



CAC Newsletter

November 2024

Message from our President

A Season of Gratitude and Giving

In November, we focus on gratitude, uplifting each other, and the simple act of giving. Let us make space to listen with empathy, learn with curiosity, and be kind to each other.

It is with great excitement that I look forward to all of the activities we have coming up this month. We are officially kicking off our holiday season of giving as we start to prepare our Thanksgiving baskets, match our families with sponsors for the Holiday Appeal, and wrap gifts for Back to Basics. This year, a special thanks goes to Mrs. Feldman, who generously purchased an astounding 695 toys for our Holiday Appeal, totaling \$6,246!

We have great opportunities ahead of us to raise funds and bring smiles to the children and families in our community. Highlights include sending out press releases, helping Equine-Assisted Therapies at their Horseshoe Hoedown, participating in a bake sale at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, and preparing raffle, decor, auction and menu items, program, and so much more for our 70th Platinum Jubilee Taste 'N Tell!

During the holiday season, it's especially important to express gratitude for our blessings while acknowledging the unique challenges faced by those in need. As we give thanks for what we have, let's remember those who may be experiencing adversity.

Let gratitude inspire us to be agents of positive change, helping to address disparities not only during the holidays but throughout the year. I look forward to serving with you this holiday season.

Thank you,

Laura A. Balistreri



Meeting Dates & Times:

Board Mtg Via Zoom

Nov. 5th, 2024 at 9:30am

Link will be emailed
the night before.

General Meeting:

Nov. 12th at 9:30am

Tomorrow's Rainbow

4341 NW 39th Ave
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Hosting:

Ghislaine Martin

Jenny Boyenga

Remember to contact
Valerie if you cannot attend.

*Please Note that the meetings are
a week earlier than typical in the
months of November and
December!



Vice President's Corner



Devotional (Board mtg.)

Wonder and We
You are you, and I am me-
and together we make a wonderful
"WE"
And though I'm not perfect, and
neither are you
Together there is nothing we can't do!
Dr. Suess



Devotional (Gen. Mtg.)

Too often, we underestimate the power of a touch, or a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around!

Leo Buscaglia



Together, We Make a Difference

November Happenings: A Season of Giving and Gratitude!

As we enter November, we are busier than ever, but with excitement in the air! This is the season where CAC truly shines as we come together for our various initiatives. Let's dive into the wonderful events we have lined up.

Equine Assisted Therapies Annual Horseshow Hoedown

On November 2nd, CAC will be participating in the Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida's Annual Horseshoe Hoedown! Our dedicated members, including Jacalyn Murray, Gail Jennings, Fran English, Tara Bakatselas, prospective member Heather Knight, as well as myself, will be volunteering to support this wonderful cause. Thank you to all who are helping, and we are excited for a fun-filled evening supporting equine therapy programs.

Bake Sale at Lauderdale Yacht Club – Mix and Mingle Event

Date: November 22, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

CAC is thrilled to once again host a bake sale at the LYC's Jingle, Mingle & Shop Event. Last year's sale was a resounding success, and we are grateful for the opportunity to return! We need our amazing members to contribute baked goods and staff the table during the event. Let's wrap the goodies in festive packaging to help our supporters get ready for Thanksgiving. Please sign up for this fun event and bring your baked goods to the LYC by 9:00 AM on November 22.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Mrs. Irene Feldman

A special thank you to our dear friend, Mrs. Irene Feldman, for her

incredible donation to our Powell Warehouse. Thanks to her generosity, our shelves are packed with arts and crafts supplies, books, dolls, toys, and more! We are now well-stocked for our Christmas family adoption program. Huge



thanks to Barb Hume, Pamela Markus, Tara Bakatselas, Fran English, Heather Knight, and Ghislaine Martin for helping load and transport the donations. Once at the warehouse, Sandy Noonan, Candy Moore, and Carole Falkanger joined in to organize everything perfectly. The teamwork was amazing, and the families we adopt will be overjoyed!

Feel free to send a thank you to Mrs. Irene Feldman at 4132 Carambola Circle South, #201, Coconut Creek, FL 33066-2452.



The Little Schoolhouse
Five Happy Birthday children,
blowing out their candles!



TNT Luncheon Preparations: 70 Years of CAC!

Preparations for our 70th Anniversary TNT Luncheon are in full swing! The invitations are on the way, and we've sent out Underwriting Packages to businesses and supporters. If you need a package to share with your connections, reach out to me at caclindaianelli@gmail.com, and we'll get one to you. The Luncheon will be a wonderful celebration of CAC's legacy, and we need all hands on deck! Sue Black will distribute the sign-up sheet at our November 12 meeting for set up work detail, so please think about where you would like to help out. Whether it's setup, decorating, or assisting on the day of the event, we're excited to celebrate together and make this luncheon one to remember.

Let's Roll Up Our Sleeves!

November is going to be busy, but it's also a time for us to come together and show the heart of CAC. Thank you to every member for your continued dedication. Let's make this season of giving our best yet!



Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on November 12 at Tomorrow's Rainbow!

4341 NW 39th Ave Coconut Creek, FL 33073 (Located west of the Turpike, East of Lyons Rod; between Wiles Road and Sample Blvd).

Best Regards, Linda Ianelli

November Spotlight



The Spotlight pages share important information about what is going on this month.

Supporting Our Schools: A Bright Future Through Donors Choose

As the liaison to DonorsChoose since June, I've had the incredible opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our local schools. With a yearly budget of \$7,000, I'm dedicated to helping teachers secure essential resources for their classrooms. DonorsChoose is a unique fundraising platform where educators can post projects, request supplies, or share wish lists—giving us a direct way to support their needs.

My approach begins with a focus on Broward schools serving a large population of low-income families. I prioritize programs that significantly enhance students' health, education, and overall welfare. With Donor's Choose, we can support students of all ages, from K-12, with a variety of initiatives. We assist with ESOL and language programs, hygiene and nutrition education for middle schoolers, and resources that build self-esteem among students.

One of the fantastic features of DonorsChoose is its interactive notification system. I receive alerts when projects that match my search criteria become available. For instance, I recently learned about a book drive that was eligible for dollar-for-dollar matching from another donor. This means that our contribution could double the number of books available for elementary school libraries—what a wonderful way to maximize our impact!

This year, CAC proudly funded three different classroom projects, thanks in part to matching contributions from the Sonic Foundation and an anonymous supporter. Schools like Cypress Elementary, Westwood Heights Elementary, New River Middle School, Sunrise Middle School, and Coral Glades High School have all benefited from our efforts.

The response from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive. Each time we fund a project, I receive heartfelt thank-you messages expressing their gratitude and enthusiasm. In total, our generosity has impacted 16 classrooms and benefited 1,484 students.

Together, we are creating brighter futures, one classroom at a time!



Sue Black

Holiday Deadlines and Timelines

Tuesday November 12th - Carole Falkanger will send out the list of sponsor/family pairings to each liaison.

Friday November 15th – all liaisons should have contacted the sponsor with their family name and the family form wish list. If done on this date it will give sponsors 3 full weeks to return gifts to you.

Friday December 6th – all sponsors should have their family gifts returned to their the liaison. You may want to give them an earlier date to make sure you get them by the 6th. Arrange for pick up or delivery.

Warehouse shopping days: **All Days from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM**

Thursday November 21 – Sandy

Friday November 22 - Louise

Monday November 25 - Sandy

Tuesday November 26 – Louise

Monday December 2 – Sandy

Tuesday December 3 – Louise

We will need wrappers on the above dates so **please sign up with Sandy** if you are available those days and times.

Please let Sandy know the day and time you'd like to shop to avoid too many members being at the warehouse at the same time.

For the members that hold keys to the warehouse you may shop on any of the above dates but not until after 1:00 pm. Any other days (weekends included) you may show up at any time but *please remember to sign up with Sandy to let her know which day you will be shopping*. If you will need wrappers you will need to ask members to help you wrap on the day you are going to the warehouse.

Gift cards should be ready by the shopping days and will be given to liaisons at that time. All gift cards not picked up on the shopping days will be distributed at the general meeting on **December 10th**.

Thank you, Sandy and Louise



Ladies - Get Ready to Grab Your Aprons & Baking Supplies.

Childrens Aid Club has been invited to participate once again in the Lauderdale Yacht Club shopping event **Jingle, Mingle & Shop** with a bake sale on **Friday, November 22**. We will need bake good items, cashiers, and help throughout the day. This is an all day event - set up will probably begin around 9:00 AM and clean up should be completed by 4:00. I will confirm this information as I receive it from LYC. The timing of this event could benefit us greatly. Thanksgiving is the following week and I believe people will purchase items for the holiday so please keep that in mind when selecting your recipes.

Please email me at cacsueb@gmail.com and let me know if you would be willing to bake (& possibly what you would be bringing)



Children's Aid Club Celebrates 70 Years of Service

Sample Press Release



About Children's Aid Club:
Founded in 1955, the Children's Aid Club, non-profit 501(c)3, is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of underprivileged children in Broward County, FL. Through collaboration with local organizations and direct support to families in need, CAC is committed to ensuring that every child has access to essential resources .



Broward County, FL – 1955-2025

The Children's Aid Club (CAC) is excited to announce its 70th anniversary, a significant milestone that highlights decades of dedication to improving the lives of underprivileged children in Broward County, Florida. To commemorate this achievement, CAC is launching a fundraiser with the goal of raising \$70,000 to continue its mission of supporting families in need.

Founded in 1955 by a group of 12 compassionate women, CAC is an all-volunteer organization that has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of children in crisis over the past year alone. "As we celebrate 70 years of service, we are reminded of the countless children and families we've helped," said Laura Balistreri, President of CAC. "We invite the community to join us in this important effort to raise funds that will directly benefit children in need."



CAC provides crucial support to families facing financial hardships including distributing food gift cards, rent assistance, and assembling holiday baskets filled with food, books, clothes, and toys for deserving children. To honor this significant milestone, CAC will host its 70th Platinum Jubilee during the annual

Valentine's Taste 'N Tell Luncheon on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. This year's event will feature a delicious lunch, a silent auction, raffle baskets filled with treasures, and a bake sale showcasing homemade goodies crafted by CAC members. "We had to hire an accountant, but after that, every dollar is reinvested directly to benefit the children in need within our community," says Barbara Hume, Lifetime Member and Treasurer.

To contribute to this vital cause, or find out how to get involved, please scan the QR code or visit www.Childrensaidclub.org.

Join us in making a difference and celebrating 70 years of compassionate service to the children of Broward County!





Dedicating Our Hearts
to Children
1955-2025



"70"

Years



SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 10TH & 11TH, 2025!!

CAC MEMBERS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a date for our 2025 Taste 'N' Tell luncheon. It will once again take place at Lauderdale Yacht Club on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 with our setup day on Monday, February 10. We are already working on the many duties that make this event run smoothly and need your assistance. There are a variety of jobs that need covering on the day of our event, and we are putting together our work assignment schedule. We would like to assign you to a job that you would enjoy, but there is NO GUARANTEE we will be able to accommodate all requests. We will NOT take requests to work with another member. Areas needing assistance are: carry items outside, raffle, raffle runners, delivery of cards to basket winners, safety spotters at steps, door openers, silent auction, live auction spotters, ballroom greeters & table guidance, appetizer tables, bake sale, delivery of baskets to guests' cars, get items from warehouse, return items to warehouse.

Please let us know if you have physical restrictions such as you can't stand long or carry heavy/big items.

Email your responses by November 8 to cacsueb@gmail.com. Thank you.



Thanks to Vanessa D. for her inspirational painting!

The Stylin' Team is hard a work!

Stylin' Team Report
Louise & Sue

The LYC chef is finalizing the menu and pricing. We hope to have the figures by the board meeting.

Sue and I are coordinating with both Jenny and Vanessa about decorations. We had a meeting at LYC on October 24. Floors plans were drawn up and we will be reviewing, discussing and making final decisions soon.

Pam M. is working on the video presentation. Dave has been hired to do the audio and visual again this year for the same price as last year.

Rebecca has our date for the after TNT party – March 6th. Place to be announced soon.

Work assignments day of event: make sure you let Sue know asap of any restrictions you may have.

THANKS EVERYONE!



Children’s Aid Club

Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

October 8, 2024

1. President’s Call to Order: 9:33 am by Laura B.
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
3. **Approve Minutes** - Correction to September minutes: To remove the line 9b “awaiting reimbursement.”
 “ MOTION to Approve Monthly Minutes for September with corrections: Barbara H. SECOND: Linda I.
 ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
4. **Membership** – Valerie T.
 Board members Present on Zoom: Laura B., Linda I., Barb H., Pam M., Valerie T., Janice B., Belinda M., Kristina B., and members: Louise P., Julie N., and Sandy N. Absent: Pam F.
 A) We have 30 Active members, 24 Auxiliary, 5 Lifetime and 2 Honorary members.
 “ MOTION to approve Tara Bakastelos and Jacalyn Murry as new members: Valerie T. SECOND: Linda I.
 A) Membership Log has been put on the Google Drive.
 “ MOTION to approve all members to view (view only) the membership log: Valerie T. SECOND: Pam M.
5. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.
 A) Kendra Scott’s give back program was \$377.25
 B) Awaiting responses from requesting grants/gift cards (18 total) from Walmart(12) and Aldi (6) with a value up to \$500 each card.
 C) McMahon Mix and Mingle has put us on the 2025 schedule for holding a fundraiser at their home. The date is TBA.
 D) Proposed with Pam M. creating a fundraiser to advertise in upcoming Press Releases, such as 70k for 70 years or similar. This would give urgency and a ‘hook’ to our PR agenda.
6. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.

Checking	\$42,344.96
Savings	114,029.02
<u>Schwab</u>	<u>213,771.90</u>
Total	\$370,145.88

 A) Credit card payment of \$3,189.37 paid on October 3rd.
 B) There was a request made for clarification on what items may be purchased with the Gore Family Memorial Foundation Trust. Perhaps creating a list of approved items to help schools decide.

7. **Welfare** – Kristina B.

September

Total Organizations: \$10,098.85

Total Special Request: \$0

Total Gift Cards: \$11,408.50

- A) Germain Family – Cross Creek – Louise P. Approved to pay Past Due FPL Bill of \$436.33.
- B) Patricia Laurent Family – JAFCO – Louise P. Unsustainable - Denied
- C) Lisa Morales Family: JAFCO – Louise P. Approved past due bills and 1 month rent, totaling \$1,316.70
- D) Anita Jones Family – Cross Creek – Louise P. -Gave false info on Application - Denied
- E) Stefani Johnson Family – Hope Women’s Center – Kristina & Linda I.– Doesn’t fit criteria – no past due bills – Denied

Welfare Continue_

- F) Veda Graham - JAFCO –Louise P. – Didn’t complete the Application – Denied.
- G) Candie Ford Family – Marsha Tessler (Safe Harbor) – Ms. Ford was helped previous (\$895.85) – denied.
“ MOTION to approve requests for Germain and Morales families: Barbara H. SECOND: Linda I. ALL in Favor/
NONE opposed

H) The Welfare Committee will provide JAFCO with clarification on CAC guidelines for funding. It seems not all JAFCO staff understand our application and requirements.

I) Welfare Committee requests all members who bring applications to fund individuals to work with the organization contact to vet the applicant and to review the application. It requires much more attention and effort on the member before sending it to Welfare.

J) Organization Request – Henderson - Monica. Requests \$2,500 for 100 Walmart gift cards valued \$25 each, for Teens/ Youths for Christmas. Each Teen would receive one gift card.

“ MOTION to approve Henderson’s request: Linda I. SECOND: Pam M. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed.

K) Organization Request – Blessed Sacrament – Pam F. Requests \$150 for 30 Basket/Foot/Soccer Balls.

“ MOTION to approve Blessed Sacrament: Linda I. SECOND: Barbara H. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed.

8. Corresponding Secretary – Janice Bloomfield

A) Thank you to Kendra Scott and Plantation Garden Club for \$92 in jewelry.

9. Unfinished Business -

A) Valerie T - Held a successful Liaison/Sponsor meeting and suggest having another Roundtable meeting in the end of the year.

B) Linda I – Organization Tracking Spreadsheet will be available for all members (view only). Linda I and Pam M. will be inputting the data.

C) Retention & Destruction policy update/amendment: all check requests & invoices must be retained for 7 years. All liaisons are required to keep accurate records of all Check Requests with receipts.

D) Laura B. request every liaison to send her a description of the organization and what CAC provides them. Vanessa D. created a list in 2023 that may provide a good foundation.

E) **TNT – Architect** – Valerie T.– Success Zoom meeting with TNT chairs – Continued working on verifying Invitation List. Becky is working on Invitation & Save the Date will be emailed to all members to send to their invitees.

– Proposed to reduce the number of complimentary tickets Underwriter/Sponsors receive for their donation. Proposed: \$10,000 – 5 comp tickets; \$5,000 for 3 comp tickets; \$2,500 for 2 comp tickets.

“ MOTION to approve the adjusted number of tickets with donation: Barbara Hume SECOND: Linda I. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed

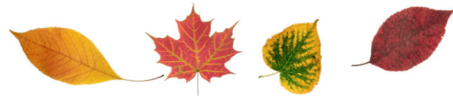
F) **TNT – Stylin’ Team** – Louise P. –Menu team will meet again with Elaine and Chef on Oct 24th. Macarons in a box will be the ‘take home’ gift. Vanessa D. is working on the photo op areas. Jenny B. is finishing the table centerpiece displays.

G) **TNT - Holiday Appeal Letters** – Janice B & Valerie T – Received 14/15 responses to adopt a family; 21 donations totaling \$3,520. The deadline for all responses is Oct 19th.

10. New Business –

- A) Lauderdale Yacht Club’s Mingle and Jingle Event requests CAC to participate again in their Bake Sale on Nov. 22nd We need members to bake goodies, and several members to staff the sale from 9:30 – 3pm (may be split into two shifts).
- B) SAVE THE DATE! CASF will hold their Spring Golf Tournament on Monday, April 21st, 2025 at The Club at Weston Hills in Weston, FL. Jacaranda Golf Course is under renovation.
- C) Teri Ingalls’ son George passed away from an ongoing illness
- D) Because of the Hurricane, Back to Basics was cancelled on Thursday, Oct 10th.
- E) Tuesday’s General Meeting at BPHI Central Campus – recommends carpool
- F) The underwriting ‘Ask’ letters will be available at the general meeting
- G) Sue Black will have Sign up sheets for TNT at the general meeting.

11. Adjournment: 11:22 am MOTION to Adjourn: Barbara Hume. SECOND: Pamela Markus



Children’s Aid Club General Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024 at BPHI Central Campus



- 1. **President’s Call to Order:** 9:32 am by Laura B.
- 2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
- 3. **Approval of the Minutes** - MOTION to Approve the September Minutes: Valerie T.
SECOND: Pam F. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
- 4. **Membership** – Valerie T.

Attendance 21 members including 7 Board members Belinda M. absent

- A) Welcome and congratulate our new members Tara and Jacalyn!
 “ MOTION to approve Tara Bakastelos and Jacalyn Murry as new members: Valerie T. SECOND: Laura B.
 ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
- A) Membership Log has been put on the Google Drive and all members are welcome to view.
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Total	\$369,631.15

- A) Credit card payment of \$3,189.37 paid on October 3rd.
- B) Please submit credit card forms within 7 days of purchase.

7. **Corresponding Secretary** – Janice Bloomfield
 A) Thank you to Kendra Scott for \$377.25 (check received)

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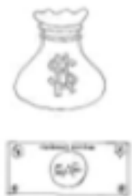
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- D) Special Request – Blessed Sacrament – Pam F. Approved \$150 for 30 Sports balls.
“ MOTION to approve Blessed Sacrament: Linda I. SECOND: Barbara H. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed.
- C) Welfare Committee requests all members who submit Individual applications to spend more time and attention to details before sending it to Welfare; perhaps, work more carefully with liaison contact to fully vet the applicant as much as possible.
- D) Gore Grant – A letter has been sent to the liaisons of school/partnerships detailing all the conditions for applying to receive \$3,500. Deadline is Nov. 8th.
“ MOTION to approve matching the Gore Foundation award of \$21,335. Ghislaine M. SECOND: Barbara H. ALL in Favor/
NONE opposed.
- 9. Unfinished Business -**
- A) Linda I. – Organization Tracking Spreadsheet will be available for all members. Sent a follow-up email to Liaison/Sponsors with a request for all members who provide only food cards to fill the appropriate Tracking Form on the Google Drive.
- Retention and Destruction Policy detailing the requirements for keeping all check requests and or credit card charges, receipts and/or invoices must be retained for 7 years. The policy will soon be updated on the website.
 - Invitation Verification has a new deadline of Oct 28th. Please review your list and let Linda know asap.
- B) Laura B. requests every liaison to send her a description of the organization and what CAC provides them. Two or three sentences please.
- C) TNT – **Architect** – Valerie T. Board approved to reduce the number of complimentary tickets Underwriter/Sponsors receive for their donation. Proposed: \$10,000 – 5 comp tickets; \$5,000 for 3 comp tickets; \$2,500 for 2 comp tickets.
“ MOTION to approve the adjusted number of tickets with donation: Carol Helms SECOND: Jeanne Dixon ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
- D) TNT – **Stylin’ Team** – Louise P. – Menu team will meet again with Elaine and Chef on Oct 24th. Vanessa D. is working on the photo op areas. Jenny B. is finishing the table centerpiece displays. Pam M. filmed the origin story yesterday with the help of Jeanne Dixon, Ghislaine Martin, Barbara Hume, Valerie Taylor and Rena Udell.
- E) TNT - **Holiday Appeal Letters** – Janice B & Valerie T – Received 16 responses to adopt a family; 21 donations totaling \$4,320. The deadline for all responses is Oct 19th.

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- C) Back to Basics is carpooling on Thursday, Oct 17th and Oct 21st. Contact Pam M. for info.
- D) Mrs. Feldman’s Toy ‘drive’ will be tomorrow, pick up toys and drop off to the Warehouse.
- G) PLEASE see Sue Black and sign up for interested set-up TNT assignments.
- H) Pam M. received positive feedback from members to create a fundraiser to advertise in upcoming Press Releases. “70k for 70 years” or similar. This would give urgency and possibly double our exposure.



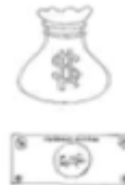
11. Adjournment: 10: 55 am MOTION to Adjourn: Barbara H. SECOND: Becky F.



Children's Aid Club

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2024



	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	43,456.63
BOA Savings	114,029.02
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	211,951.81
Total Bank Accounts	\$369,437.46
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	300.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Other Accounts Receivable	8,095.66
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	\$19,579.16
Total Current Assets	\$389,016.62
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
Total Fixed Assets	\$8,168.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$397,184.84
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	8,695.28
Total Credit Cards	\$8,695.28
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	21,335.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$21,335.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$30,030.28
Total Liabilities	\$30,030.28
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	243,990.46
Net Income	-44,677.11
Total Equity	\$367,154.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$397,184.84



Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss

August - September, 2024



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	454.24
Donations	2,915.05
Memorial	2,950.00
Total Donations	5,865.05
Dues	3,875.00
Interest Inc	7.60
Misc. income	85.00
Total Income	\$10,286.89
GROSS PROFIT	\$10,286.89
Expenses	
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	396.30
Blessed Sacrament	1,455.00
BPHI	63.88
Broward Health	1,212.50
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	2,176.27
Cross Creek School	200.00
Cypress Elementary	742.04
Donors Choose.org	6,287.40
God's Little Lambs	2,020.84
Henderson Behavioral Health	1,352.62
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	93.00
Total Holiday Baskets	93.00
Hope Women's Center	790.88
Individuals	
Bisbau Family	2,760.00
Ford Family	895.85
Germain Family	436.33
Joseph Family	400.00
Lawson Family	53.72
McCarthy Family	500.00
Morales Family	1,316.70
Richardson Family	355.62
Total Individuals	6,718.22
JJCF	2,000.00
Northside Elementary	2,660.14
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	1,200.00
PACE	1,253.41
Pompano Beach Middle School	1,990.00



Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss

August - September, 2024



	TOTAL
Seagull Alternative School	300.00
The Little Schoolhouse	3,441.72
Total Charity	53,854.22
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	700.00
Total Contract Services	700.00
Misc	2.58
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	65.00
Total Operations	65.00
Postage	29.20
Sunshine	70.00
Warehouse Expenses	243.00
Total Expenses	\$54,964.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -44,677.11
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It's Halloween!

BPHI celebrates in costumes with help from CAC purchasing cakes, decorations and creative arts. It's a PARTY!!! Thanks Valerie T. and Vanessa D. for caring so much!!



WELFARE REPORT for October's Board & General Meeting. 9/1/2024 to 9/30/2024

Organizations:		Gift Cards on hand at 9/30/2024:	
Bennett Elementary	\$ 667.68	Publix Cards:	
BPHI	\$ 49.98	450 - \$10 Cards at \$9.70 ea.	\$ 500.00
CDTC	\$1,892.18	106 - \$50 cards at \$48.50 ea.	\$1,018.50
Cross Creek School	\$ 200.00	Walmart Cards:	
Cypress Elementary	\$ 881.24	50 @ \$10 each	\$ 500.00
Donor's Choose	\$1,468.84	106 - \$50 each	\$ 5,300.00
Hope Women's Center	\$ 553.90	Aldi Cards:	
Northside Elementary.	\$ 891.34	9 - \$25 each	\$ 225.00
Pace Center for Girls	\$ 980.00	TOTAL CARDS:	\$11,408.50
Pompano Beach Middle	\$1,990.00		
The Little Schoolhouse	<u>\$ 523.79</u>		
Total:	\$10,098.95		

Individuals

W. Germain Family: Cross Creek - Louise P. Liaison

This single mom of four children fell behind in her FPL bill (436.33). The bill stated if she did not pay by 9/25 electricity would be remotely shut off. She works at Whole Foods as a cashier about 20 to 30 hours per week. She had to take time off from work due to an investigation where her daughter was molested by a daycare worker. This caused a lot of stress and time off from work. Additionally, her youngest child is in the hospital this week (9/23). Youngest child's father pays the household rent but moved out due to possible domestic violence. On 9/23 welfare committee approved paying this emergency request for the past due electric bill of \$436.33. **Total \$436.33**

Lisa Morales Family - JAFCO - Louise P. Liaison (Nicole Richardson reached out to CAC for help to assist this family.)

Lisa Morales is a single mom living with her two children and her mother, (Alice Medina). The father is not present in the children's lives nor does he support them. They made the move to Florida (with the help of Women In Distress) due to domestic violence. Her mother is not currently working but is taking care of the children. Lisa works out of her home but became sick with a severe infection, was hospitalized and unable to work. In the meantime with no income coming in, she fell behind in her bills including her internet bill which is her lifeline for work and her FPL bill. Her car was repossessed and her car insurance canceled. Welfare Committee felt by paying her FPL and her internet bill she would be able to get back to work immediately and start being self-sufficient. Welfare recommended to pay her past due FPL bill of \$464.81, internet bill (2 months past due + 1 month) \$196.89 and 1 month rent \$655.00. Board approved 9/17.

Total \$1,316.70

(For a full report on families denied, please refer to the 'Welfare Report for September Board' sent by Laura B. on 10/7/24)

Before You Go, Be in the Know! November 12th - General Meeting

Children's Aid Club Empowers Tomorrow's Rainbow
as written by Abby Mosher, founder



Children's Aid Club has been a beacon of light and hope for Tomorrow's Rainbow since 2012 when the small nonprofit was initially introduced to the Club. During a visit to the small miniature horse ranch, Club members asked what Tomorrow's Rainbow needed the most. Founder/Executive Director, Abby Mosher, didn't miss a beat when she answered, "We desperately need 20 tents and picnic tables so that we can offer a camp out experience for children suffering from grief." That was the beginning of a relationship that has been essential to furthering the Tomorrow's Rainbow mission.

Over the years, CAC has responded to requests for pizza, teddy bear hospital supplies, therapeutic toys and puppets, as well as art supplies and so much more. All to enhance the peer facilitated grief support services that Tomorrow's Rainbow offers, free of charge, to families in need. The Club has invested in direct services, too, by providing the funds necessary to offset the cost of \$1,500 per year for a child's participation in the program. "Children's Aid Club has had such a tremendous impact on our program. We are so grateful that the Club recognizes that children healing from grief and trauma deserve a safe place to heal," said Mosher.

The uniqueness of providing grief and trauma support in an outdoor setting has positioned Tomorrow's Rainbow to resume onsite services during the pandemic. There was a challenge, though. Ensuring that CDC safety guidelines could be followed meant that there would need to be an additional investment so that the children wouldn't have to share toys and supplies. Once again, CAC came to the rescue!

One in 13 children in Florida will experience the death of a parent or sibling by the time they reach 18 years of age. That means that there are more than 30,000 bereaved youth in Broward County. With support, these children can become resilient, successful and joyful. "Children's Aid Club has invested in our future, our children. They are literally positively steering the lives of children who would otherwise be at great risk of clinical and institutional interventions in their futures. We are so very grateful!" shared Mosher.



submitted by
Ghislaine Martin, liaison



Did You Know

On this page you will discover a few things you may not have known!

Programs and Financial Distribution

CAC partnered with 25 schools, churches, and community organizations serving the disadvantaged by providing funding totaling \$152,904.00 to **9,740 children** during the fiscal year.

Spending of budgeted funds is monitored by individual CAC member liaisons in constant contact with organizations. For example, CAC shopped and assembled 312 layettes for at-risk newborns of low-income mothers; provided car seats for newborns; provided books, snacks, and learning materials for after-school programs; hosted monthly birthday parties for children at two low-income schools & a shelter; sponsored recognition and learning incentive programs at four schools; grief counseling; diapers, wipes and formula for needy babies; and distributed food gift certificates families in need. We also supported a non-profit program, Back to Basics, by providing new socks, shoes, and underwear for over 1700 children.

Food Gift Certificates

During the fiscal year (August 2023 through July 2024), CAC distributed food gift certificates totaling \$87,650.00 in holiday baskets to families in need and partnered organizations to ensure food was on their tables.

Thanksgiving Report

Out of 25 Organizations submissions, 100 families with 238 adults and 315 children will be helped this Thanksgiving! There were four moms expecting in the Spring, and they are included too!

A total of \$20,350.49 was spent on the following:

	Walmart gc's	\$19,850
-	174 @ \$100	\$17,400.49
-	49 @ \$50	\$ 2,450.00
-	50 @ \$10 (restricted)	\$ 500.00

Restricted means "limited to purchase only fresh/frozen turkey, ham or fresh produce." Since these 50 cards are unique, it was decided to distribute the 50 cards to 50 of our Thanksgiving families as a bonus; thus, 41 families with 6 members or more and 9 families with 5 or more members were randomly selected.

Holiday Baskets

CAC assembled baskets for 281 families consisting of **860 children**, spending \$66,127.23 during the 23/24 fiscal year.

Baskets are distributed to needy families yearly at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Recipients are referred to CAC by social workers, partner organizations, and individual members. Baskets combine donated goods, purchased goods, and food gift certificates.

Immediate Response Fund for Families

CAC assisted 54 individual families with **138 children**, spending \$98,755.94

CAC paid rent to avoid eviction, utilities to prevent cut-off, car insurance, car repair or gas cards for work transportation; provided clothing, coats, uniforms, and shoes for children in need at various times in the year and gave food gift certificates to help relieve finances and be sure to have food on the table. CAC provided rental assistance, food gift certificates, and gas cards to help families of children receiving cancer treatment.

CAC Bulletin Board



**Bennett Elementary
Restocked their
Bobcat Bucks
Store for Good
Behavior!**

Way to Go Bennett!

The PARTNERSHIP Pulse



**Congratulations
Vanessa, Gail &
Valerie!**

CAC was featured
for our volunteer
work with the
Broward
Partnership for the
Homeless!

We are deeply thankful for 25 years of unwavering support from the Children's Aid Club (CAC). Every month, the CAC generously hosts a special birthday party for the children in our care. These celebrations, featuring fun games, creative craft projects, and delicious birthday cakes, not only make each child's birthday memorable but also foster a nurturing and joyful atmosphere for both the children and their families.

**Northside Elementary
received new
headphones!!
Thanks CAC!**



TNT VIDEO

Thank you to our CAST & CREW for
filming 'Our Origin Story' for TNT's
Program. OSCARS to EVERYONE!



BACK to BASICS

THANKS TO ALL
THE WRAPPING
ELVES IN THE
ANGEL WORKSHOP!



**Teri Ingalls welcomes her
beloved CAC sisters to celebrate
the life of her son George.**



Happy Birthday

Happy NOVEMBER Birthday



Barbara Hume
11/4



Candy Moore
11/4



Linda Ianelli
11/10



Reba Amdur
11/15



Kristina Bryn
11/18

SAVE THE DATE:
**Monday, April 21st, 2025 for the
 CASF Charity Golf Classic**



Remember, CAC raises the majority of its funds via three sources: Donations, TNT & Golf Tournament!

A big thank you to all the liaisons for returning the forms to us by our deadline of Friday October 25th. I was able to work on the spreadsheet and make labels over the weekend. On Wednesday October 30th Sandy worked with her team at the warehouse to assemble the envelopes. NOW - on to Christmas!!!

From Louise & Sandy



A Warm and Grateful Welcome to our newest members!

Tara Bakatselos
 Vanessa D. Sponsor

and

Jacalyn Murray
 Linda I. Sponsor

Congratulations!




November Calendar 2024 *Children's Aid Club*

Saturday, November 2nd

Horseshoe Hoedown

6 - 9:30pm Contact Caroline Courtney!
Equine Assisted Therapies (Tradewinds Park North)
3600 W. Sample Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073



Thursday, November 15th

Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI) Central campus

Birthday Party 6:30 - 8:30
Contact: Valerie Taylor & Vanessa Diaz-Font

Wednesday, November 20th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)

Birthday Party 2:15 - 3:30 pm
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield



Thank you to my great team Janice, Carole, Heather for another successful party where each birthday child received a book, a stuffed animal, a bracelet, an eraser, and a party hat. Janice made sure to pick up the cake, cookies and juice. Thank you all. Ghislaine

Tuesday, November 5th

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

Friday, November 8th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)

Birthday Party 10 - 11:30 am
Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English



GORE GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE!!!!!!

Tuesday, November 12th

General Meeting: 9:30 am

Tomorrow's Rainbow
4341 NW 39th Ave

Coconut Creek, FL 33073

LIAISONS CAN PICK UP THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Warehouse shopping days:

Dates shown below, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Thursday November 21 – Sandy
Friday November 22 - Louise
Monday November 25 - Sandy
Tuesday November 26 – Louise
Monday December 2 – Sandy

Friday, November 22nd

BAKE SALE at the Lauderdale Yacht Club

9am - 4pm Contact Sue Black

PLEASE! Bake something sweet and drop it off to LYC by 9am or to a member working the event!

