

## **FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Another year has flown by and Jullian's Kids, Inc. has had a very successful year. We are celebrating 12 years since our organization was founded.

The plight of abused, abandoned and neglected children has become increasingly dire, especially with the addition of children being rescued form child sex trafficking.

Every child should grow up with the care and protection of a family. According to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), there are approximately 369,00 children in the child welfare system as of 2022. According to fiscal year 2022 data, California has the highest number of foster care placements with 45,924 children currently in care, followed by Florida and Texas with 22,493 and 21,358, respectively.

Compared to their peers, former foster youth are more likely to end up in prison. One in five former foster youth nationwide are homeless at 18. Seventy percent of female former foster youth are pregnant before their 21st birthday. Less than three percent of all former foster youth go on to obtain a college degree. Jullian's Kids is working to impact "One Child at a Time" and help to reduce these unfortunate statistics. Our organization now concentrates on children in Palm Beach and Broward County, as well as a group home in Jamaica.

A giant thank you to our generous donors and volunteers that have helped Jullian's Kids fulfill its mission to help abused, abandoned and neglected children. A big thank you to Daniella Aird for producing this newsletter and board member Nicole Nucci for her faithful service to our organization.

With your continued support, Jullian's Kids will continue to positively impact lives — "One Child at a Time."



Until every child has a home,

Grace Marilyn Parsons
Director, Jullian's Kids, Inc, and Jullian's Mom

# THROUGH THE YEARS WITH JULLIAN'S KIDS: 2012 TO 2024

We have helped foster and orphan children providing clothes, shoes, household items and food. We have served children mostly living in South Florida, concentrating in Palm Beach County, Mexico and Jamaica.

We helped an orphanage ESTADO 29 in Mexico years ago, sponsoring a child for speech therapy and counseling who had stopped speaking. This helped her to recover from trauma that she had experienced in the home. We also sponsored a boy's home for abandoned and abused boys with shoes, medicines, clothes and school supplies.

We sponsored children in the Safe Families Program with food, clothes and bed sheets until the situation at home stabilized. We donated a sleeper couch and TV for the intake and placement room at Safe Place where children are housed when taken from unsafe homes until a foster home can be found. We have for years supplied backpacks filled with school supplies for foster children and diaper bags filled to help foster care mothers. We also supplied computers for foster children graduating from high school and heading to college. Additionally, we donated money to "Braces for Foster Kids" to help children get their teeth fixed, eye glasses for a child, a specialized stroller for an autistic child in foster care

> GOVERNOR'S FAITH AND COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Jullian's Kids, Inc. for your involvement in this Initiative, your front line service, and commitment to the vulnerable populations of Florida

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and a car seat.

# **REPORT FROM THE TREAURER:**

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$8118.64 ENDING BALANCE: \$10,927.66 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: \$6947.38

DONATIONS: \$10,209.85

**EXPENSES** —

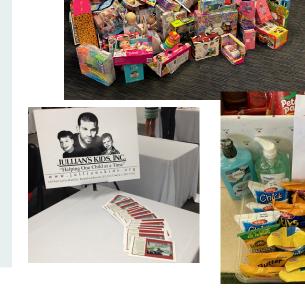
**CORPORATION FEE: \$61.25** BANK FEES: \$64.00 WEBSITE FEES: \$328.20

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$453.45

JULLIAN'S KIDS, INC IS RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AS A 501 C3 TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION.

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#### ORGANIZATIONS WE SERVE

**COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL** works to end child poverty, meeting the needs of children by fighting malnutrition and delivering medical care. They equip local churches with food kits and help to feed vulnerable children. Every month, we sponsor a child, Youry, and we receive regular updates on his progress.

This year, Jullian's Kids became very involved with **CARE PORTAL** and we are honored to be a contributor. Care Portal is designed to connect churches and non-profits with children who are at risk or already a part of the child welfare system, and invests in the lives of vulnerable children and families to break the orphan cycle. The needs featured on Care Portal are vetted by child welfare professionals who work with and know the struggle of these families. We have met the need for beds, cribs, high chairs, car seats, hygiene kits, clothes, groceries and school supplies. The goal of Care Portal is to help children to stay safely at home, ensure care for children, empower families to thrive, to see fewer children removed from their home and help to prevent children from entering the already crowded foster care system

For example, Jullian's Kids assisted in buying mattresses for an aunt that had to take in three children, as she had no beds for them. We also supplied school supplies for three children after the parent was removed from the home due to domestic violence and we supplied clothing and shoes for children who had been removed from their home.

**SOPHIE'S PLACE** is a home for children in Jamaica with severe disabilities who have either been abandoned by their families or are not able to take care of them. Jullian's Kids was able to donate a massage table, enabling workers at the Home to stretch the spastic muscles of the children. Our organization also donated groceries for Sophie's Place. A big thank you to Grace Johnson, our volunteer and liaison who worked tirelessly to shop, coordinate and deliver these items to Sophie's Place.

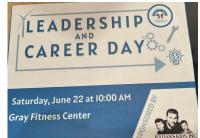
Jullian's Kids provided Christmas gifts to children from **4 KIDS OF SOUTH FLORIDA**, including, clothing, diapers, and toys. 4 KIDS OF SOUTH FLORIDA brings hope and healing to vulnerable children and families in crisis across South Florida.

**PLACE OF HOPE** provides family outreach and intervention programs, initiatives and critical services to families and children who are navigating the public child welfare system. They provide family-style foster care (family cottages) for foster children in need of consistent, structured long-term care. Their primary goal is to keep families together and children out of the foster care system. Place of Hope is ranked first in the nation in youth, shelter and crisis serves by Charity Navigator. Jullian's Kids was a sponsor of Career Day this summer at Place of Hope. Leadership and Career Day is required for children ages 13 and older. It is held every quarter with speakers giving a Leadership Talk, career and interest assessments.

In May, we also blessed 11 graduates gift cards to help them purchase a special outfit for their graduation ceremony.







### **MESSAGES OF THANKS**

Dear Grace, we are Grateful for your support. Carefortal is the connecting technology that drives action for kids and families in crisis. Thank you for happing children in road. We are blessed to serve with you!

With gratitual and respect, your friends of Carefortal

# You Are Impacting Real Lives, Today!

Thank you for generously giving in direct support of the many young lives and families we together serve and lift up each year at Place of Hope! Your critical investment is already at work changing lives and helping create dignity-filled, productive, and successful futures right here in our community.

In our first 21 years, we have together impacted well over 21,000 children, youth, and families with children who desperately need a hand up in a healthy family environment. Thank you for always answering the call and lending a caring hand. They need us. In thanks,

Charles L. Bender III Founding CEO





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