

February Newsletter 2026



Children's Aid Club

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



If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. African Proverb

President's Message

Spectacular TNT 2026!

My hat goes off to each and every one of you for a job well done. Taste N Tell was absolutely spectacular! I can't thank you all enough for the hard work that goes into the preparation, coordination, set up, hosting, break down and recap that is done. The time and effort really showed!

It is an incredible opportunity to work with each of you and see all of the cooperation and team work that it takes to execute a luncheon for 200+ people. Bravo!

As we tabulate our numbers and regroup for next year we must start to look forward to our upcoming Easter initiative (Forms due 2/25) and the CASF Golf Tournament at Weston Hills again on Monday, April 20th.

May we always remember why we are here, what we are working towards, and the service and hope we provide the families that we help.

Together we are Children's Aid Club and we couldn't do it without you! Keep giving back, keep being part of something bigger, and keep smiling.

Life is too short not to have a giving heart!

Laura A. Balistreri



In this newsletter you can expect:

- ◆ Spotlight Article
- ◆ Board Updates
- ◆ Minutes
- ◆ Financial Reports
- ◆ Welfare Report
- ◆ Community Impact Photos
- ◆ Member News & Birthdays
- ◆ Event Calendar

Save the Dates:

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

General Meeting
Feb. 17th - Tuesday - 9:30am
Powell Warehouse
1851 SW 2nd Ave. Unit 10
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315
Passcode in black book*

Hosting:
Vanessa Diaz-Font
Jacalyn Murray

*If you are unable to come:
Call Valerie Taylor

February Spotlight

What's Next? EASTER and GOLF



Easter Forms will be due WED FEB 25th! FIRM

4 families per organizations

Please use revised 2026 Easter form attached or on our web site or included in this Newsletter.

Please use black ink and Print clearly family name.

We only need sizes for 24 months and under

Please put on form if mom is pregnant and sex of baby if known

Send forms to :

Louise Proffer - plproffer@aol.com

Sandy Noonan - sandyknoonan@gmail.com

Please do NOT send forms from a picture

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sandy!

She loves to talk about her eggs! LOL!



2026 CASF GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC MONDAY, APRIL 20TH



ALL CALL for ACTIVE MEMBERS



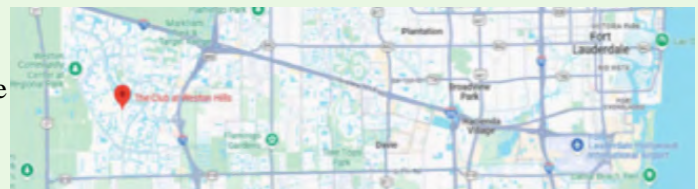
For nearly **TWO decades**, Children's Aid has had the great **HONOR** of being one of three organizations that benefit from the Construction Association of South Florida's annual **CASF Golf Classic Tournament**.

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)

What to do: CAC is responsible for assisting on the course and hosting the raffles, including the sale of raffle tickets throughout the day. Every CAC member gathers five items for raffle prizes and one silent auction item. We also have lots of fun on the golf course with the golfers!

Why: CASF does all the heavy lifting, and CAC benefits from one-third of the proceeds—nearly \$50,000 each year. Much more information will be provided at our meetings!



Board Meeting Devotional

Friendship Blessing

May our laughter echo for years,
 our secrets be safe and true, our
 bond grow stronger daily, and our hearts
 stay forever new. May we walk through
 life together, in joy, in love, in grace,
 and for friendship's light forever, shine
 warmly in this space.
 You are cherished,
 You are treasured,
 You are loved.



General Meeting Devotional

Dear sisters, Your life journey is a special one, cherish every single day of your life. Because if you won't, who will? Time flies so quickly and every day is a blessing. Don't take it for granted. As you wake every day, put your heart into every breath of yours. Be grateful to be able to dream, love and have fun!

TNT Afterparty

Thursday, February 26th at 11:30, \$35pp
 RSVP ASAP to Janice jtbloom23@gmail.com



SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Tuesday, February 10th - Board Meeting at 9:30am, Link sent via email

Please note that the Board Meeting was missing from the Black Book Calendar, but has been added to the Newsletter Calendar. All are welcome to join. Link will be sent by Laura at least 24 hrs in advance.



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



January 6th, 2026
Google Meet

1. Meeting called to order by President Laura Balistreri at 9:32 am
 2. Devotional – Pam M. read Linda’s prepared devotional – Friendship Blessing: May our laughter echo for years, our secrets be safe and true, our bond grow stronger daily, and our hearts stay forever new. May we walk through life together, in joy, in love, in grace, and for friendship’s light forever, shine warmly in this space. You are cherished, you are treasured, you are loved.
 3. Approve Minutes Dec 2025
 4. Membership – Valerie
Proposal of 3 prospective members: Randa Flinn, Michele Holtheuser and Angie Graziano
 5. Ways and Means – Belinda
Grant Application Updates
- Treasurer – Barb
- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| Checking Account | \$114,471.40 |
| Schwab Account | \$329,299.66 |
| Total | \$443,771.06 |
- The credit card bill of \$4,523.46 was paid on January 2, 2026.
 We have received \$4,250 in memorial donations for Bill Ferrante. Pam F. requested to buy \$1,000 worth of Target and Walmart gift cards for the VA Children’s Christmas party, which was purchased for \$950 as Target was offering 10% off on gift cards if you use your Target credit card.
 We have deposited \$43,000 in underwriting for Taste ‘n’ Tell.
 We made \$1,177.99 at the Mingle Jingle at LYC which will be used for Administration expenses per the motion approved at the last meeting. I also received a \$500 donation from a member earmarked for Administration expenses. We also received \$106.50 in donations.
 Barb shared a table showing the yearly administrative expenses for CAC \$9,012.10 and the yearly income designated for administrative expenses \$10,443.51 leaving a balance of \$1,431.41.
 Welfare – Kristina (See Welfare Report) There was an individual request coming in yesterday from Gina Jenkins regarding Noah whom CAC has helped previously. Gina is requesting \$500 to help furnish his apartment. As per our by-laws, we need a motion to be presented to our General Membership to approve up to \$500 to purchase needed items in order to complete the set up of Noah’s apartment. Because we have helped Noah in the past, and he is 18 years old and does not live with a family, this request is an exception and requires the approval from our General Membership. This motion will be brought to the membership next week on Tuesday.
 Corresponding Secretary – Janice B. reports there have been 5 TNT donations for which thank you letters have been sent. Three additional thank you letters were sent for Bill Ferrante. There was one Gift of Kindness donation.
 Unfinished Business –
 -LYC Mingle Jingle Bake Sale brought in \$1177. There was discussion about the point of sale terminals and if CAC should purchase a few more of these since we usually borrow them from CASF. Kristina suggested a bake sale setup checklist. The day of the sale, Barb had to get cash at the last minute for the cash box and others had to make phone calls to Kelle Enriquez to get the POS terminals working. Jeanne has a checklist, but additional items should be added. It was felt that more CAC members need access to the back end of the app the credit card sales are linked to.
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-TNT Updates from Team Leaders: AV Media will be provided by David Huntsman again for \$995. Courtney Ortiz will be Photographer. There are 31 Raffle Baskets so far. Invitations went in the mail on 12/31/25. The website has a popup that leads right to the invitation and the Google reservation grid is set up. Vanessa got the vases she needs for the décor. Janice B and Randa will be doing the Thank you letters. The After Party is arranged and the invitations will be with the assignment packets. It will be held at Pam Markus's Clubhouse. The cost will be \$35/per person. RSVP's go to Janice Bloomfield's email. Payment can be made at the February 26 General Meeting. TNT Set Up Assignments will be handed out at the General meeting.

New Business – none discussed

Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Pam Markus with a second by Janice Bloomfield. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Becky Ford, Recording Secretary

January's Board & General Meeting. 12/1/2025 to 12/31/2025

Organizations:

Bennett Elementary	\$ 974.40
BPHI	\$ 27.99
CDTC	\$ 1,035.55
Cypress Elementary	\$ 575.11
Henderson Behavioral	\$ 953.74
Hope Women's Center	\$ 590.00
Mary Ann's Closet	\$ 300.00
Our Father's House	\$ 64.04
Pace Center	\$ 910.51
Seagull Alternative HS	\$ 720.69
Total:	\$ 6,152.03

Gift Cards on hand at 12/31/2025:

Publix Cards:	
300 \$10 cards at \$9.70.	\$2,910.00
Walmart Cards:	
98 \$50 cards	\$4,900.00
Aldi Cards:	
0 \$25 cards	\$ <u>0</u>
TOTAL CARDS:	\$7,810.00

Special Requests: None
Emergency Requests: None
Individual Requests: None

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General Meeting
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January 13th, 2026
Powell Warehouse

Call to Order 9:30am by Pam Markus, Vice President acting on behalf of Laura B. (Virtually Present).

Devotional –Linda I.

Approval of Minutes Dec 2025 - MOTION: to approve minutes without corrections, Ghislaine; SECOND: Janice, passed unanimously.

Membership – Valerie

New member Induction: Randa Flinn, Michele Holtzheuser and Angie Graziano (Black Book insert was provided at the meeting with the new member info)

Ways and Means – Belinda

Grant Application Updates- Still missing 2 applications. If we don't get them in by January 15th, they will NOT get allocated funds.

Tiny Blessing: The organizations have until June to spend the funds allocated for the Tiny Blessings and will need a video and/or photos of receiving the bundles for the grant provider.

Treasurer – Barb

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Welfare – Kristina (See Report)

No Special Requests, no Individual Requests and no Emergency Requests

Noah update: He had a job and was making a move into HandyHouse, a housing facility, but lost his job so he will not be making the move. He is going to move into Journey in the meantime which provides structure and will help him get a job and save money. We do not need to provide assistance at this time so everything is on hold.

Corresponding Secretary – Janice B.

All Thank you letters sent and are up to date for the year so far including things that have come in so far for TNT.

Unfinished Business –

TNT Set Up Assignments & Announcements

CC Readers- Heather will hold our credit card readers

Cashiers for Bake Sale- 3 copies will be done for EACH sale. The white copy will stay with the bag; buyer will take the yellow and pink copies to the cashier who will check them out. They will collect their baked goods at

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**January 13th, 2026
Powell Warehouse**

the end of the event.

Bake Sale- Jeanne and Gail are the Leaders if you have any questions.

As baked goods are collected on Monday Jenny Boyenga will collect the baked goods and check them off.

- o Bring bake sale and Auction items between 12:30 and 2 so we can get them market, priced, and figure out setup etc. The earlier the better!

ASSIGNMENTS were handed out at the meeting and will also be attached with the meeting recap.

We will do a walk-through of the live auction during set up so EVERYONE can see how it will be done, if we need participants, etc.

Jacalyn volunteered to print out the paper copies of the raffle and auction items.

Baskets: Once the basket details have been finalized the list will be sent to everyone. You will label your basket per the final basket list. This will help when you check in your basket on set up day Monday Feb 2.

-28 Active Members participating in TNT with 10 Aux & Inactive Members! Thank you for your dedication!

-Be sure to SHOW UP. We need you!

-After Monday's setup, please ask where else you can help. Use it as a learning opportunity so you know what else is going on throughout the event, and an understanding of why things are done a certain way etc.

-Linda Ianelli will provide the RSVP list to everyone so you can see what guests of yours have responded.

We will meet on Monday the 2nd to go over everything

Team Leaders, don't forget to take your items from the warehouse that you will need for the big event!

Raffles Deadline is January 18th!! You MUST have your basket descriptions in by then. There is no extension.

Monday, Feb 2nd is SET UP DAY – Wear Pink shirt!

Tuesday, Feb 3rd is TNT LUNCHEON - Wear red, pink and valentine theme attire!

After Party checks should be made payable to : Children's Aid Club; You MUST RSVP by February 19th Invitation was included in your work assignment packet and will also be included in the recap email.

New Business:

Next General Meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at the Powell Warehouse with hostesses: Vanessa Diaz Font and Jacalyn Murray.

About 10 ladies that attended the services for June's husband. June was very appreciative and would really love the continued support of our members. She would love our calls and messages in a week or so. We have Community Impact Pages in our Newsletter. Feel free to share those pages with our organizations and potential donors, etc.

Feb 26 at 8:30am: Looking for a volunteer to read at Cypress Elementary. Contact Sandy

Don't forget to show appreciation to ALL of our guests!

MOTION to end the meeting: Valerie; SECOND: Michelle

Adjournment 10:43am Minutes by: Laura Balistreri and Becky Ford



Balance Sheet

Children's Aid Club

As of December 31, 2025



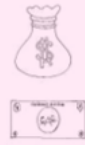
DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	\$77,973.65
BOA Savings	0.00
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	323,705.89
Total for Bank Accounts	\$401,679.54
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total for Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	0.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Other Accounts Receivable	0.00
Publix Food Cards	3,000.00
Target Food Cards	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	4,900.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$7,900.00
Total for Current Assets	\$409,579.54
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	\$8,168.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-7,056.95
Total for Leasehold Improvements	\$1,111.27
Total for Fixed Assets	\$1,111.27
Total for Assets	\$410,690.81
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	6,671.62
Total for Credit Cards	\$6,671.62
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Funds - Megan's Fund	381.72
Temp Restricted Funds - St. Mary Magdalene Church	10,000.00
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	22,500.00
Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$32,881.72
Total for Current Liabilities	\$39,553.34
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Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	291,550.35
DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Net Income	-88,254.09
Total for Equity	\$371,137.47
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$410,690.81



Profit and Loss

Children's Aid Club

August 1-December 31, 2025



DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	554.98
Donations	\$62,052.35
Memorial	3,654.32
Total for Donations	\$65,706.67
Dues	3,625.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	17,530.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
Cruise Raffle	200.00
Underwriting	20,000.00
Total for Taste 'n' Tell	\$20,200.00
Total for Fundraising Income	\$37,730.00
Misc. income	1,792.99
Total for Income	\$109,409.64
Gross Profit	\$109,409.64
Expenses	
Bank Charge	22.00
Charity	
Back to Basics	20,000.00
Bennett Elementary	2,461.00
Blessed Sacrament	3,180.00
BPHI	1,974.05
Broward Health	2,500.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	4,490.94
Croissant Park Elementary	500.00
Cross Creek School	619.80
Cypress Elementary	1,161.37
Donors Choose.org	1,319.02
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	7,000.00
Feeding Families	42,400.00
God's Little Lambs	4,854.92
Henderson Behavioral Health	3,123.53
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	16,736.87
Thanksgiving	30,379.54
Total for Holiday Baskets	\$47,116.41
Hope Women's Center	3,978.53



Profit and Loss
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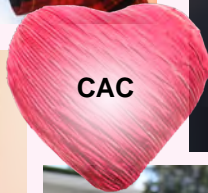


DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Individuals	
Colson Family	400.00
Curiel Family	2,334.00
Florence Louis Family	2,355.00
Foux Family	512.95
Griffith Family	2,815.00
Harris Family	50.00
Santiago Family	2,540.00
Total for Individuals	\$11,006.95
JJCF	6,750.00
Light of the World Clinic	5,725.00
Mary Ann's Closet	2,358.23
Memorial Donation	950.00
Northside Elementary	2,763.48
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	1,794.89
PACE	3,000.30
Pompano Beach Middle School	2,563.80
Seagull Alternative School	237.38
The Little Schoolhouse	5,307.80
Tomorrow's Rainbow	1,650.00
Whispering Pines School	72.95
Total for Charity	\$190,860.35
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	2,059.00
Total for Contract Services	\$2,059.00
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Decorations	634.38
Invitations	724.00
Raffles	1,000.00
Supplies	19.25
Total for Taste & Tell	\$2,377.63
Total for Fundraising Expenses	\$2,377.63
Misc	205.90
Office Supplies	280.49
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	190.00
Total for Operations	\$190.00
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	508.03
Total for Other Types of Expenses	\$508.03
DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Postage	30.00
Post Office Box	244.00
Sunshine	519.99
Warehouse Expenses	66.34
Yearbook	300.00
Total for Expenses	\$197,663.73
Net Operating Income	-\$88,254.09
Net Other Income	
Net Income	-\$88,254.09



Taste 'N Tell 2026

Tuesday, February 3, 2026



Taste 'N Tell 2026

Getting Ready





It was great seeing members step up and take over some committees that perhaps they were not familiar with or comfortable doing. They did a great job! As always, everyone did a super job, and the event was spectacular to say the least. -Louise Proffer



I had three different women tell me how beautifully everything was presented. The attention to all the details impressed them - Kristina Bryn ❤️



I have so many favorites: arriving on Monday to see how Dan had so much of the setup work completed already; working with the LYC workers & their representatives; seeing friends I haven't seen in a while come in for our luncheon; and feeling the excitement of our CAC workers during the group photo! -Susan Black



TNT - Our Friends



One of my favorite moments was when Irene Feldman came bringing two, still warm, bread puddings for us to sell in our bake sale. It warms my heart to see how much she supports what CAC does, and we could not do all we do without her. -Becky Ford



Dear Sandy and Louise,
I truly enjoyed yesterday's Taste 'n' Tell luncheon EXTRAVAGANZA!
The violinist, diverse collection of silent auction items, huge, creatively displayed raffle choices, lovely flower arrangements (creative way with heart on program to determine winner rather than looking under your chair), delicious pretzel nibbles (with a heart), delicious entree, sinfully fabulous dessert, champagne & wine ever-flowing, Gordon Latz's talented auctioneering, the heartfelt story of one of many kids who benefitted from CAC. The LYC's staff service was superb. Each time I've attended the Taste 'n' Tell luncheon, I think "No way they can outdo this event," but then you do!
Sandy Harrington
PS: I cannot conceive the number of planning/ preparations you and the other CAC members invested in the luncheon event.



Taste 'N Tell's Giving Hearts

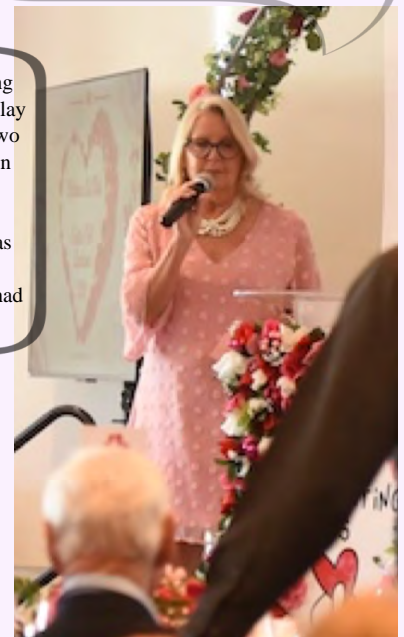
My favorite part of TNT was seeing all the familiar faces that come each and every year to our event, and of course, the opportunity I have to talk with them while serving up one of our delicious appetizers. - Fran English



I loved overhearing our guests rave about TnT. One said, "This is the Best One Yet." Another commented to her friend, "This was great! I loved it." One lady commented to me, "This is my first time. I hope I'm invited back next year!" - Belinda McDonald



I was amazed with the Bake Sale table brimming with delicious goodies, and the outstanding display of the Silent Auction items! Seeing our guests two and three deep, making purchases and bidding on items that caught their interest. I heard them say leaving; "spectacular," "outstanding," "you thought of everything," "the best time," "this was the best event," "see you again next year," "you women do such a great job," and "thank you, I had a ball!" - Linda Ianelli



Let's start the Show!
-Pam Markus



TNT's Winning Moments



From: **Henderson Behavioral Health**
A Thank you from the Feeding Families Campaign! Months later, CAC is still hearing about the IMPACT!

Thank you!

On behalf of my family and I, We would like to express our utmost sincere gratitude to everyone for helping make our Christmas a memorable one. The children were overwhelmed with joy and was touched with the generosity.

We are truly grateful and ask the Lord to continue to bless your heart's

Once again, thank you and have a marvelous new year!

From Jessica June Cancer Care Foundation

Thank you so much for the holiday gifts for Giuvanna and our family. Your kindness and generosity mean more than words can express and have brought immense joy, hope, and light during a very meaningful time. We are deeply grateful to everyone who made this possible and for the beautiful impact of the work you do every day.

*With heartfelt thanks,
The Fasolo Family*

Here is a happy recipient of the TINY BLESSINGS BUNDLE, includes a Car Seat, Pack 'n Play, formula, diapers and wipes for a new mommy.

CAC is so appreciative to hard-working member, Monica Blackwood



sending you smiles

CAC attends Henderson Behavioral Health's Door Appreciation

Thank you to Henderson Behavioral Health (HBH) and CEO Steven Ronik for inviting the Children's Aid Club (CAC) to your Donor Appreciation Reception. CAC is honored to be recognized among the donors supporting HBH's mission—providing healthcare, housing, and hope to more than 30,000 people each year who are living with behavioral health conditions.

We're proud to stand alongside HBH in strengthening our community and supporting children and families in need.



Cypress Elementary proudly recognized 25 students who earned straight A's, celebrating their hard work with special treats provided by CAC. Educational incentive programs like this—often beyond school budgets—make a powerful difference by encouraging excellence and inspiring young minds.

CAC,
 Hey thank you so much for beins such a great help for me and my family, we really appreciate it, 9od bless
 - Claudia



God's Little Lambs celebrated their MONTHLY Birthdays. Everyone gets cake, juice and/or cookie. Lucky Birthday children receive a crown, a book and a stuffed animal!!!

Dear children's Aid club,
 Thank you so much for how you bless Hope Women's center throughout the year and all the extra blessings during the holidays. All your gifts and carsseats bless so many people in our COMMUNITY. HAVE a Merry Christmas
 Joy Tool
 and your friends
 at Hope



Thank you CAC
 for
 everything
 the Williams Family



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

Pam Markus
2/2

Rachel Pope
2/8

Jacalyn Murray
2/14

Kitty Vagi
2/27

TNT 2026 SURVEY
(Attached)

Please complete the survey and share what worked well, what could be improved, and any recommendations for future events. Kindly include any feedback you received from your guests.

Return completed surveys to
caclindaianelli@gmail.com by
Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

We are looking for **BUNNY** for our **EASTER** Parties on March 25th at God's Little Lambs and Little Schoolhouse. Need to be available in the morning only (9am - noon roughly).
Please email pammarkus5@gmail.com

Equine-Assisted Therapies
of South Florida, Inc.
Creating a path to unbridled moments. Witness the magic.

HORSIN' AROUND...
Musings from around the paddock and in the stable.

EATSF Honored to Be Recognized by the 2026 Cognizant Classic Birdies for Charity Program

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
AT THE 2026 COGNIZANT CLASSIC

FOR THE WIN AND THE CAUSE
Donate, Guess, and You Could Score \$10,000 with Birdies for Charity!

FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 1
PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA | PALM BEACH GARDENS

cognizant classic

Support EATSF Through Birdies for Charity at the Cognizant Classic
We're excited to share a fun and impactful fundraising opportunity through the Birdies for Charity program, part of the Cognizant Classic! This program invites supporters to harness the excitement of PGA TOUR golf while making a meaningful difference for local nonprofits, like Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida.

How It Works

Pledge & Guess:
Participants make a minimum \$20 donation to Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida through the Cognizant Classic Donation Link below and submit their best guess for the total number of birdies made by PGA TOUR players during the competitive rounds of the Cognizant Classic (February 26 – March 1, 2026) held in Palm Beach Gardens.

Grand Prize:
Whoever's guess comes closest without going over will win \$10,000! The winner may keep the prize or choose to donate all or part of it back to a participating charity, multiplying the impact of their generosity.

Tiebreaker:
If needed, ties will be broken by answering this question:
How many balls will land in the water at the Bear Trap (Holes 15, 16 & 17)?
Additional tiebreakers will be used if necessary.

Bonus Pool:
The tournament will contribute \$100,000 to a bonus pool, distributed among participating charities based on the funds they raise, meaning every donation helps EATSF earn even more support.

The winner will be announced on or about April 1, 2026.

Support Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida today:
[EATSF's Cognizant Classic Donation Link](#)

[For full program rules and details click here!](#)

February Calendar 2026

Children's Aid Club

Monday, February 2nd

TNT Set-up - All active members have this day available to help set up at Lauderdale Yacht Club. Contact a TNT Chair (Linda I., Barbara H. or Kristina B.) if you have not been assigned a work detail.

Tuesday, February 3rd

Our Giving Hearts Taste 'N Tell 2026
Fundraiser Luncheon!
8:30 AM to about 4:30 PM
ALL CALL EVENT

Tuesday, February 10th

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

Friday, February 13th

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

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

Tuesday, February 17th

General Meeting: 9:30 am
Powell Warehouse
1851 SW 2nd Ave, Unit 10
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

Wednesday, February 18th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)

Birthday Party 2:15 pm
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

Thursday, February 26th

TNT Afterparty - 11:30am
Hawthorne Village Clubhouse
7101 E Tropical Way, Plantation 33317

Directions: Broward Blvd West to 70th Ave.
(before University), LEFT and immediate
RIGHT into Hawthorne Community. Clubhouse
is on the right.

Important Dates:

February 25th - Deadline to submit your Easter Basket Form to Sand, sandykahrs@yahoo.com and Louise, plproffer@aol.com

March 10th - Board Mtg, 9:30am

March 17th - General Mtg, 9:30am at Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse

March 25th - Easter Bunny Visit at God's Little Lambs

April 1st - Easter Bunny Visit at Little Schoolhouse

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





Children's Aid Club

Post Office Box 11503 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33339

EASTER BASKETS

Please **print** using **black ink**, and provide **all** information listed for the family receiving an Easter Basket no later than _____

E-mail form to: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Family: _____ #of Adults _____ #of Children _____ (18 years & under)

Name	Gender	Age	Any size under 24 months
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			
6. _____			
7. _____			
8. _____			

Contact Person: _____ Phone # _____

CAC Member Name: _____ Phone # _____



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.

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

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:

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.

**Construction Association of South Florida
2929 NW 62nd Street (Cypress Creek Road) | Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

Phone: (954) 974-6333 | Fax: (954) 974-6633 | Email: info@casf.org



2026 Taste 'n' Tell Survey

Member Name _____

Please fill in each area. Whether you worked on the event, or attended as a guest, at lunch. Let us hear from both perspectives. Talk with your friends who attended and share their comments with us. You need to be “painfully honest” to help us improve where needed. Under each topic, tell us what you think was good, needs to be improved and suggest ways to make that happen.

Please fill out and e-mail to the Team Leaders: Kristina Bryn (Kristina.bryn@gmail.com), Barbara Hume (bjhume@gmail.com) and Linda Ianelli (caclindaianelli@gmail.com). Thank you.

Bake Sale:

Cruise Raffle:

Decorations:

Invitations:

Live Auction:

Member Food:

Menu:

Program/Speaker:

Raffles:

Recipe Book/Program:

Reservations/Seating:

Silent Auction:

Supplies:

Timeline:

Underwriting:

Venue:

Additional Comments or Suggestions: