

# March Newsletter 2026



## Children's Aid Club

Our Mission is to positively impact the health, general welfare and education of underprivileged children in our community.



## Spring's Renewal

Congratulations to Everyone for another successful Taste 'n' Tell! Once again, it was a beautiful reflection of our dedication to our mission. From the welcoming atmosphere to the incredible auction baskets and meaningful program, every detail showcased the heart of CAC. Thank you to our outstanding chairs Barbara Hume, Kristina Bryn & Linda Ianelli, and all the members who worked so tirelessly to make it a success. Because of you, we continue to make a meaningful difference

in the lives of children and families in our community.

Now, our focus turns to the CASF Golf Classic. Please note the tournament is two weeks earlier this year, so we truly need everyone to bring your five raffle items to our March 17th General Meeting at the beautiful Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse. \$25 Home Depot or Lowe's gift cards are the hot item this year! CASF depends on CAC for these raffle contributions, and the return is tremendous—nearly one-third of our annual welfare budget comes from this event.

Easter Baskets are also right around the corner—another hands-on way we bring joy directly to the children we serve. If you are able, we are in desperate need of an Easter Bunny for the mornings of March 25 & April 1st. You get a lot of HUGS from the kids!

Thank you for continuing to show up, step up, and give so generously. Together, we carry our mission forward with pride and purpose.



Happy Spring!

*Laura A. Balistreri*

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### *Save the Dates:*

Virtual Board Meeting:  
**March 10th - Tuesday - 9:30am**  
(link sent day before)

General Meeting  
**March 17th - Tuesday - 9:30am**  
**Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse**  
5300 N. Ocean Blvd.,  
Sea Ranch Lakes, FL 33308

Hosting:  
Sara Rashti  
Pam Ferrante

\*If you are unable to come:  
Call Valerie Taylor



**EASTER BASKET REMINDER**

Thank you to everyone who got their Easter forms in early or by deadline.

Hope to have Easter Baskets ready by Wednesday March 25th.

Members with keys may pick up from the warehouse anytime after NOON on 3/25. You can also pick up from either Barbara in North Ft. Lauderdale or Pam M. in Plantation. Please let me know where you would like to pick up your Easter baskets.



**CASF GOLF Tournament MONDAY, APRIL 20TH**

The Construction Association of South Florida depends on the 'Pink Shirt Ladies' every year. For over 20 years, CASF has relied on CAC to help them, and we do not disappoint!

**Where:** The Club at Weston Hills, 2600 Country Club Way, Weston, FL  
**When:** Monday, April 20, with several time slots available (morning, afternoon, or early evening). If you can't be there, it's critical that you bring your gift cards and items to the MARCH MEETING!

The final drop-off day is **Tuesday, MARCH 17th** at our General Meeting, where Barbara H. & Pam M. will collect all the items.



3 Fish Themed Bottle Openers Valued at \$12 each (would be great to add a 6 pack of craft beers to each to complete a raffle item)

 **How You Can Help:**

- ✓ Donate items—sports-related items are especially needed!
- ✓ Ask your favorite restaurants for donations (5 items \$40 - 50 each)
- ✓ Email a description & value of your donations for our raffle & silent auction to Kelle Enriquez at [Kele.enriquez@gmail.com](mailto:Kele.enriquez@gmail.com)
- ✓ If donating alcohol, please choose 750ml (sm) & note value!



Swivel Top Golf Ball Ice Bucket  
 Value \$20 (would like to add some nice bottles of liquor and maybe other bar items to create a silent auction item)

Donation Request & Acquisition form are attached to this newsletter!

**5 RAFFLE ITEMS + 1 SILENT AUCTION  
 (from each CAC member) = \$50,000 to CAC**

**Membership Update:**

As a result of our strong showing of CAC sisterhood, five guests at TNT have expressed interest in joining our club. We will be hosting a casual *Coffee & Conversation* for these potential members on a date to be determined in March. Many thanks to everyone for being yourselves and extending such warmth toward our guests.



# The Joy of Michele Holtzheuser

It's impossible, said pride. It's risky, said experience. It's pointless, said reason.  
Give it a try, whispered the Heart.



## I have to find the JOY in everything I do!

This year, our TNT Lineup featured a special addition — a pop-up shop by our newest member, Michele Holtzheuser. Alongside the Silent Auction and Bake Sale, her handcrafted creations helped raise more than \$1,900 for CAC. Our members pour their heart and soul into their work, and with Michele's creations, that dedication was expressed in a tangible way — sparkling on a lapel, stitched into denim, or tucked inside a thoughtfully decorated gift bag or box.

At the heart of her effort were simple ideas: making personal connections, finding joy in the work before



her, honoring those who inspired her, and using her talents — whatever they may be — in service of others.

Born in Duluth, Minnesota, and raised in Ft. Lauderdale, Michele has long been surrounded by creativity. A graduate of Cardinal Gibbons HS, she later opened her own salon, blending entrepreneurship with her love of people. While building her business, she introduced a small pop-up inside the salon featuring embellished newborn booties, guided by one steady question: “Would this bring me joy to do?”

Married for 38 years to Chris, a Canadian, Michele raised three daughters while living in Toronto. She has shared that same entrepreneurial spirit with her family by supporting her daughter Stefanie's swimsuit boutique with custom gift bags and creative touches — even the swimsuit-shaped cookies at TNT were a nod to that collaboration.

The idea for her TNT pop-up took shape last October after conversations with her sponsor, Jeanne Dixon, and the TNT Chairs. Between real estate showings, Michele began gathering materials — thrifted jean jackets and costume jewelry ready for a second life. She transformed them into distinctive pieces: jackets selling for \$100 (with materials costing under \$10), and handmade brooches and pendants offered at \$80. As she often says, the most valuable ingredient was time.

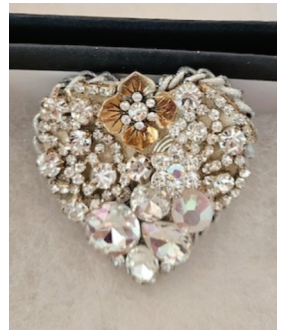
Her favorite hours to create were the quiet early mornings, when her craft room became a place of focus and intention. In those still hours, she worked steadily, completing one side of several jackets before the day began and finishing details later. As she worked, she kept in mind the children TNT serves, letting that purpose guide each careful stitch and placement.



The most satisfying moment came at completion — holding up a finished piece and imagining it finding a new home at TNT. Each jacket and brooch was presented in a hand-decorated gift bag, every detail considered. Her message was simple and sincere: this was work done with care, offered in the spirit of giving.

Michele's contribution reminds us that innovation doesn't always arrive with fanfare. Sometimes it begins quietly — in early morning hours, in a small craft room — and grows into something meaningful. When each of us offers our joy, time, and talents in our own way, the impact is shared by all.

Your CAC Sisters thank you for your generous gifts of time, talent, and JOY. ✨



Children’s Aid Club  
Virtual Board Meeting  
Minutes by Becky Ford



February 10th, 2026  
Google Meet

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Laura Balistreri

**Devotional** – Linda lanelli gave a devotional, “Life is too short for regrets.....”

**Approval of Minutes from January 2026** – Valerie Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda lanelli seconded motion and minutes were approved.

**Membership** – Valerie reported there were four ladies interested in membership from Taste’n’ Tell. She is trying to make contact with them and will work on planning a Coffee & Conversation sometime in March. Board members felt it is important to make sure any interested parties are aware we are a working club and they will be expected to work as part of their membership. Suggestion for TNT booklet to have information on who to contact if interested.

**Ways and Means** – Belinda reported money from the Gore Grant is now available and liaisons should remind their organizations to use it. The Episcopal church is having a picnic and has offered the opportunity for CAC to have a table to give out information on Saturday, February 14 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Pam M, Janice B. and Belinda M. will attend.

**Treasurer** – Barbs report

Checking Account	\$203,558.03
Schwab Account	<u>\$380,304.11</u>
Total	\$583,862.14

-The credit card bill was paid on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the amount of \$3,662.86

-Deposits were made since October for Taste ‘n’ Tell in the amount of \$203,615. We anticipate paying out \$52,966 for expenses (which includes payouts for the eight trips which were bid on) of \$52,966 for a net profit of \$150,648.97. We receive no Giving Hearts donations which was a disappointment. LYC did not charge us for the no shows which was a nice donation. There were eighteen no shows. We pay \$1000 to Holland America for the cruise raffle which brought in \$4825. Raffle baskets brought \$12,250. The cost per person was \$112.80 for 2026 vs. \$94.00 for 2025. We received \$101,000 for underwriting. A question was asked about how much of this can be used to put on the event and take some of the burden off the members. Kristina was instrumental in getting these donations and she states that her donors are giving for the charity fund. Consider coming up with a Sponsorship deck so donors can donate to providing a specific part of TNT.

**Welfare** – Kristina (see report) There were two emergency requests: Baez family from Northside Elementary School. Family is living in a storage unit and their car. The mother does not currently work. Liaison Rebecca asked for Walmart and Wawa gift cards and two nights in a hotel. Welfare approved \$200 in Walmart GC and \$100 in Wawa Gcand two

Devotional

Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So love the people that treat you right, and forget about the ones that don't. And believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance - take it, if it changes your life- let it. Nobody said it would be easy..they just promised it would be worth it.

Children's Aid Club  
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February 10th, 2026  
Google Meet

nights in the Budgetel Inn for \$120. Total \$420. A motion was made by Pam Markus to add Wawa gift cards to Northside school list of approved items, seconded by Kristina Bryn and motion carried.

Rivera Family from Jessica June - Family came from Bolivia to get care for Pablo age 5 who had brain cancer. The family was able to stay at the Ronald McDonald house during his treatment. Pablo passed away on December 2, 2025. The daughter also has health issues and mom does not work. Dad returned to Bolivia to work. An emergency applications was submitted through Jessica June and assistance was provided by CAC for \$500 in Walmart gift cards.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Janice B. working on completing the TNT thank you's. Louise has the extra TNT program booklets.

### Unfinished Business –

- Laura will send a reminder email to members about the TNT surveys and After-Party.
- The TNT chairs reported there were complaints about Give Butter having a donation to them automatically checked as guests purchased their TNT tickets surprising them with the total \$ amount at checkout. Linda I. will check into this and see if it can be resolved for the future.
- Kristina B. and others reported that their guests gave high praise for their experience at TNT. Guest Angela Whitman told Kristina this was “the best one yet”.

### New Business –

- Easter forms have been sent out and must be returned by Feb. 25. Keep in mind that the kids are out of school for Spring Break 3/16-3/20/26. Baskets will need to be delivered to schools the last week of March.
- A volunteer is needed to be Easter Bunny on 3/25/26 and again on 4/1/26 for the parties.
- CASF Golf Tournament – Gina will talk about this at the General Meeting. Each member is expected to bring items for 5 raffle baskets of \$45-50 value each. Volunteers will be needed to work the tournament.
- Next General Meeting is at the CAC Warehouse on 2/17/26.
- Valerie T. mentioned the PACE event and will send details.
- Irene Feldman needs to be invited to the After-Party.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Minutes by Becky Ford, recording secretary.

Children's Aid Club  
General Meeting  
Minutes by Becky Ford



February 17th, 2026  
Powell Warehouse

**Call to Order** 9:30am by Laura B

**Board Present:** Laura B, Janice B. Valerie T., Barbara H., and Louise P. are Present; Belinda M., Pam M., Kristina B. (Virtual), Quorum established. 7 members virtual, and 21 members present.

**Devotional** –Linda I. Dr. Seuss

**Approval of Minutes** January 2026 - MOTION: to approve minutes without corrections, Ghislaine; SECOND: Louise, passed unanimously.

**Membership** – Valerie

Total 59 members, 30 Active members, 23 Auxiliary, 4 Lifetime and 2 Honorary. Valerie contacted a few interested TNT guest, and, with Janice, will host a March Coffee and Conversation.

**Ways and Means** – Pam M. (Belinda, virtual but has laryngitis).

-CAC had a booth at St. Mary Magdalene and St. Martin Episcopal Church on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Janice B. Heather K, and Pam M. received positive feedback from Jane Collin and others visiting the booth. St. MM&M gave CAC a grant of \$11,000 for Tiny Blessing Bundles.

**Treasurer** – Barb

Checking Account	\$160,006.52
Schwab Account	\$380,304.11
Total	\$540,310.53

-The credit card bill of \$3,662.86 was paid on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-Deposits since October for Taste 'n' Tell have totaled \$205,115, and profit to date is \$152,148.97

-Please turn in any TNT receipts for reimbursement report.

-Bake Sale: \$2,045; Raffles: 12,250; Cruise: \$4,925; Silent Auction: \$15,215; Live Auction: \$11,820. We received \$101,000 in underwriting and Michele H.'s 'popup shop' - \$1,920.

**Welfare** – Louise P. for Kristina (Virtual present) (See Report)

No Special Requests or Individual Requests

\$ 9,841.18 Spent for Welfare Organizations Budget. Encourages for liaisons to send in requests.

Board Approved gas cards from WaWa for North Side Elementary to be added to their approved list for the remainder of the year.

MOTION: to ratify adding Gas Cards for Northside Elementary

Noah update: He moved into an apartment, enrolled in trade school, finishing GED, and a job at Mission BBQ. Received correct Identification documentation. Some household items, such as comforter, hamper, basics is requested.

MOTION: to allow an exception to reimburse Gina Bono-Jenkins up to \$500 for Noah; Ghislaine made the motion, Barbara H. Second. Passed.

Two Emergency Request:

**Baez Family** from Northside Elementary requests \$200 in Walmart GC, \$100 in WaWa

**Devotional**

I like nonsense,  
it wakes up the  
brain cells.  
Fantasy is  
a necessary  
ingredient in  
living. It's a way  
of looking at  
life through the  
wrong end of a  
telescope, which  
is what I do, and  
that enables you  
to laugh at life's  
realities.

– Dr. Seuss –



Children's Aid Club  
General Meeting  
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February 17th, 2026  
Powell Warehouse

G.C. and two nights at Budgetel Inn for \$120; total \$420.00

**Rivera Family** from Jessica June requests \$500 in Walmart GC to help with settling in new apartment and purchase food. \$500.

Motion to ratify both Baez Family and Rivera Family for total of \$920.00: Rena U. made the motion, Rebecca S. Second, unanimously passed.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Janice B.

Randa and Janice wrote 116 Thank you notes (Shared physical report/thank you log)

**Unfinished Business** –

TNT Set Up Assignments & Announcements

TNT Chairs will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and will report next month. Please send in your survey asap.

After Party - 23 people have signed up. checks should be made payable to : Children's Aid Club; You MUST RSVP by February 19'

Jeanne D. sent personal thank you emails to LYC (Peter and Dan) and received favorable responses).

**New Business:**

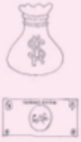
EASTER – please check the forms to make sure they are correct. Put child's name only, and if the moms pregnant. Need Easter Bunny for March 25<sup>th</sup> GLL and April 1<sup>st</sup> at LSH – both morning.

CASF Golf Tournament – April 20<sup>th</sup> Monday – Weston Hill Country Club – perhaps our 22<sup>nd</sup> year participating as one of two charities. Each active member is asked to collect 5 raffle items, each worth between \$40 - \$50 and 1 silent auction item, worth \$?. We have 44 bottles left over from last year (golfers either didn't want or they left early because of the storm), and two cases of Bailey's Irish Cream donated by Carole F. Members encouraged to get GCs from businesses that appeal to men, Home Depot, Lowe's, popular restaurants, etc.

Next Meeting is the GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday, March. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sea Ranch Lakes with hostesses: Pam F & Sara R.

MOTION to end the meeting: Rena U; SECOND: Janice B.

Adjournment 10:40am Minutes by: Pam M & Becky Ford



## Balance Sheet

Children's Aid Club  
As of January 31, 2026



DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	\$139,537.44
Schwab Investment Fund	373,705.89
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$513,243.33</b>
Other Current Assets	
Publix Food Cards	3,000.00
Target Food Cards	2,500.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	7,750.00
<b>Total for Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$13,250.00</b>
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$526,493.33</b>
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	
Leasehold Improvements	\$8,168.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-7,056.95
<b>Total for Leasehold Improvements</b>	<b>\$1,111.27</b>
<b>Total for Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$1,111.27</b>
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$527,604.60</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	9,798.04
<b>Total for Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$9,798.04</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Funds - Megan's Fund	381.72
Temp Restricted Funds - St. Mary Magdalene Church	6,324.45
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	22,500.00
<b>Total for Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$29,206.17</b>
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$39,004.21</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>\$39,004.21</b>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	291,550.35
Net Income	29,208.83
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$488,600.39</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$527,604.60</b>



## Profit and Loss

Children's Aid Club

August 1, 2025-January 31, 2026



DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
cash rewards	635.75
Donations	\$62,596.25
Memorial	3,654.32
<b>Total for Donations</b>	<b>\$66,250.57</b>
Dues	3,625.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	26,550.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
Bake Sale	40.00
Cruise Raffle	3,125.00
Donations	\$5,625.00
Piece of the Pie	150.00
<b>Total for Donations</b>	<b>\$5,775.00</b>
Raffle Basket	4,050.00
Reservations	23,250.00
Underwriting	101,000.00
<b>Total for Taste 'n' Tell</b>	<b>\$137,240.00</b>
<b>Total for Fundraising Income</b>	<b>\$163,790.00</b>
Misc. income	2,032.99
Unrestricted Grant Funds - St. Mary Magdalene Church	3,675.55
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$240,009.86</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$240,009.86</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Charge	28.00
Charity	
Back to Basics	20,000.00
Bennett Elementary	2,461.00
Blessed Sacrament	3,180.00
BPHI	5,127.85
Broward Health	3,750.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	6,428.99
Croissant Park Elementary	500.00
Cross Creek School	619.80
Cypress Elementary	1,488.85
Donors Choose.org	1,319.02



## Profit and Loss

Children's Aid Club

August 1, 2025-January 31, 2026



DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	7,000.00
Feeding Families	42,400.00
God's Little Lambs	4,901.91
Henderson Behavioral Health	4,522.65
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	16,757.07
Easter	24.87
Thanksgiving	30,379.54
<b>Total for Holiday Baskets</b>	<b>\$47,161.48</b>
Hope Women's Center	4,509.53
Individuals	
Baez Family	420.00
Colson Family	400.00
Curiel Family	2,334.00
Florence Louis Family	2,355.00
Foux Family	512.95
Griffith Family	2,815.00
Harris Family	50.00
Rivera Family	500.00
Santiago Family	2,540.00
<b>Total for Individuals</b>	<b>\$11,926.95</b>
JJCF	6,750.00
Light of the World Clinic	5,725.00
Mary Ann's Closet	2,358.23
Memorial Donation	950.00
Northside Elementary	3,465.86
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	1,874.71
PACE	3,000.30
Pompano Beach Middle School	2,563.80
Seagull Alternative School	958.07
The Little Schoolhouse	5,331.71
Tomorrow's Rainbow	1,650.00
Whispering Pines School	72.95
<b>Total for Charity</b>	<b>\$201,998.66</b>
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	2,409.00
<b>Total for Contract Services</b>	<b>\$2,409.00</b>



**Profit and Loss**

Children's Aid Club

August 1, 2025-January 31, 2026



DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Decorations	634.38
Invitations	724.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Program	1,006.00
Raffles	1,000.00
Supplies	110.67
<b>Total for Taste &amp; Tell</b>	<b>\$3,775.05</b>
<b>Total for Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,775.05</b>
Misc	390.34
Office Supplies	280.49
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	253.25
<b>Total for Operations</b>	<b>\$253.25</b>
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	508.03
<b>Total for Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>\$508.03</b>
Postage	30.00
Post Office Box	244.00
Sunshine	519.99
Warehouse Expenses	66.34
WebsiteURL fees	47.88
Yearbook	300.00
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$210,851.03</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$29,158.83</b>
Other Income	
Purchase Discounts	50.00
<b>Total for Other Income</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$29,208.83</b>

February’s Board & General Meeting. Reporting Period 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

**Organizations:**

Blessed Sacrament	\$ 1,455.00
Broward Health	\$ 1,250.00
BPHI	\$ 2,575.51
CDTC	\$ 2,353.52
God’s Little Lambs	\$ 152.23
Henderson Behavioral	\$ 544.86
Hope Women’s Center	\$ 531.00
Northside Elementary	\$ 802.38
Our Fathers House	\$ 79.82
The Little Schoolhouse	\$ 23.91
Whispering Pines Center	\$ 72.95
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,841.18</b>

**Gift Cards on hand at 1/31/2026:**

<b>Publix Cards:</b>		
300 \$10 cards at \$9.70.		\$ 2,910.00
<b>Walmart Cards:</b>		
490 \$10 cards		\$ 4,900.00
57 \$50 cards		\$ 2,850.00
<b>Target Cards:</b>		
250 \$10 cards		\$ 2,500.00
<b>Aldi Cards:</b>		
0 \$25 cards		\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL CARDS:</b>		<b>\$13,160.00</b>

**Special Requests: None**  
**Individual Requests: None**

**Emergency Requests**

**Baez Family - North Side Elementary (Rebecca Soloman, Liaison)**

On Jan. 22, Veronica Duran, Community Liaison at North Side Elementary, contacted CAC to request emergency assistance for the Baez family. The family came to her attention after it was reported that the child was not attending school regularly. Upon speaking with the mother, Ms. Duran learned that the family is currently experiencing homelessness and is living out of their car and a storage unit. They had previously been residing with the maternal grandmother; however, due to unforeseen circumstances, that arrangement is no longer an option. The mother is currently employed and actively seeking additional employment to improve the family’s situation. An application for emergency funding was submitted requesting Walmart gift cards, WaWa gift cards, and two nights in a hotel to provide the family temporary relief from living in their car and storage unit. The Welfare Committee reviewed and approved \$200 in Walmart gift cards, \$100 in WaWa gift cards, and two nights at the Budgetel Inn totaling \$120.

Total: \$420

**Rivera Family – Jessica June (Lynda Stackhouse, Liaison)**

Sandra Muvdi from Jessica June contacted Lynda and Carole requesting assistance for the Rivera family, whom they helped when they arrived in the U.S. from Bolivia. In April 2025, the family came to Miami so their five-year-old son, Pablo, could receive treatment at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital for brain cancer through a clinical trial. Pablo endured five surgeries, 40 chemotherapy treatments, 37 radiation sessions, and extended hospital stays while the family lived at the Ronald McDonald House. He passed away on December 2, 2025, and the family was permitted to remain there through the holidays. They moved into an efficiency on January 17, with Jessica June paying the first month’s rent and providing \$200 in Walmart gift cards from their CAC budget. The father has since returned to Bolivia to resume work and support the family in the U.S. The daughter has health issues, and the mother does not work. An emergency application was submitted, and Welfare approved \$500 in Walmart gift cards to help furnish the efficiency and purchase food.

Total: 500.00

**January Total: \$920.00**

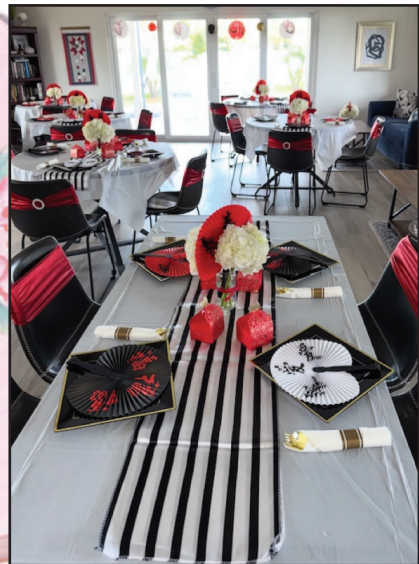
**Special Note\*** On 2/10/26, the Board approved adding Gas Gift Cards to the approved budget items for the remainder of our current fiscal year for North Side Elementary (Rebecca Soloman, Liaison).

# Taste 'N Tell's AfterParty 2026

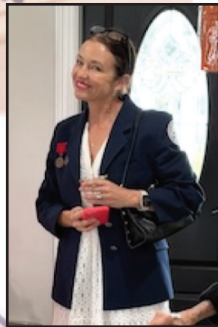
Congratulations to EVERYONE who helped to make our 2026 Taste 'N Tell one of the BEST ONES EVER!!



THANKS to Rebecca Soloman & Janice Bloomfield for all the hard work of planning this fun celebration!



# Taste 'N Tell's AfterParty 2026



# Valentine's Day Boutique and Birthday Party at the Central Campus of Broward Partnership for the Homeless





**North Side Elementary/0041**  
 Marilyn Guirand, Principal  
 Ava Smith, Assistant Principal  
 120 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
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January 15, 2026

Dear Children's Aide Club Members,

On behalf of North Side Elementary, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generosity and continued support of our school community. Your kindness has provided for our students and families in more ways than you can imagine.

By choosing North Side Elementary, you have made a lasting impact on families who are in need, offering not only support but also hope, comfort, and reassurance during difficult times. Your dedication to helping our school community truly reflects compassion and care for those you serve.

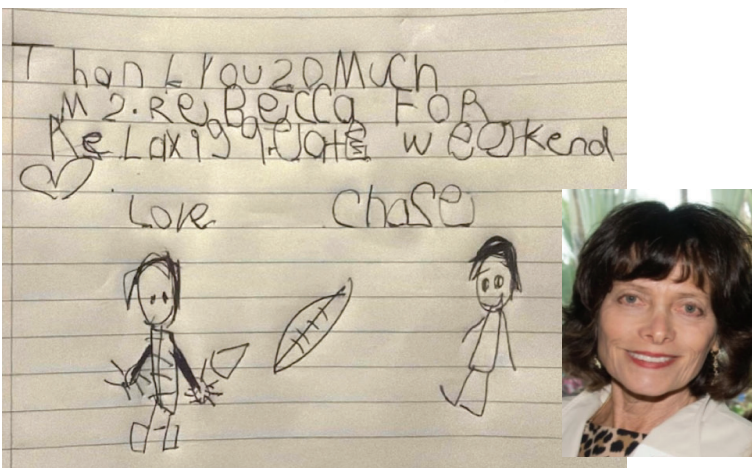
We would also like to extend a special thank you to Rebecca Solomon, whose guidance and support have been invaluable. Her dedication and willingness to assist have helped ensure our families receive the support they need, and we are truly grateful for her continued involvement.

We deeply appreciate all that you do and the difference you make in the lives of our students and families. Your generosity does not go unnoticed, and we are thankful for your partnership and support.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,

Marilyn Guirand  
 Principal

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North Side Elementary's liaison Rebecca Soloman and her husband David, sponsored a delightful outing with a family to the Museum of Discovery and Science!



WELCOMING EMCEE  
 Melia Arnett-Archie



**DYNAMIC! DRIVEN! DARLING!**

Melia Arnett-Archie is the founder of Modern Creator's Law Firm, PLLC and VoiceBox Content Agency, LLC, two dynamic ventures dedicated to empowering entrepreneurs, innovators, and business owners. As both an attorney and entrepreneur, Melia specializes in helping visionaries protect their intellectual property, structure deals, and build sustainable businesses in today's fast-evolving marketplace.

Mother to two beautiful daughters, Melia knows firsthand the value and magic of Believing in Girls and invites you to journey with us on March 13, to Find the Great in Every Girl!

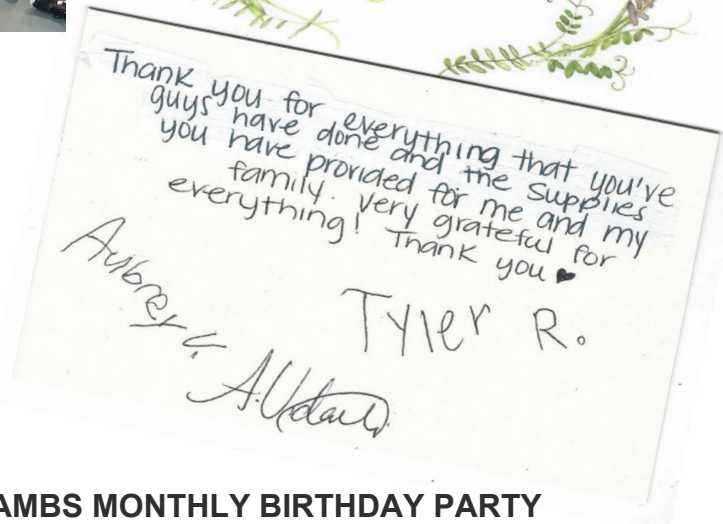


Your kindness is making The World

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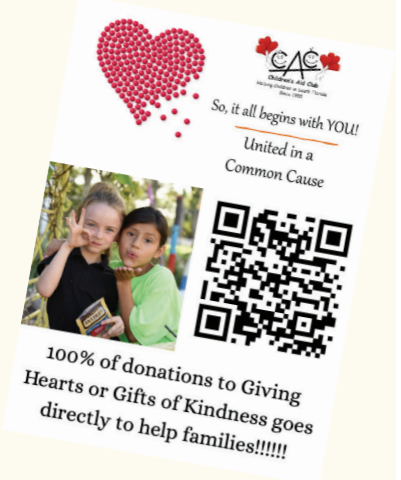
Thank you for being part of this Mission.

Love, peace girls

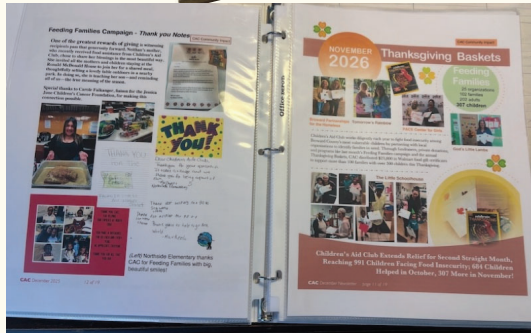


**GOD'S LITTLE LAMBS MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Preparing and serving for 7 birthdays this month was made easy thanks to my great team: Janice, Carol, Heather, Randa and my friend visiting from Canada, Louise.  
Ghislaine Martin (Liaison)

A 40 Page Community Impact Photo Book was created from 2024 - 2026 Newsletters! Very Impressive!



Thanks to Heather Knight, Janice Bloomfield & Pam Markus for representing CAC at St. Mary Magdalene & St. Martin Episcopal Church Fair



### Application for Funding – Returning & New Organizations

More Information will be emailed to all liaisons. An **Application for Funding for Returning Organizations** will be attached with a firm deadline. Please schedule to meet with your contact to discuss their needs.

It's time to plan for CAC's upcoming fiscal year and determine funding allocations for our partner organizations! If you are a liaison for one of CAC's partner organizations, your participation is required. The "Application for Funding for Returning Organizations" must be completed.

#### New Organizations

If you would like to propose a new organization for CAC funding, we welcome recommendations that align with our mission of supporting underprivileged children in our community. Please keep in mind that any new organization partnership requires a liaison, therefore a CAC member's liaison commitment must be provided with the application entitled, "Application for Funding for In-Kind Gifts & Services." This should be completed in collaboration with the organization's representative. Be prepared to explain why this organization is a good fit for CAC's mission.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out—I'm happy to help!  
In Service, Belinda McDonald

**Available for purchase:**

Official CAC Shirts:  
There are short-sleeve polo shirts already embroidered for \$25 in sizes:

- Small – 1
- Large – 4
- XL – 1
- XXL – 2



Contact Barbara Hume



If any one would like a CAC Pink Bag, they are \$10. Contact Pam Markus



2026 Calendars are \$13.00 and available on request.  
Contact Pam Markus



# Happy Birthday



Missy Butt  
3/1



Angie Graziano  
3/7




Susan Black  
3/19



Joyce Virga  
3/26



The AfterParty Team would like to thank Adam & Joe's Gourmet Catering & Eatery for the delicious food! YUM!



The children's hospital will be transitioning to Nicklaus Children's Hospital effective Monday, 3/1/2026. We will maintain the same staff and have the same patients. For more information, visit [BrowardHealth.org](http://BrowardHealth.org)

## CHILDREN'S AID CLUB

### Thank You

A special thank you to our President Laura B. and Vice President Pam M. for the beautiful gratitude gifts for the TNT Chairs & Committee Chairs! Thanks to Michele H. for the hand decorated gift bags.  
*Our Hearts are filled with thanks!*

[www.childrensaidclub.org](http://www.childrensaidclub.org)

# March Calendar 2026

Children's Aid Club

## Tuesday, March 10th

**Board Mtg** Via Google Meet at 9:30am  
Link will be emailed the night before.

## Friday, March 13th

**Little Schoolhouse (LSH)**  
Birthday Party 10am  
Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

## Tuesday, March 17th

**General Meeting: 9:30 am**  
**Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse**  
5300 N. Ocean Blvd.,  
Sea Ranch Lakes, FL 33308

## Wednesday, March 25th

**God's Little Lambs (GLL)**  
EASTER BUNNY Visit 10am  
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

## Important Dates to Come:

April 1st - Easter Bunny Visit at Little Schoolhouse

April 20th - CASF Golf Tournament - CAC ALL CALL for Active Members.



March						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Missy Butt	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting 9:30 (Virtual)	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 General Meeting Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse 9:30	18	19 Susan Black	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Joyce Virga	27	28
29	30	31				

### BROWARD County Public Schools 2025/26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit [browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar](http://browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar).

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
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Severe Weather Make-up Days: 10/10/25, 12/19/25, 3/12/26, 5/22/26 & 6/3/26



Dear Friend:

The Construction Association of South Florida is hosting the CASF Annual Charity Golf Classic at The Club at Weston Hills on Monday, April 20, 2026 to benefit Children's Aid Club and Children's Opportunity Group.

The event raised well over \$100,000 last year. With sponsorships, a live auction, silent auction and raffle baskets, donations of all kinds are most welcome. We are looking for donations of all kinds, especially sports and entertainment events, experiences, vacations, gift certificates, services, etc.

There are also a number of major sponsorships available ranging from \$1,500 - \$20,000, and Hole & Tee sponsorships available for \$500. Please consider becoming a sponsor or making a donation.

The following two charities will benefit from the proceeds of the tournament this year:

**Children's Aid Club (CAC)** is an all-volunteer non-profit organization founded in 1955. CAC provides immediate, strategic help to children and families so that bad situations do not become worse. CAC also partners with over 20 local organizations that help children as well. 100% of funds raised goes directly back into the community. Children's Aid Club provides value added services with personal contact and involvement. This is their strength and what makes them unique and successful. For more information, visit their website at [ChildrensAidClub.org](http://ChildrensAidClub.org).

**Children's Opportunity Group (COG)** was founded in 1949 and continues today as a 50 member group of volunteer women. COG's mission is to unite women who are dedicated in supporting and enriching the health, education and welfare of the less fortunate children in Broward County. For more information, visit their website at [www.ChildrensOpportunityGroup.org](http://www.ChildrensOpportunityGroup.org)

For more information on becoming a sponsor or making a donation, please contact the CASF office at 954-974-6333 or you can mail your donations to: **CASF, 2929 NW 62nd Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. Your donations may also be given to any member of Children's Aid Club or Children's Opportunity Group.**

Thank you for your generosity!





**2026 CASF Annual Charity Golf Classic Donation FORM**

Description of Donated Item:

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Estimated Fair Market Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Donated: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

***To comply with IRS requirements regarding charitable donations, we affirm no goods or services have been provided to you in consideration for your contribution.***

***Please send one copy with your donation and keep the other for your records.***

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