

May Newsletter 2025



Children's Aid Club

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



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. (Gandhi)

President's Message:

Dear CAC Members,
As we bring the first half of our milestone 70th anniversary year to a close and head into our summer break, I want to extend my deepest thanks and admiration to each and every one of you. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering generosity have made this a year to remember!
Before we sign off for the summer, we still have one exciting and important event ahead. On **May 5th**, we host our **CASF Charity Golf Classic**, and it will take all of us working together to make it the best one yet. This event is a critical touchstone of our

spring season, and your support will ensure its success.
I cannot thank you enough to fully express the pride and gratitude I feel for all we've achieved together. If last year we reached over 10,000 children, I have no doubt we've surpassed that number already in 2025.
To our incredible **Board Members**—thank you for shouldering added responsibility to strengthen our club's infrastructure and outreach. To our **Liaisons**—your care and commitment go far beyond funding; you bring heart, humanity, and continuity to every organization we support. And to our **Members** who step up quietly—whether you're supervising the warehouse, chairing a committee (or just joining one), investigating families for funding, or making donations from your own pockets—please know: it does *not* go unnoticed. It does *not* go unappreciated.
At CAC, our deepest thanks come in the form of warm suppers, safe beds, and brighter futures for the children we serve. But today, I thank *you*.
Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer. See you in September
With heartfelt gratitude,
Laura A. Balistreri

In this newsletter you can expect:

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- Event Calendar

Save the Dates:

May 13th- Tuesday - 9:30am
Board Meeting on Google Meet

May 20th - Tuesday - 9:30am
General Meeting
BLS Wealth Management
HUB International
1000 Corporate Dr. (NE corner of I95 Suite 600 (6th FL). & 62nd Ave.) Ft. Laud., 33334

Hosting:
Jacalyn Murray
Linda Ianelli

Spotlight



It's time for Brian's Bag!

In honor of Teri and Brian Ingalls, we collect non-perishable food items for Our Father's House. The Ingalls started this program at their church, St. Coleman. The first Sunday of each month was "Brown Bag Sunday." Brown grocery bags were

handed out with a list of items needed. The bags were collected the next Sunday and distributed to different organizations who provide food and supplies to the needy. Now with both of these strong CAC supporters having passed, it's very important to remember their service to our organization & community by continuing to ask our CAC members to bring items to the May meeting to fill "Brian's Bags".



**Thank You
for
Brian's Bags**

Please help us continue Brian's legacy!

We need food for families, especially children:

(Pull-tab cans are preferred)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Peanut Butter | SpaghettiOs |
| Jelly | Spaghetti |
| Lunchables | Spaghetti sauce |
| Cereal | |
| Hunt's individual puddings and fruit | |

PLEASE BRING TO MAY 20TH GENERAL MEETING!

Belmont Village of Fort Lauderdale

Thursday, May 29th
3- 5pm
1031 Seminole Dr
Fort Lauderdale

There will be a Gala and fashion show on Thursday, May 29, from 3:00 to 5:00.

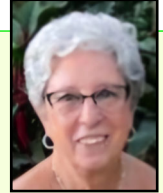
The residents will offer their creative work with recycled materials for sale. Belmont would like Children's Aid Club members present to boast our good work with the help of an "Info Table" and our 70th Anniversary video showing in the Bistro room.

We will need about 4-5 members to help with this project.

Please contact Valerie Taylor if you can help and/or attend the event!
cacvalerie@gmail.com



Board Updates



General Mtg. Devotional:

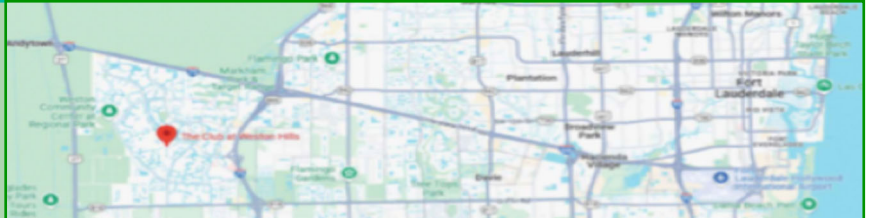
"Rivers don't drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself; the flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you." Pope Francis

Board Mtg. Devotional:

Teamwork is the ability to work together towards a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results! That's what we do! I am so grateful to be a part of it!



CASF Golf Charity Classic 2025
Monday, May 5th!
The Club at Weston Hills
2600 Country Club Way, Weston
FL 33332



MAY DAY, MAY DAY! It's time to get our Pink CAC shirts on and prepare for the CASF Golf Tournament on May 5! This year, it's at The Weston Hills Golf Club. For those who signed up, you should have received your assignment/info email from Gina/Julie/Kelle. If you didn't, please reach out to them asap. Once again, we are one of three local charities that will benefit from the event! Here's our opportunity to shine!



The Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny visit at Little Schoolhouse were a huge success! We had an amazing time, and the children absolutely loved it. Representatives from Belmont also attended and got involved — they were so impressed by how sweet and well-mannered the children were. A very special thank you to our wonderful Bunny, Gail Jennings; our Bunny helpers, Lynda Stackhouse and Pam Markus; and to Pam for capturing so many beautiful moments in her photos!

Meanwhile, preparations are underway for our Mother's Day Jewelry Boutiques for the children at God's Little Lambs and Little Schoolhouse. If you are interested in helping, details about times, locations, and contacts are provided on the Calendar of the newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on May 20 and will be held at the offices of BLS Wealth Management, 1000 Corporate Drive, #600, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33334. We are meeting at Jacalyn Murray's office. There is plenty of parking. Take the elevator to the sixth floor.

One final note: I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Vice President for the last two years and hand the baton over to Pam Markus! Love, Linda Ianelli, Vice President 2023 - 2025



Children's Aid Club
Board Meeting (Google Meet)
April 8, 2025



1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:31 am by President Laura B with Linda Ianelli sharing the duties.
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
3. **MOTION** to Approve the March Minutes with the following corrections: Linda I., Second Valerie T. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed.
 - March 11th Board Minutes: need to include Motion to approve the February Minutes: Linda I Second Pam M. All in Favor/None Opposed
 - March 18th General Minutes: need to include Motion to approve the February Minutes Kristina B, Second: Louise P. All in Favor/None Opposed.A copy of the new minutes will be published on google drive, and a correction will be made in the Newsletter.
4. **Membership** – Valerie T.

All Board members present, with Louise P., Sandy N., and Vanessa D. in attendance.

A) Board proposed having a Traditional gift (such as a pendant) celebrating 25 years of active membership; further discussion of how to acknowledge those with inactive and active years.

B). Randa Flinn is a new prospective member

C) Clarification needed on Prospective member process regarding Introductions/Orientations

Motion: to approve Heather Knights membership immediately because of strong participation since September 2024. Pam F, Second, Linda I. ALL in favor/NONE opposed.
5. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.

A) Gore Grant Report is due soon and will be sent to the Board for review before submission.

B) Belmont Village (Valerie T) will hold a campaign on May 29th to benefit CAC from sales and in-kind gifts. Requests Belmont residents to participate in some activities, such as LSH Birthday party and Warehouse Layettes. Residents will be transported to activity and supervised. Photos of participation are needed to demonstrate how Belmont promotes community stewardship of its residents. At the gala, CAC will be responsible for manning an Info table. More to come.

C) W&M formed a small committee with Tara B and Pam M. Two possible options on the table wanting a green light to learn more details: a cookbook and September Social either at Jazz Club in Sunrise or Sands Harbor in Fort Lauderdale. Sands is offering free room, with discount on Food and Beverages.
6. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.

Checking: \$187,738.11
Schwab: \$269,446.76
Total: \$457,184.87

A) Credit card payment of \$4,824.51 was paid on April 2nd.

B) Marilyn Markus Fund totaling \$5,460 has been allocated to pay for Florida Children's Theatre Summer Camp Scholarships (3) and afterschool summer care (1) \$3,350; and to the Bisbau Family Housing needs, \$2,110.

MOTION: To approve the allocation of Marilyn Markus Funds, Linda I. Second: Kristina B. All in favor/ NONE opposed.

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7. **Welfare** – Kristina B.

March

Total Organizations: \$11,387.59

Total Gift Cards: \$2,480

Special Request – Nova Middle School (Sponsorship for one child to go to DC) \$1,800.00

Jessica June (\$500 donations to four children with cancer) \$2,000.00

Bennett Elementary (eyeglasses for two children) \$300.00

Total: \$4,100.00 (Remaining Special Fund \$5,911.18))

No Emergency Requests

No Individual Requests

Budget for Organizations 2025 – 2026

A) Budget was provided and discussed. A comprehensive review of each organizations needs was done by Welfare, including how well each organization is funded by other sources. Two new organizations applied: Light of the World Clinic (Vanessa D., Liaison) and Jack & Jill Center – however, after intensive review, Jack & Jill is well supported and was denied.

CAC now supports 26 organizations for next year.

MOTION – To approve the Budget for Organizations for next fiscal year 25-26 Pam M, Second: Barbara H. ALL in favor/NONE opposed. Motion Passes

8. **Corresponding Secretary** – Janice B.

A) A donation of \$50 covering two \$25 gift cards for Easter was received.

9. **Unfinished Business** -

Nominating Committee for 2025/2026 Board of Directors

President: Laura Balistreri-Ahmed

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Recording Secretary: Becky Ford

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Treasurer – Barbara Hume, Assisted by Jacalyn Murray

Membership – Valerie Taylor, Assisted by Janice Bloomfield

Ways & Means – Belinda McDonald

Welfare – Kristina Bryn

Parliamentarian – yet to be announced

A) Motion to vote in new board will be made at General Meeting

B) Friendly reminder that anyone assisting in a position does not guarantee placement in the position the following year.

C) Board thanks Linda Ianelli for her long 8 years' service on the Board.

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10. New Business –

A) Budgets requested for Socials and Sunshine activities.

B) Spring Social (Jeanne D) requests reduction for \$85 ticket price for Gulfstream Park. Proposed CAC to pay \$25 per ticket to reduce the cost to \$60 per ticket. This would come from the Administrative account. More discussion needed for budget allocation.

C) Food Drive Campaign – possible use of surplus – Each organization would provide 4 names of families that have food insecurities and CAC would issue Food Cards at a set amount or based on the size of that family. More discussion is needed

New Business Continued-

D) Newsletter will be on hiatus for the months of June, July and August.

E) Ann Powell Book Drive – members will bring books to the next meeting.

F) Gifts for outgoing Board members – more discussion is needed

G) CASF – Status is strong, they've received even more sponsorship than last year. All members need to bring their raffle items and silent item next week.

H) Brian's Bag will be collected at the May Meeting.

Adjournment: 11:30 am MOTION to Adjourn: Laura B. SECOND: Valerie T.

Minutes were taken by Recording Secretary Pamela Markus

DRAFT 4/8/25. Signature: *Pamela Markus.* (electronic signature)



The General Meeting at Powell Warehouse. Thank you to Monica Blackwood and Pam Markus for Hosting.

Children's Aid Club
General Meeting Minutes at Powell Warehouse
April 15, 2025



1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:33 am by President Laura B.
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
3. **MOTION** to Approve the March Minutes: Ghislaine M. Second Pam F ALL in Favor/NONE opposed. Motion carries
4. **Membership** – Valerie T.
All Board members present with Kristina B. virtually; about 17 members in attendance including Marsha T. and Kim P on Google Meet.
A) Michele Holzhauser (Jeanne D.) and Angie Graziano (Angie Bizzarro)
B). Membership recognizes the following members for 25 years active and inactive service: Ann Alper, Trudy Bieck, Debra Rowand, Carolina Courtney, and Louise Proffer. THANK YOU!
Motion: to ratify Heather Knight as our newest member. Pam M, Second, Sandy N. ALL in favor/NONE opposed. Motion carries
5. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.
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6. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.
Checking: \$180,770.83
Schwab: \$269,446.76
Total: \$450,217.59

A) Credit card payment of \$4,824.51 was paid on April 2nd.
B) Administrative Budget (Schwab interest, dues, & member donations) will be discussed for possible social expenditures.
C) Marilyn Markus Fund totaling \$5,460 has been allocated to pay for Florida Children's Theatre Summer Camp Scholarships (3) and afterschool summer care (1) \$3,350; and to the Bisbau Family Housing needs, \$2,110.
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MOTION – To approve the Budget for next fiscal year 25-26 Ghislaine M., Second: Linda I. ALL in favor/ NONE opposed. Motion carries

B) There are PRE-APPROVED items that need no permission or special request to purchase: diapers, wipes, incentive programs, uniforms, car seats, highchairs, shoes, clothes, and feminine products/hygiene items.

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MOTION to approve the new Board of Directors for 25-26 fiscal year. Valerie T. **SECOND:** Jeanne D. **ALL** in favor & **NONE** opposed. Motion carries.

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B) Friendly reminder that anyone assisting in a position does not guarantee placement in the position the following year.

C) CAC members thanks Linda Ianelli for her long 8 years service on the Board!

D) Easter Report: 97 families (4 Veterans), 170 adults, & 284 children. Total Spent for Easter: \$25,765.35 (included Walmart Food Cards & \$25 Target card per child.

10. New Business –

A) Thank you card for Kaki Powell being circulated and the sign-up for next year's meetings.

B) Spring Social (Jeanne D) requests interest at the Ice Rink at Holiday Park instead of Gulfstream (too expensive).

C) Cross Creek Elementary is having a Garden Tour today at 1:30 displaying the Gore Grant funds.

D) Newsletter will be on hiatus for the months of June, July and August.

E) Ann Powell Book Drive – members continue to bring new books to meetings.

H) Brian's Bag will be collected at the May Meeting.

NEXT Meeting: May 20th, at Jacalyn Murray's place of work: 1000 Corporate Drive. Hosting: Jacalyn M. and Linda I.

Adjournment: 11:12 am **MOTION** to Adjourn: Rena U. **SECOND:** Belinda M.

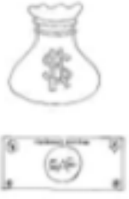
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DRAFT 4/17/25. Signature: *Pamela Markus*. (electronic signature)

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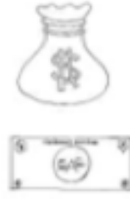
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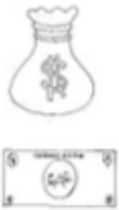
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Balance Sheet

As of April 13, 2025



	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	184,547.59
BOA Savings	0.00
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	265,865.59
Total Bank Accounts	\$450,413.18
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	175.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Other Accounts Receivable	0.00
Publix Food Cards	1,455.00
Target Food Cards	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	850.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$2,480.00
Total Current Assets	\$452,893.18
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-6,534.00
Total Leasehold Improvements	1,634.22
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,634.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$454,527.40
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	11,493.10
Total Credit Cards	\$11,493.10
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
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Total Liabilities	\$11,493.10
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	237,456.46
	TOTAL
Net Income	37,736.63
Total Equity	\$443,034.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$454,527.40



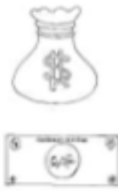
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Profit and Loss

August 2024 - March 2025



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	1,838.47
Donations	61,283.45
Memorial	4,335.00
Total Donations	65,618.45
Dues	4,500.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	17,568.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
All Heart	900.00
Bake Sale	2,091.20
Cruise Raffle	5,650.00
Donations	9,775.00
Gifts From the Heart	9,625.00
Live Auction	36,700.00
Raffle Basket	12,270.00
Reservations	24,900.00
Silent Auction	14,905.00
Underwriting	98,000.00
Total Taste 'n' Tell	214,816.20
Total Fundraising Income	232,384.20
Interest Inc	3,927.48
Misc. income	2,931.66
Unrestricted Grant Funds - Gore Family Foundation	21,335.00
Total Income	\$332,535.26
GROSS PROFIT	\$332,535.26
Expenses	
Bank Charge	17.00
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	6,813.39
Blessed Sacrament	4,515.82
BPHI	4,463.76
Broadview Elementary	3,812.55
Broward Health	3,705.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	6,946.50
Croissant Park Elementary	500.00
Cross Creek School	4,301.04
Cypress Elementary	5,321.30



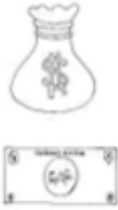
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	TOTAL
Donors Choose.org	7,025.36
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	6,000.00
God's Little Lambs	9,371.31
Henderson Behavioral Health	7,016.88
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	20,158.91
Easter	25,668.72
Thanksgiving	20,869.05
Total Holiday Baskets	66,696.68
Hope Women's Center	3,748.72
Individuals	
Bisbau Family	3,373.99
Curzio/Peoples Family	888.48
Ford Family	895.85
Germain Family	436.33
Gonzalez (PACE)	470.91
Joseph Family	400.00
Lawson Family	53.72
McCarthy Family	500.00
Morales Family	1,316.70
Richardson Family	355.62
Rolle Family	1,399.29
Varitzas/Roussos	3,601.00
Total Individuals	13,691.89
JJCF	7,976.00
Mary Ann's Closet	3,708.38
Memorial Donation	3,350.00
Northside Elementary	7,247.44
Nova Middle School	1,800.00
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	2,304.45
PACE	7,955.78
Pompano Beach Middle School	1,990.00
Seagull Alternative School	4,379.12
The Little Schoolhouse	8,106.75
Tomorrow's Rainbow	16,000.00
Whispering Pines School	5,658.27
Total Charity	241,906.39
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	3,109.00
Total Contract Services	3,109.00



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Profit and Loss
August 2024 - March 2025



	TOTAL
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Bake Sale	149.01
Decorations	705.80
Live Auction	14,650.00
Main Course and Food expense	24,258.68
Miscellaneous	861.82
PayPal fees	1,353.90
Postage	6.12
Printing	966.00
Program	1,175.00
Sound System	995.00
Total Taste & Tell	45,121.33
Total Fundraising Expenses	45,121.33
Misc	2,014.24
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	344.00
Total Operations	344.00
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	508.03
Total Other Types of Expenses	508.03
Post Office Box	232.00
Postage	43.80
Socials	667.37
Sunshine	425.00
Warehouse Expenses	372.19
WebsiteURL fees	38.28
Total Expenses	\$294,798.63
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$37,736.63
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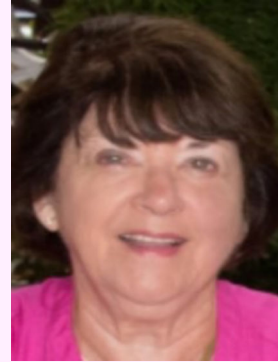
CAC 2025-2026 Board of Directors



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Valerie Taylor**



**Corresponding Secretary
& Assistant Membership
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WELFARE REPORT for April's Board & General Meeting.
Reporting Period - March - 3/1/2025 to 3/31/2025

Organizations:

Bennett Elementary	\$ 152.24
BPHI	\$ 244.49
CDTC	\$1,063.33
God's Little Lambs	\$2,359.11
Henderson Behavioral health	\$1,101.08
Hope Women's Center	\$ 944.98
Mary Ann's Closet	\$2,361.90
Pace Center for Girls	\$1,159.63
Seagull Alternative School	\$ 625.00
The Little Schoolhouse	\$1,375.83
Total:	\$11,387.59

Gift Cards on hand at 3/31/2025

Publix Cards:	
150 - \$10 Cards at \$9.70 ea.	\$1,455.00
Walmart Cards:	
17 - \$50 each	\$850.00
Aldi Cards:	
7 - \$25 each	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
TOTAL CARDS:	\$2,480.00
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Speical Request:

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Total:	\$ 4,100.00

On Wednesday, April 16th, Sandy and Rebecca had the great blessing of extra helpers at the warehouse! Belmont Village's residents, Marjorie, Kay and Barbara, along with their trusting sidekick Vivian Fernandez, clipped tags off of new onesies and sleep 'n plays; prepared layette bags with appropriate stickers, and chatted away like CAC pros.



Happy Easter - April 2025



Thanks to Sandy, Rebecca, Candy, and Carole! Great Job!



Rebecca Solomon



Cypress Elementary

Easter Bunny



Tomorrow's Rainbow



Valerie Taylor



Gail Jennings



It was an EGG-TRA special Easter with Kitty Vagi helping, along with other Belmont Residents. Thank you to all who helped at God's Little Lambs this Easter! The children even had new toys to play with. The Easter Egg Hunt and hugs with the Easter Bunny made the day so much fun! Thanks CAC!

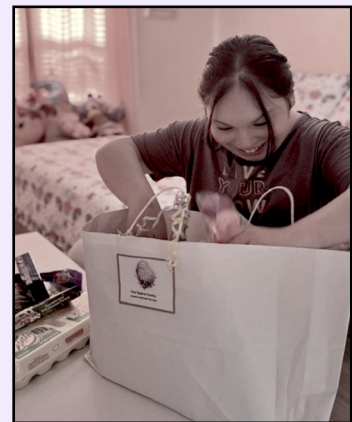


Little Schoolhouse celebrated Easter with some Belmont Residents joining in the fun. Thanks to Linda Ianelli and Fran English for their extraordinary care and hard work as liaisons. The LOVE was palpable!





Equine-Assisted Therapies of SF want to thank CAC for all the EGGCELLENT Easter Baskets!



Gratitude Corner

From Ghislaine Martin:

Thank you Sue Black for your help with the menu committee for TNT. You made the contact with the Yacht Club possible. Sincere thanks to Linda Ianelli. I can always count on you for any questions regarding forms, directives, and more. You make our job so much easier, especially for members like me who aren't as computer savvy.

Thank you to Janice for serving as my co-liaison at God's Little Lambs. Your support and reliability make my role so much easier, and I am truly grateful.

Thank you



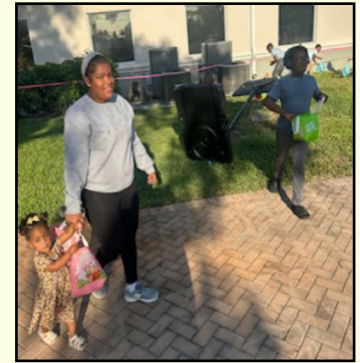
From Valerie Taylor:

The Taylor Family greatly appreciates your heartfelt words of sympathy in texts, cards, calls, donations and visits all the way down to Miami!!! Your show of support for me and Kevin was truly touching. Thank you ALL. As a family, we would like to propose to the Board using donated funds for children books focusing on animals as Don was, and his brother and niece are veterinarians.

From Pam Markus:

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to my friend, Heather Knight, who jumped in with both feet and all her heart! Your help with the Holiday Baskets, the video project, and so much more has been truly invaluable. Congratulations on becoming an official CAC member — we are so lucky to have you!

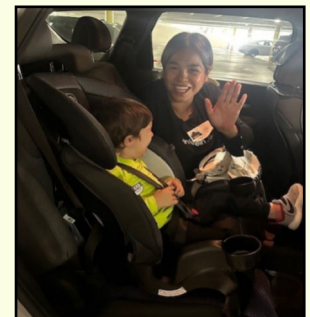
PACE Center for Girls had their annual Spring Fling EGG-Stravaganza last week where so many families came out to enjoy an egg hunt, dinner, games and Prizes !



PACE Center for Girls restocked their pantry with everything the 90 girls needed over Spring Break! Food, hygiene supplies and Easter candy.



CDTC thanks CAC for the Car seat and the Easter Baskets!



CAC Bulletin Board

REMINDER TO ORGANIZATIONS!
FUNDING AWARD NOTIFICATIONS
FOR 25/26 BUDGET WERE SENT
OUT THIS MONTH. MAKE SURE TO
DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR ORG'S
CONTACT.



Liaisons: PRE-APPROVED ITEMS

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Incentive Programs
- Uniforms
- Car seats
- Highchairs
- Shoes
- Clothes
- Feminine Products / hygiene items



We had two visitors at our General Meeting,
Michele Holzhauser (Jeanne Dixon, Sponsor)
and
Angie Graziano (Angie Bizzarro, Sponsor)

Welcome Ladies!



Don't Forget to bring to next meeting.....

Please help us continue Brian's legacy!
We need food for families, especially children:
Pull-tab cans are preferred

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| Peanut Butter | SpaghettiOs |
| Jelly | Spaghetti |
| Lunchables | Spaghetti sauce |
| Cereal | |
| Hunt's individual puddings and fruit | |

Summer Birthdays

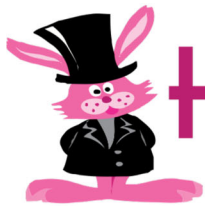
If anyone would like to organize a
lunch date to celebrate the summer
birthdays, please feel free to do so.
Pam M. would be happy to send
out an announcement. Perhaps
sometime in July?



PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

This is a happy
picture of the
Varitzas/Roussos
Family. CAC is
presently helping
by covering child-
care costs and
summer camp for
Kate and Julie.
Happy Faces!

In this May Issue, all the Summer Birthdays are noted and celebrated as the Club takes a much deserved Summer break. Congratulations to all, and hopefully, someone will throw a Summer Birthday Party.



Happy Birthday

May Birthdays



Pat DeSanctis
5/1



Sue Miller
5/2



Mary Ellen
Metwalli
5/4



Valerie Taylor
5/18



Andra Webb
5/21



Polly O'Neill
5/28



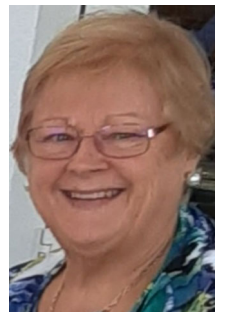
Jenny Boyenga
5/29



June Birthdays



Kathy Mitchell
6/4



Ghislaine Martin
6/5



Marsha
Tessler
6/17



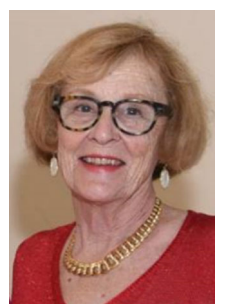
Becky Ford
6/21



Vanessa
Diaz-Font
6/22



Rebecca
Solomon
6/29



Sharon Glavey
6/29

Happy Birthday

July Birthdays



Fran English
7/6



Allison
LaRocca
7/6



Kimberly Pietro
7/11



Debra Rowand
7/22



Laura Balistreri-
Ahmed
7/25



Janice
Bloomfield
7/23

August Birthdays



Belinda MacDonald
8/15



Carole Falkanger
8/16



Rena Udell
8/31



Tara
Bakatselos
8/30



Monica
Blackwood
8/29

MAY Calendar 2025

Children's Aid Club

Thursday, May 1st

Feldman's Toy 'Drive' 9:30am

CAC will pick up Toys collected by our Holiday Angel, Mrs. Feldman and deliver to the warehouse where they will be counted and sorted.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Feldman!

Friday, May 9th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)

Birthday Party 10 am

Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

AND

Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI)

Mother's Day Boutique & Birthday Party 6:30 - 8:30pm

Contact: Valerie Taylor & Vanessa Diaz-Font

HELPERS NEEDED

Monday, May 5th



CASF Golf Charity Classic 2025

Monday, May 5th!

The Club at Weston Hills

2600 Country Club Way, Weston FL

Contact: Gina Bono-Jenkins

Tuesday, May 13th

Board Mtg Via Google Meet at 9:30am

Link will be emailed the night before.

Tuesday, May 20th

General Meeting: 9:30 am

(Jacalyn Murray's workplace)

HUB International at 1000 Corporate Dr.

Suite 600 (6th FL). Ft. Laud., 33334

Wednesday, May 7th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)

Mother's Day Jewelry Boutique &

Birthday Party 2:15 pm

Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

AND

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)

Mother's Day Jewelry Boutique 10 am

Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

Thursday, May 29th

Belmont Village of Fort Lauderdale

Belmont Gala & Fashion Show

Thursday, May 29th 3- 5pm

1031 Seminole Dr, Fort Lauderdale FL

3-5pm 12th Floor

HELPERS NEEDED! (Contact: Valerie Taylor)



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the newsletter this year! I am deeply grateful to all who took the time to read it and share your feedback with me. A very special thank you to Barbara Hume, Julie Newton, and Laura Balistreri for diligently proofreading every issue. Creating a newsletter isn't an easy task but can be incredibly rewarding *if* the newsletter is both useful and enjoyable for its readers.

— Pamela Markus

Editor

Have a Wonderful Summer

See you in September