



CAC Newsletter

October 2024

Message from our President



As we all start to gear up for the holiday and look forward to celebrating weddings, time with family, traveling, welcoming a grand baby (or great grand baby), etc., we need to remember that this is our time to shine. This is truly our working season.

October is the start of our big holiday push and our TNT planning. We are so fortunate to be able to provide children and families with a Thanksgiving basket and Christmas gifts. We are also so fortunate to have a very successful TNT event each year that raises an incredible amount of money that allows us to continue to give back.

Please don't take this time for granted. We need your participation! I look forward to working with each of you as we carry out our mission these next few months.

Please know how much I appreciate you and the work you put into the club. Thank you! I am so excited for everything we will accomplish for our community these next few months.

Thank you,

Laura A. Balistreri-Ahmed

Meeting Dates & Times:

Liaison/Sponsor Meeting

10am at the Warehouse
1851 SW 2nd Ave, Unit 100
Ft. Lauderdale FL 33315

Board Mtg Via Zoom

Oct. 8, 2024 at 9:30am
Link will be email the night before.

General Meeting:

Oct. 15th at 9:30am
Boward Partnership for the
Homeless (BPHI) Central
920 NW 7th Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Hosting:

Janice Bloomfield
Vanessa Diaz-Font

Remember to contact Valerie if
you cannot attend.





Hello Dear Members,

A special thank you to Pam Ferrante for presenting the devotional at the September Board meeting and Pamela Markus for presenting the devotional at September's General Meeting in my absence.

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.
John Wesley
General Meeting's Devotional

Thank you to those members who have received and returned their updated TNT-verified Guest List! The second round is being sent out for verification with a response date of October 15th. It is to be returned to me, caclindaianelli@gmail.com

One step can start a journey.
One song can change a moment,
One smile can start a friendship,
One hug can lift a soul,
One candle can wipe out darkness,
One life can make a difference,
One word can start a prayer.
One hope will lift a spirit,
One touch can show you care.
Be that one today...

Good Morning

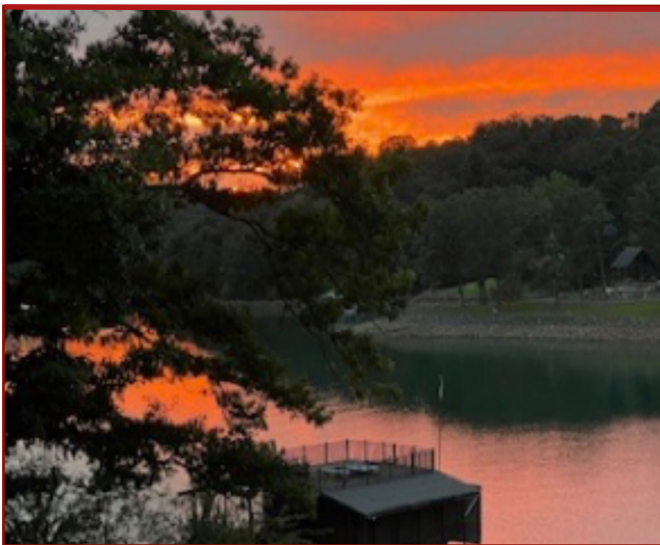
Board Meeting's Devotional

Thank you to all those members and friends who participated in Kendra Scott's Giveback event on August 23rd and 24th, which entitled CAC to 20% of each purchase made by anyone mentioning Children's Aid Club. We recently received a check from Kendra Scott for \$377.25.

I hope you have been thinking about where you would like to be assigned to assist in our TNT setup day and our TNT Luncheon. The signup sheet will be passed out at the October meeting.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

LINDA



Sue Miller's retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia.



Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

September 10, 2024

1. **President’s Call to Order** at 9:32am by Laura Ballistreri-Ahmed

2. **Devotional** – Pam Ferrante

3. **MOTION to Approve Monthly Minutes** for May without corrections: Pam Markus **SECOND**: Barbara Hume ALL in Favor/**NONE** opposed

4. **Membership** – Valerie Taylor

“ Board members Present: Laura B., Barb H., Pam F., Pam M., Valerie T., Janice B., Belinda M., Kristina B., and members: Louise P., Julie N., and Sandy N.

“ Absent: Linda I., Vice President

A) Those active or auxiliary members who have unpaid dues of two consecutive years will be dropped from membership unless the Membership Chairman has been contacted with reasons for the delay in paying dues. Unfortunately, all attempts to contact Michelle Berry and Judy Sherk have been unsuccessful; therefore, a letter will be sent informing them of their change in status.

B) Presently we have 30 active, 24 auxiliary, 5 lifetime, and 2 honorary members; adding two active members in November will be 63 total. Missy Butt, Julie Newton and Reba Amdur changed from active to auxiliary this year.

C) **The Sponsor/Liaison meeting** is scheduled for **10am, Thursday, Sept. 26th at the Warehouse**. It is **EXPECTED** for all those who are Liaisons and/or Sponsors to attend.

5. **Corresponding Secretary** – Janice Bloomfield

A) Since taking on the position, 21 letters have been written, mostly to the Marilyn Markus Fund which raised \$5,560.00. Two gifts of kindness to Gabrielle Conrad and her company’s matched funds.

6. **Treasurer** – Barbara Hume

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<u>Schwab</u>	<u>212,852.52</u>
Total	\$375,946.67

A) Credit card payment of \$21,246.59 was paid on 9/3/24. We made \$46,757.15 during the CASF Golf Tournament and received \$21,335 from Gore Family Memorial Foundation Trust with restrictions for how we spend it.

B) Marilyn Markus Fund will be disbursed with her daughter’s guidance.

7. **Ways and Means** -Belinda McDonald

A) Awaiting responses from requesting grants/gift cards (18 total) from Walmart(12) and Aldi (6) with a value up to \$500 each card.

B) CAC was not considered for the \$250,000 grant because of significant amount of detailed information required from our 26 partner-organizations. A need to “build our story” describing where our monies fill the gaps with our partner-organizations.

C) Possible profit found in smaller fundraising events, such as social events at restaurants and the Walmart store.

D) Awaiting the amount raised at the Kendra Scott Give Back event.

8. Welfare – Kristina Bryn**June**

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- E) Emergency Request: GLL – Janice Bloomfield – Jocelyn Joseph Family - \$400 in Walmart Gift cards. MOTION to approve ALL Requests for Bisbau, Leon, Richardson, Richard, and Joseph families: Laura Ballistreri. SECOND: Janice Bloomfield ALL in Favor/NONE opposed

9. HAND UP Campaign Update – Louise

- A) PACE – adjusted cost of day care \$35.00. The total is \$79,497.75

MOTION to approve: Kristina Bryn SECOND: Barbara Hume ALL in Favor/NONE opposed

- B) Enterprise Car Rental charged us for 2.5 months when we agreed to pay only two months. They did not respond to our request for a credit so we filed a dispute with our credit card company. It was denied because we did not have a written agreement with Enterprise. Awaiting reimbursement for half of a month unapproved payment.

- C) Suggested to change the guideline and reconsider paying mortgage payments.

- D) Discussion Organization Request: Cross Creek School – Louise Proffer- A request for \$200 as a behavior incentive in Papa John's gift cards for students who are complying for shutting their phones off in the morning and being compliant throughout the day. Fifteen students are awarded weekly and get a pizza party.



10. Unfinished Business -

A) **TNT – Architect** – Valerie T.–The Theme will be decided among the TNT Chairs & suggestions are welcome. The guestlist is in process, and Linda I. will continue to send out member's lists for verification; currently completing the online RSVP. Requested examples of legal wording for the dollar amount (not percentage) allocated for donation and for event expenses. Last year, \$94 of every ticket was event cost; the remainder donation. Caroline C. awaiting response from Cruise request. Save the Date mailing is on hold. Proposal to raise the ticket price to \$150 per person and \$200 for All Heart tickets for the 2025 Luncheon.

“ MOTION to approve: Barbara Hume SECOND: Janice Bloomfield ALL in Favor/NONE opposed

B) **TNT – Stylin' Team** – Louise P. – Menu team met at Ghislaine's house to taste good examples representing each decade of 70 years and will meet again with the chef at LYC on Sept 18th. A copy of the recipes and a taste of each dish will be presented to complement beef Tenderloin as the chosen protein. Suggestion to hold a special table for desserts highlighting each decade at bake sale, and a call for members to fill in empty slots under raffle baskets, thank you notes, etc.

C) **TNT – After Party** – Janice B., Candy M. & Rebecca S. has been surveying venues. Suggestion made to contact restaurants that have supported us in the past with gift cards be given priority. Prices expected to range \$35 – \$40 pp and two dates are offered: Thursday, February 27th or Thursday, March 6th, 2025.

D) **TNT - Holiday Appeal Letters** – Janice B & Valerie T. (138 letters) are ready to post after the general meeting on Sept. 17th. Additional letters will be given to each member and more made available at the Sept general mtg.

11. New Business –

A) Black Book Update – Julie N. Members Michelle Berry and Judy Sherk will be removed from the 24/25 black book which is going to the printers immediately to be available at the general meeting.

B) Board decided to keep providing zoom at the general meetings, however attendance is encouraged.

C) President encouraged and will investigate ways to have all active members commit to be a liaison or co-liaison, so that every member has a specific spot.

D) Publicity – Pam M. Request to increase exposure in print, online, and by mouth in our community. Please note any publication that you think we could advertise/be published.

Adjournment: 11:02 am

MOTION to Adjourn: Belinda McDonald. SECOND: Barbara Hume

Minutes written by Pamela Markus

Recording Secretary



Children's Aid Club
General Meeting Minutes at CDTC
September 17, 2024

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1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:36 am by Laura Ballistreri-Ahmed
2. **Devotional** – Pam Markus
3. **Introductions** –
Dr. Calderon Randazzo thanks CAC's long (70 years) relationship with CDTC. Announced reorganization - CDTC returns to core mission to help families with their unique and rare integrated program of Medical and Dental assistance. Asks CAC to vote for Man of Style at the Galleria in October and will be holding their 32nd Thanksgiving Basket Brigade on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.
4. MOTION to Approve Monthly Minutes for **May** without corrections: Rena Udell SECOND: Barbara Hume ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
5. **Membership** – Valerie Taylor
 - A) New prospective members present: Heather Knight (Pam Markus, Sponsor); Brenda Savage (Rebecca Solomon, Sponsor); and Suzanne Shaeffer (Pat DeSanctis, Sponsor).
 - B) Presently we have 30 active, 24 auxiliary, 5 lifetime, and 2 honorary members; adding two active members in November will be 63 total. Missy Butt, Julie Newton and Reba Amdur changed from active to auxiliary this year. Those active or auxiliary members who have unpaid dues of two consecutive years will be dropped from membership unless the Membership Chairman has been contacted with reasons for the delay in paying dues.
 - C) The Sponsor/Liaison meeting is scheduled for 10am, Thursday, Sept. 26th at the Warehouse. It is expected for all those who are Liaisons and/or Sponsors to attend.
 - D) Membership Spreadsheet will be available on the G drive (view only) soon.
 - E) Vital to pay dues to defray growing administrative costs, such as Accountant fees.
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 - C) If anyone knows a grant-writer or has experience, please contact Belinda. SCORE Broward, a free mentoring service for small businesses in our community, may help.
 - D) Possible profit found in smaller fundraising events, such as social events at restaurants and the Walmart store. Foster ways to introduce CAC to other local organizations. For example, Valerie and Belinda were invited to speak at the Oakland Park Kiwanis Club to introduce CAC and the good work we do for children. In turn, they heard about the community programs the Kiwanis support and how there is synergy between our two organizations. This connects with Publicity (Pam M.) to encourage outreach opportunities, such as 100+ Women Who Care of Broward. One huge benefit is a way to have raffles/ auction items donated because of our connection with others.
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- B. Burlington is no longer collecting coats, instead they are giving new coats away; however, because we received coats last year, we are not eligible to receive this year.

8. **Welfare** – Kristina Bryn (See Report for Specifics)

- A. Quick **May** update for the Curzio Family - Bennett Elementary – paid FPL - \$387.92 and \$100 Walmart card.

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- H. Additional Requests: McCarthy Family for \$500 and Ford Family for \$895.85
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- E. **TNT – After Party** – Janice B. & Rebecca S. Scouting for venues, predicts the price will be between \$35 – 40 pp. Choosing a venue who has supported CAC in donations.
- F. **Holiday Appeal Letters** – Janice B & Valerie T. (138 letters) are mailed, and the deadline is October 19th for response cards to Vanessa. Please consider emailing letter to friends asking if they want to help shop for a family or contribute to helping a family. Additional letters are provided on request and in the Sept. Newsletter.



11. New Business –

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- A. Laura requests all liaisons to write a summary of what their partnered organization does and to send it to create an Organization Database on the G Drive.
- B. Publicity – Pam M - Belinda provided a list of local magazines to increase exposure in print, online, and by mouth in our community not to raise ticket sales for TNT (since we are always sold out), but to increase awareness and donations. Also to facilitate networking among charities/ organizations. Print Dynamics publishes Best of Fort Lauderdale (Thanks Julie for the contact).

12. Announcements and Reminders

- A) The Legault family suffered a great tragedy from a helicopter accident. Aurore, Nancy and Genevieve are long-time donors to CAC. We offer our condolences to Ghislaine and the Legault family. A card is passed around for members to sign.
- B) New 24/25 Black Book was passed out to all members – Thanks Julie and Rena
- C) Rebecca invites all organizations, especially schools, to apply for Museum on the Move. NSU Museum will provide transportation, supervision, activities, etc. The Museum is also free every first Thursday and last Sunday of every month to the public.
- D) Julie announced Equine Assisted Therapies will hold their annual Horseshoe Saturday, November 2nd from 6-9:30pm. Fun Night for CAC helpers, typically at registration.
- E) Sandy Noonan – Thanksgiving Baskets (4 families) Due October 25th and Holiday Baskets (3 families) Due October 31st. Forms included in Newsletter and return to BOTH Sandy and Louise.
- F) Ghislaine – Collected hotel toothbrush kits from recent travels, all encouraged to do the same and give to Our Father’s House (Barb) & PACE (Valerie). Julie is collecting pill bottles, with labels removed, for Feeding South Florida.
- G) Pam M. – Some people had difficulty downloading the newsletter. Google stopped scanning for viruses in large file formats. If you know how, please contact Pam.

12. Adjournment: 11:23 am MOTION to Adjourn: Sandy Noonan.
SECOND: Becky Ford



Minutes were prepared by Recording Secretary Pamela Markus

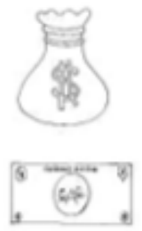


September's General Meeting at CDTC



Children's Aid Club

Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2024



	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	67,476.16
BOA Savings	114,025.28
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	211,951.81
Total Bank Accounts	\$393,453.25
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	300.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Publix Food Cards	5,383.50
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	5,800.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$11,483.50
Total Current Assets	\$404,936.75
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
Total Fixed Assets	\$8,168.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$413,104.97
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	23,494.74
Total Credit Cards	\$23,494.74
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	21,335.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$21,335.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$44,829.74
Total Liabilities	\$44,829.74
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	235,894.80
Net Income	-35,460.78
Total Equity	\$368,275.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$413,104.97



Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss

August 2024



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	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	80.07
Donations	1,443.90
Memorial	2,780.00
Total Donations	4,223.90
Dues	2,875.00
Interest Inc	3.86
Total Income	\$7,182.83
GROSS PROFIT	\$7,182.83
Expenses	
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Blessed Sacrament	1,455.00
BPHI	13.90
Broward Health	1,212.50
Donors Choose.org	4,818.56
God's Little Lambs	2,020.84
Henderson Behavioral Health	681.74
Hope Women's Center	354.98
Individuals	
Bisbau Family	3,180.00
Ford Family	895.85
Joseph Family	400.00
Lawson Family	53.72
McCarthy Family	500.00
Richardson Family	355.62
Total Individuals	5,385.19
JJCF	2,000.00
Northside Elementary	1,843.80
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	1,200.00
PACE	273.41
Seagull Alternative School	300.00
The Little Schoolhouse	3,101.91
Total Charity	42,161.83
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	350.00
Total Contract Services	350.00
Misc	2.58
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	30.00
Total Operations	30.00
	TOTAL
Postage	29.20
Sunshine	70.00
Total Expenses	\$42,643.61
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -35,460.78
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WELFARE REPORT for September's Board & General Meeting. 8/1/2024 to 8/31/2024

Organizations:

Back to Basics	\$17,500.00
Blessed Sacrament	\$1,455.00
Broward Health	\$1,212.50
BPHI	\$ 13.90
Donor's Choose	\$4,818.56
God's Little Lambs	\$2,020.84
Henderson Behavioral Health	\$ 681.74
Hope Women's Center	\$ 236.98
Jessica June	\$2,000.00
Northside Elementary	\$1,861.80
Our Father's House	\$1,700.00
Pace Center for Girls	\$ 273.41
Seagull Alternative School	300.00
<u>Little School House</u>	<u>\$2,917.93</u>
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS	\$36,992.66

Gift Cards on hand at 8/31/2024:

Publix Cards:

450 - \$10 Cards at \$9.70 ea. \$ 4,365.00
 21 - \$50 cards at \$48.50 ea. \$ 1,018.50

Walmart Cards:

50 @ \$10 \$ 500.00
 106 - \$50 each \$ 5,300.00

Aldi Cards:

12 - \$25 each \$ 300.00

TOTAL CARDS: \$11,483.50

Individuals

Bisbau Family: Our Father's House - Barbara Hume, Liaison

This is the same family we reported on in June and July. At the April meeting we approved to pay 3 months hotel for June, July and August. On August 1st we paid \$3,000. We need to ratify the August hotel expense of \$3,000 Total \$3,000.00

Sheniynah Richardson Family - Northside - Rebecca Solomon, Liaison

On Thursday, August 1st, CAC moved the Richarson family into their apartment. At the end of July welfare and board approved hiring a truck to do the move. Information on the family's move is in the June/July report and in the September newsletter. The cost of the truck was \$655.62 but two CAC members paid \$300. We need to ratify the balance of the truck rental expense of \$355.62. Total \$355.62

Tania Richard Family: JAF0 - Linda Ianelli, Liaison

This family is a single mom with a 6 year old son. The application was received on Friday, August 2nd and it was filled out correctly with the necessary paperwork attached. This mother was requesting \$1,500 for her August rent. She was afraid of becoming homeless if it was not paid in a timely manner. There are no past due bills and has a job earning \$55,536 per year plus a part time job working for Uber Eats. She has incurred legal fees as the father of her child hasn't paid child support since May depleting her money for her August rent. Welfare committee discussed, and it was unanimously decided that this mother could sustain herself, although she would be late in paying her August rent. With no past due bills we felt this family did not meet our criteria and therefore, we denied the application. Total \$0.00

Emergency

Jocelyn Joseph Family: GLL - Janice Bloomfield, Liaison

Ms. Joseph is a single mom with one child. She works full time and owns her home. She made a small apartment in her house and rents it out for \$1,400 per month for extra income. Earlier in the month her sister dropped off her 3 children and disappeared. The only items the children had were the clothes on their backs. Carole at GLL asked CAC if we could provide gift cards to help with food and clothing for this "auntie." Welfare approved giving her \$400 in Walmart Gift cards. This needs to be ratified at Sept meeting. Total \$400.00



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Dedicating Our Hearts
to Children
1955-2025



Years



Stylin' Team Report

Menu committee met with LYC on September 18th. Samples of each menu item being considered were brought to the meeting for chef and staff to taste. He loved everything the members brought. He had excellent ideas on tweaking some items for presentation. The main luncheon plate is still being discussed.

We had a zoom decorating meeting on September 23rd. Vanessa reported on her thoughts for color scheme, photo op area and made a suggestion for VIP gift.

Jenny showed us the container she would like to use for the table arrangements. She is coordinating with the florist on Las Olas that she used last year. She contacted Jaci Bustamante to reserve the floral stage backdrop we used last year.

Pam M. has a great plan for the 5 minute video we will be presenting. She hopes to film one of the portions of the video on October 9th.

Team members will report in more detail at the general meeting.

Golden Goose Team Report

The theme for our 70th Anniversary is **Dedicating our Hearts to Children** for 70 years. The logo is shown above; a red heart with the theme and our logo inside.

Underwriting packets with the 'Ask Letter' will be finalized early October, and Caroline is working on creating a spreadsheet with all the auction/raffle items.

We all are very excited to be a part of this historical TNT, and it will take all of us to make this event even more special than the last. Please sign up to help where help is needed the most. Set Up/Sign Up sheets will be passed at the October meeting and will have duties/time slots for members to help the morning of the Tuesday's Luncheon.

Mark your calendars:
Monday, Feb. 10th, 2025
Tuesday, Feb 11th, 2025

Architect Team Report

Linda is sending out the final Guest list for members to correct and finalize. Please work on your corrections, deletions and additions and get it back to Linda ASAP!

Becky has a few clever tricks up her sleeve to present an eye-catching invitation and program book that will feature our TNT theme for our 70th Year.

"Save the Date" is nearly completed and will be ready to launch by mid-October. It will be sent to you in a email where you can forward to friends and family.

Caroline is our heroine of the week for getting our cruise raffle from Holland America Cruise Line again. Thanks Caroline!

The Architect Team still needs some to help with designing signs and posters. If Art & Design is in your wheelhouse, let Valerie know.



NEW ORGANIZATION INTRODUCTION:

Whispering Pines School is a new recipient of Children's Aid Club funding and we wanted to share some details with our CAC sisters. Janice Bloomfield and I are the new co-liaisons for Whispering Pines School which is the sister school to Cross Creek and very near and dear to Louise Proffer's heart. Whispering Pines School is a specialized educational center serving students with Social, Emotional, and Behavioral needs. The student body ranges in age from kindergarten to age 22 and is comprised of 120 students



in total. Many of these students come from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, foster care, or group homes, and about 40 of them are in urgent need of basic life necessities such as food, clothing, and toiletries.

Our initial contact with Whispering Pines was for money to assist with the purchase of robotics. The school was approved with a CAC budget of \$2000. Once Janice and I met with the school contact, we let them know that holiday baskets were also available for students. The school is very grateful for our support and CAC

contributions are much needed. In addition to meeting immediate needs, the school also works to educate students on how to care for themselves and prepare for life beyond school.

On behalf of Children's Aid Club, it's a privilege to work with this new recipient of our funding.



Janice Bloomfield & Debra Rowand

Hi Ladies

It's that time again. Your Holiday Forms are attached.

4 Families for Thanksgiving FIRM DUE DATE OCT 25th

3 Families for Christmas FIRM DUE DATE OCT 31st

No individuals may be added to your organization.

Please Print with Black pen. Please go over your forms to make sure all names are legible before sending.

EMAIL forms to : Louise Proffer
Sandy Noonan

plproffer@aol.com
sandyknoonan@gmail.com

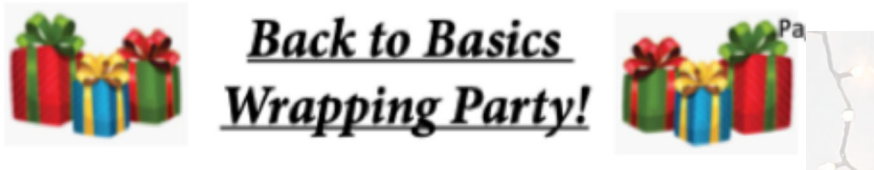


Please let us know if the mom is pregnant and provide the due date and sex of baby. We have some NB Clothes for the baby, and the mother will also receive a \$25 gift card.

Please ask if girls or mom have pierced ears. We have a lot of earrings to share. If you have questions, hopefully, they will be answered at Tuesday's meeting.

Thanks Sandy and Louise

Announcements



What a wonderful way to spend a day by wrapping toys for needy girls and boys!

Back to Basics' Angel Program needs our help! Kelle Enriquez spearheads the endeavor, hoping to clothe and give toys to thousands of children every year!

When: THURSDAYS!
 October 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st (for a start)
 9 - 3 pm (Wear comfy shoes & bring a lunch)

Where: Angel Workshop: 2365 Vista Parkway #19
 West Palm Beach, FL 33411
 (We usually Carpool! Call Pam M.)

16th Annual Horseshoe Hoedown

Join Us
Saturday, November 2, 2024
6:00pm-9:30pm
 Please RSVP by October 28

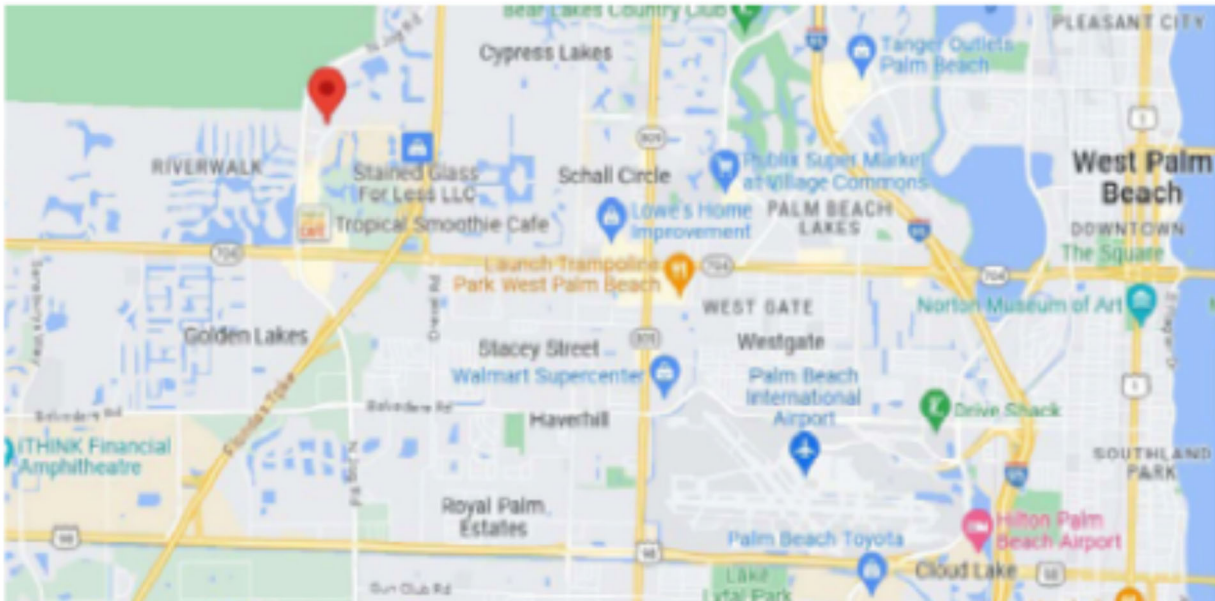
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According to IRS regulations, a portion of your purchase and donation may be tax deductible. The charitable value will be provided in your post-event thank you letter. 501(c)(3) #85-8012672339C-2

- >From the intersection of Okeechobee and Jog Rd; head north on Jog Rd to the first stoplight.
- >Turn right at the light onto Vista Parkway N and proceed to the first stop sign.
- >Turn left onto Vista Parkway and take the first left into the warehouse parking lot
- >2365 is almost to the end of the parking lot on the left

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kelle at kelle.enriquez@gmail.com



October Calendar 2024 *Children's Aid Club*

Tuesday, October 1st

Liaison & Sponsor Meeting
 10am at the Warehouse
 1851 SW 2nd Ave, Unit 100
 Ft. Lauderdale FL 33315

Tuesday, October 8th

Board Mtg Via Zoom at 9:30am
 Link will be email the night before.

Friday, October 11th

Little SchoolHouse (LSH)
 Birthday Party 10 - 11:30 am
 Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English



Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI) Central campus
 Birthday Party 6:30 - 8:30
 Contact: Valerie Taylor & Vanessa Diaz-Font

Tuesday, October 15th

General Meeting:
 Boward Partnership for the Homeless
 (BPHI) Central at 9:30am
 920 NW 7th Ave
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Wednesday, October 16th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)
 Birthday Party 2:15 - 3:30 pm
 Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield



Friday, October 25th

Deadline: THANKSGIVING BASKET FORMS
 Email to Louise & Sandy. (4 families)



Thursday, October 31st

Deadline: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BASKET FORMS
 Email to Louise & Sandy. (3 families)



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

CAC Bulletin Board

On September 18th, Valerie and Belinda were invited to speak at the Oakland Park Kiwanis Club to introduce CAC and the good work we do for children. In turn, we heard about the community programs the Kiwanis support and how there is synergy between our two organizations. Let's all get the word out about CAC's good work!



Please save your empty, clean pill bottles for Julie Newton. Bring them to the general meeting, and she'll give you a BIG hug in return!



Americans fill over 4 billion prescriptions per year, begging the question, "What happens to all the empty prescription bottles?" The answer is a bit complicated as most curbside recycling programs generally do not accept these #5 plastic bottles. Still, there are other ways to recycle them properly and keep them from piling up in the landfill.

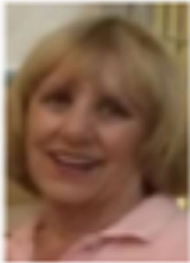
Children's Aid Club will collect them to bring to Food For The Poor where they will be reused to improve medical care in developing countries while also helping to care for our environment.

To prepare them for reuse, you'll need to remove the sticker label that contains your personal information from the bottle as well as any glue residue. Dispose of any leftover or expired medication according to FDA guidelines. Then, wash both bottle and cap with hot water and soap, rinsing well. Let both pieces dry completely and then put the cap back on.

You can even mention this to your friends, family and neighbors. Collect cleaned medicine bottles in a ziploc and bring to our meetings.

Happy Birthday

Happy OCTOBER Birthday



Lynda Stackhouse
10/1



Sheri Wilcox
10/3



Caroline Courtney
10/12



Trudy Bieck
10/17



Kelle Enriquez
10/28



Pam Ferrante
10/29



Jeanne Dixon
10/30

DO YOU NEED A CAC OFFICIAL SHIRT? They will be available at the General Meeting for purchase.

We have sizes S-M-L-XL for \$25 each.

Please see Barbara Cash or Check only.



NEW MEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH TO WELCOME

TARA BAKATSELOS AND JACALYN MURRY

Quick Correction: The January 2025 General Meeting is on the 21st (third Tuesday) at the Hawthorne Village Clubhouse in Plantation; hosted by Pam Markus and Valerie Taylor.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Please **print and provide all information** listed below for the family receiving a Thanksgiving basket no later than: _____.

E-mail form to: _____.

Name of Organization: _____.

Name of Family: _____.

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Is either parent a veteran? YES NO

Individual names of children (18 years of age and younger) with their age (required).

CHILD'S FIRST NAME	GENDER	AGE
1. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

CAC Member is:

PHONE number is:

Thank you!



PLEASE USE BLACK INK

3296 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY #11503

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33339-1503

Christmas Holiday Baskets

Please print clearly and provide all listed information on the family receiving a Christmas Holiday Basket no later than _____.

E-mail form to CAC Liaison at: _____

Name of Organization/School _____ Family Last Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Is either parent a Veteran? YES NO Number of Children _____ (18 years of age and younger) Race _____

Child's First Name Gender Age Clothing Shoe Pierced ears Y or N Gift Ideas

Size Size ****Please List Hobbies, sports, favorite teams, favorite characters, favorite colors****

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

May we contact the family if more information is needed regarding sizes? Yes No

Family's Phone number _____ and Name _____

CAC Member is: _____ Phone number: _____