's Report - DRCI**

### December 2021

## **Staffing**

Katherine Reilly – Intern back at DRCI during Winter break

#### **Mentor Program**

• 63 Mentors

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

- Recruiting a new board member to replace Nate Van Epp
  - o Prefer a minority candidate

#### **Grant Activity**

- Met with SC Office of Innovation about questions about our proposal from the grant proposal reviewers
- Prepared and submitted updated slides for our grant proposal

Entrepreneur Program Update - There are currently 9 companies in the Don Ryan Center

- STARTUP companies
  - 1. LapApp Reader
  - 2. Utilitas
  - 3. Bilt 4 Life
- GROWTH companies
  - 1. Greenbug
  - 2. Phlebo on the Go
- HEROES companies
  - 1. Pourzilla (STARTUP)
  - 2. OPFOB (STARTUP)
  - 3. Legal Notification Services (GROWTH)
  - 4. Wooden Loft (STARTUP)

#### **Graduated Companies in December**

- 1. BeachBiscuit (STARTUP)
- 2. Old Town Bluffton Inn (GROWTH)

3. TalkOne Radio (GROWTH)

#### Leads

- Met with Underground Burrito (STARTUP candidate)
- Met with Stable Stool (STARTUP candidate)

#### Misc

• Created first prototypes using FAB equipment

## **HEROES Program Activity Update**

- Met with 2 potential HEROES for January
- Participated in several national pod casts talking about transitioning military and
- HEROES Program Direct elected to Board of Directors for OPFOB
- Outreach to Marine Corp Recruit Depot (MCRD Skillbridge)
- On-boarded 1<sup>st</sup> DRCI customer with Bluffton bookkeeper and palmetto state bank for the new small business track program partnership

## **Program Pipeline KPIs**

- 79 Leads
- 15 Opportunities
- 16 Closed

## **Marketing / Operations**

- Social Media
- Newsletter
- Responsible for Bluffton Middle School Band and MC Reily Choir at Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Responsible for Band staging area for Christmas Parade
- Attended and spoke at USCB's Ambassadors for Bluffton Seminar
- Created "Wall of Fame" of program customers at The HUB
- Hosted Administration and Finance Holiday Party
- Working on Partnership with Michelle Green from ELK 3d to host industrial 3d printer at The HUB's FAB
- Completed Front Desk Safety and Security Training
- Working with Beaufort County Senior Leadership to host and speak at Economic Development Day in February
- Re-connected and improved relations with Bluffton Chamber to partner with them for events in 2022

### Hardeeville Partnership

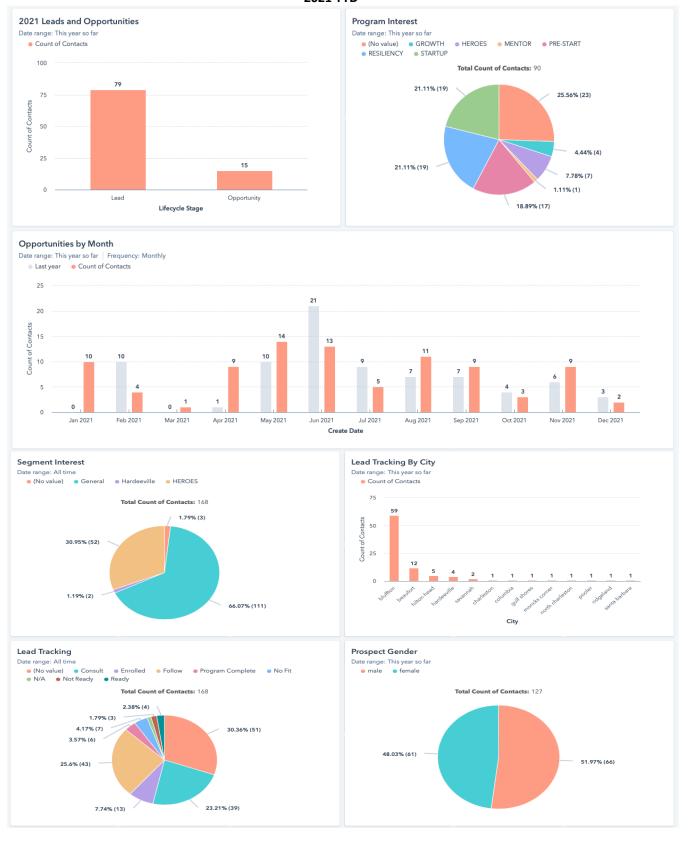
- 2022-2025 Hardeeville proposal sent to Hardeeville Town Manager
- Presented of year program review and metrics to Hardeeville Town Manager
- Ongoing bi-weekly meetings
- Social media posts
- Coffee and donuts with First Responders planning for January

## **HUB Meeting Room Rentals**

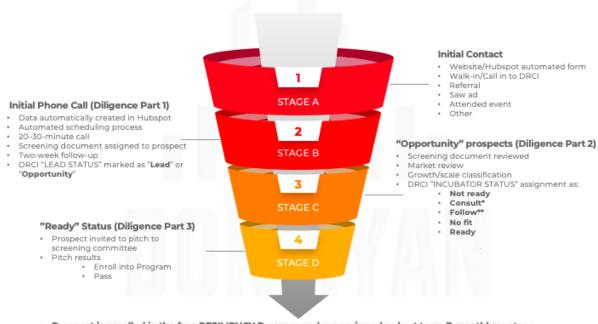
• Pierce Real Group to rent conference room 1st quarter 2022

# **Key Performance Indicators**

#### **2021 YTD**



# **DRCI Prospect Funnel**



- Prospect is enrolled in the free RESILIENCY Program and are assigned a short term (I month) mentor
  \*\* Follow up conversations with prospect every 90 days to see if/when they will be at "READY" stage