



CAC Newsletter

January 2025

Message from our President



Together We Can Make A Difference!

For the last 69 years Children's Aid Club has been carrying forward a mission to SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTE and take ACTION to help positively impact the health, general welfare, and education of children and families in our community.

Entering our 70th year we have truly been inspired each and every day by the people and organizations that make our community strong. Throughout our anniversary year, we have had the opportunity to tell some of these stories and raise awareness and funds to continue our mission.

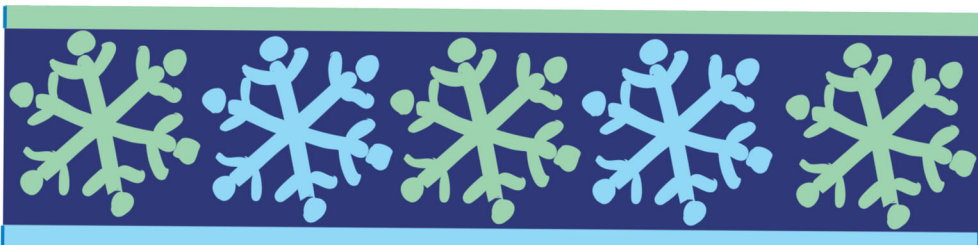
As we celebrate 70 magnificent years, we see 2025 as a year of recommitment and renewal. With planning already underway, our board has undertaken a strategic planning process to bolster us into the future. We will look back at the impact we have made, and look forward to ensuring that our strategies remain robust and aligned with the needs of the community.

While we will continue to grow and evolve to respond to changing needs in the community, I can not forget my sincere gratitude for each of you and all of the hard work you have put into CAC over the years. We are truly blessed to have each of you ladies here with us as we celebrate and give back to the communities that we live in and love so much.

It has been another season of generosity and giving here at CAC and the gifts that were given were incredibly magical. Let's keep the magic going! I am truly honored to be serving you ladies.

Your proud and humble president,

Laura A. Balistreri



Meeting Dates & Times:

Board Mtg Via Google Meet

Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 9:30am

Link will be emailed the night before.

General Meeting:

Tuesday, Jan. 21st at 9:30am

Hawthorne Village Clubhouse
7101 E. Tropical Way
Plantation, FL 33317

Directions: Located Southeast of University and Broward Blvd.

From Broward Blvd. Turn South on 70th Ave.

Turn Right on Hawthorne Rd Clubhouse on the Right

Hosting:

Pam Markus
Vanessa Diaz-Font
Heather Knight

Remember to contact Valerie if you cannot attend.

Vice President's Corner



Devotional Dec. 3rd Board Meeting:

The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek ways to make life better for those around us.

Terri Marshall



Devotional Dec. 10th General Meeting:

Lessons from a Christmas Tree by Jane Lee Logan

1. Be a light in the darkness
2. We all fall over sometimes
3. You can never wear too much glitter
4. Bring joy to others
5. Sparkle and twinkle as often as possible
6. It's okay to be a little tilted

Coming Soon: 2025 TNT Celebrating 70 years of Dedicating Our Hearts to Children 1955-2025

Happy, Healthy New Year! Welcome to 2025!! Can you believe it! We are 70 years old this year with many stories to share at our 2025 TNT Valentines Luncheon. It is right around the corner, and we have lots to do, so here are a few friendly reminders.

- Our TNT Invitations will be mailed out on January 2nd. For all those who left our December meeting with their invitations or delivered them to others to complete, be sure to mail them out on January 2nd and not before. Thank you!
- Our Board Meeting is on January 14th. Laura will send the "Google Meet" invitation the day before the Board Meeting. All members are invited to attend.
- Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st at the Hawthorne Village Clubhouse. It is located at 7101 E Tropical Way, Plantation, FL 33317. Directions on the newsletter cover. The meeting will start at 9:30 am, but come early for refreshments. Please get in touch with Valerie Taylor, our Membership Chair, if you will not be attending.
- We will soon receive our assignments for the TNT set-up on February 10th and the TNT event on February 11th. Please remember to gather raffle basket items, and any goodies left over and share at the January meeting. January 22nd is the last change to raffle baskets and silent auction items!
- Please remember to keep thoughts and prayers going out for Jenny Boyenga, Valerie Taylor, and her husband, Kevin! Cards are acceptable as well.

Last month, our precious friend and CAC sister Linda Lynch passed away after her battle with cancer. Her daughter Leslie Lynch will have a catered event at the Celebration of Life. If you want to join, PLEASE RSVP to me (954-536-2034) before Jan. 5th.

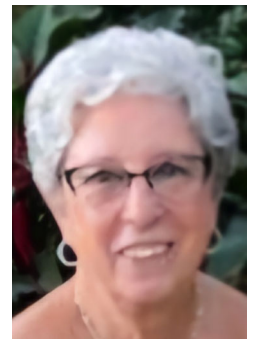


Celebration of Life for Linda Lynch

January 20th, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm

Held at: The Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse

Address: 5300 N. Ocean Blvd., Sea Ranch Lakes



May this New Year bring you and your loved ones all the goodness you deserve!

With love, Linda

Children's Aid Club
Board Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)

December 3rd, 2024



1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:34 am by Laura B.
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
.. **MOTION to Approve Minutes** - Approve November Minutes without corrections: Laura B. SECOND: Linda I.
ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
3. **Membership** – Valerie T.
Board members present: All. Members present: Julie N., Louise P., and Sandy N.
 - A) Linda Lynch passed away Dec. 1st.
 - B) Carol Powell (Ann's sister-in-law) passed away
 - C) Jenny Boyenga changed status from active to auxiliary
4. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.
 - A) LYC Bake Sale, although positioned in the kitchen alcove may have misled some patrons to think it wasn't a sale, raised \$900. The area may be good for TNT. New connections may want CAC to have bake sales at other events; possible way to raise funds and network. Also, Pam F. was offered toys collected by another organization.
5. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.

Checking:	\$ 83,600.73
Saving:	\$ 35.12
<u>Schwab:</u>	<u>\$265,865.59</u>
Total:	\$349,501.44

 - A) Moved \$114,000 from BofA savings to checking
 - B) Moved \$50,000 from checking to Schwab.
 - C) Purchased \$17,500 in Walmart gift cards for Christmas Baskets and Henderson. (ACH purchase from now on)
 - D) Credit card payment of \$24,832.67 will be paid on December 8th.
 - E) \$42,000 for the Gore Grant (**all invoices due by Dec. 31st**) will be put aside in the checking.
 - F) Janice B.'s CAC credit card spending limit will increase to \$6,000 to cover expenses.
 - G) Discussion and Motion on Amended Records Retention and Destruction Policy to include the language, "Financial records for all expenditures shall be retained for a period of seven (7) years. This includes check requests and/or credit card forms and related receipts which shall be maintained by the liaisons as to Organizations and by the Treasurer as to all Individual requests and Club expenses." Black Book will be updated in the welfare and liaison sections next year.
.. **MOTION to adopt the amended Records Retention and Destruction Policy:** Barbara H. SECOND: Linda I.
ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
6. **Welfare** – Kristina B.

November

Total Organizations: \$9,208.65

Total Special Request: \$13,350.00 remaining

Total Gift Cards: \$6,185.00.

Children's Aid Club
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Welfare Continued-

- A) Individual Request – Rolle Family – Jack & Jill – Monica B. – paid car insurance \$1,399.29 and \$300 in Walmart gift cards.
- B) Individual Request – Curzio Family – Bennett Elementary – Pam M. liaison – Paid the past due FPL bill of \$686.23 (plus \$2.25 cc fee) and \$200 In Walmart Gift Cards for a total of \$888.48.

Board approved both the Rolle and Curzio families (Totaling \$2,587.77) at the general meeting on November 12th membership ratified.

1. Corresponding Secretary – Janice B.

- A) Thank you letters received from Cross Creek, Our Father's House, Equine-Assisted Therapies, and the Rolle Family.
- B) Received \$500 for Holiday Appeal

2. Unfinished Business -

- A) Christmas Baskets – Valerie T.- Hellman Logistics will drop off the pajamas collected (about 40 – 50 sets) on Dec. 6th in the morning at the warehouse. We need a member to be available.

3. New Business –

- A. **TNT Architect** – Valerie T.– Linda I. received approval to purchase invitation and will pick up everything in time for the general meeting where members will personalize their invitees.
- B. **TNT – Stylin' Team** – Louise P. – The Tasting will be immediately following the meeting on Dec. 10th, and the last day to RSVP is this Friday, Dec. 6th by noon. Anyone who signs up commits to pay.
- C. **TNT - Golden Goose** – Looking to find connections to Panther tickets and Marlin tickets. Interviewing new auctioneer.
- D. Need to include a memorial page in the TNT program for Linda Lynch and Marilyn Markus.
- E. Work assignments for set-up at TNT will be assigned by Sue B.

4. Adjournment: 10:39 am MOTION to Adjourn: Linda I. SECOND: Pam F.

Minutes were taken by Recording Secretary Pamela Markus

DRAFT 12/3/24. Signature *Pamela Markus.* (electronic signature) Ratified on 12/10/24

“I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have to try to make a difference.”

Jimmy Carter (1924-2024)

Children's Aid Club
General Meeting Minutes at Tomorrow's Rainbow
December 10th, 2024



1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:37 am by Laura B.
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
“ **MOTION to Approve Minutes** - Approve November Minutes without corrections: Linda I. SECOND: Rena U. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
3. **Membership** –Valerie T.(virtual) Caroline C.
Board members present: ALL - Quorum established
Members present: 20 members
A) Linda Lynch passed away Dec. 1st.
4. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.
A) LYC Bake Sale, although positioned in the kitchen alcove may have misled some patrons to think it wasn't a sale, raised \$900. The area may be good for TNT. New connections may want CAC to have bake sales at other events; possible way to raise funds and network; when polled by membership, a clear majority raised their hands. Also, Pam F. was offered toys collected by another organization. A recommendation for allowing vendors to work TNT in the future may provide additional revenue.
B) McMahon Island's Mix and Mingle Event will be spotlighting Marsha Tessler's charity My Safe Harbor on January 25th, 2025. CAC has a spot saved on McMahon's calendar but not given specific date. Recommendation to support Marsha's event on 1/25 but also show up in force by wearing Pink shirts to encourage setting a date.
5. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.
Checking: \$102,514.62
Schwab: \$265,865.59
Total: \$368,380.21
A) Received Georgie Wright donation for \$45,000
B) Moved \$50,000 from checking to Schwab and closed savings at BofA
C) Purchased \$17,500 in Walmart gift cards for Christmas Baskets and Henderson. (ACH purchase from now on) Awaiting delivery and Louise and Sandy will notify all members for pick up info.
D) Credit card payment of \$24,832.67 was paid on December 3rd.
E) Gore Grant still has 5 applicants yet to turn in their invoices. **All invoices due by Dec. 31st**
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“ **MOTION to adopt the amended Records Retention and Destruction Policy:** Barbara H. SECOND: Ghislaine M. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
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- **MOTION to approve welfare report:** Jeanne D. SECOND: Linda I. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed

7. **Corresponding Secretary** – Janice B.

- A) Thank you letters received from Cross Creek, Our Father's House, Equine-Assisted Therapies, and the Rolle Family.
- B) Thanks to Hellman Logistics and Belmont Village for 40 – 50 sets of pajamas delivered to the warehouse.
- C) Post Box has been renewed and Barbara H.'s contact added to the notification.

8. **Unfinished Business** -

- A) CASF Spring Golf Tournament will be on Monday, April 21st, 2025 at The Club at Weston Hills in Weston, FL. It will be an early call but same requirements for raffle and work assignments. Julie Newton is the Contact.
- B) PR - no responses yet. Reported info and pricing on PR Newswire. Tabled for now since it is not for invitations to TNT, there's time to review options, possible future roundtable discussion.

9. **New Business** –

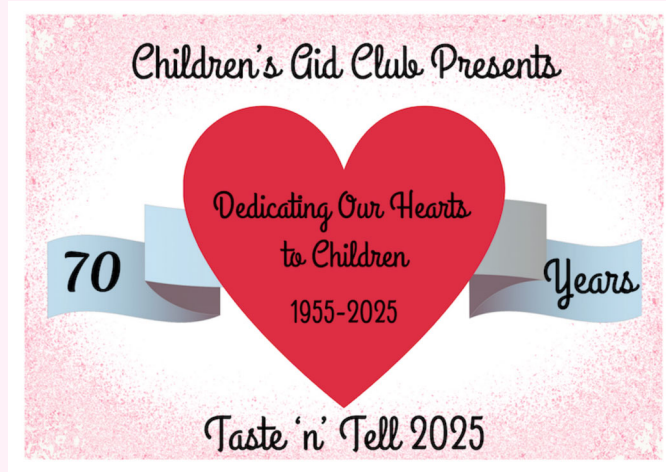
- A. **TNT Architect** – Valerie T.– Linda I. all invitations will be addressed today and held to be mailed on Jan. 2nd.
- B. **TNT – Stylin' Team** – Louise P. – The Tasting at LYC for 21 members is today. Floral decorations will be delivered to the warehouse. TNT work details assigned by Sue B.
- C. **TNT - Golden Goose** – Live and Silent Auctions with raffle sign up sheet passed around. Share your items at the next meeting, make sure to include item values.
- D. **TNT – After party** – Rebecca S. – March 6th, \$35 - \$40 cost, time and place TBA.
- E. Julie is collecting medicine bottles that are clean, clear prescription bottles w/o labels only for Food for the Poor.

10. **Adjournment:** 10:40 am MOTION to Adjourn: Linda I. SECOND: Pam M.

Minutes were taken by Recording Secretary Pamela Markus

DRAFT 12/10/24. Signature Pamela Markus. (electronic signature)





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

TNT NEWS:

As the TNT invitations are mailed out, so do the reservations come in! The most reliable reservation team will get into gear. The Program Book will be acknowledging all our generous donors (be sure to get your donors on the gDrive!!!). Final printed materials will be getting ready.

Team leaders are meeting first week in January to finalize everything.

Important Due Date: January 22, 2025

Raffle Baskets, Silent and Live Auction Items must be posted on the google drive by Wednesday January 22. The google drive will be "read only" on January 23rd, will no longer be able to post your items. Also, remember to bring your extra items to the January meeting that others may want to use for their baskets.

Taste 'n' Tell Luncheon Dedicating Our Hearts to Children

PRESENTED BY
THE HARRY T. MANGURIAN, JR. FOUNDATION
H. ANGELA WHITMAN FOUNDATION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
11:00 A.M.

RESERVE NOW SEATING IS LIMITED
LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB

1725 SE 12TH ST. FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

RAFFLE BASKETS--SILENT AUCTION--LIVE AUCTION--BAKE SALE
COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING

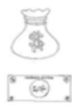
Celebrating our 70th Year

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Children's Aid Club
BALANCE SHEET
as of November 30, 2024



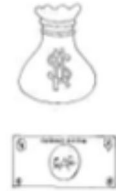
	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	-23,885.36
Bidi Fund	0.00
Donations	120,417.80
Dues and Administration Expense	-15.13
Fundraising	0.00
Oscar Fund	0.00
Total BOA Charity Checking	96,517.31
BOA Savings	35.12
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	265,865.59
Total Bank Accounts	\$362,418.02
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	225.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Other Accounts Receivable	0.00
Publix Food Cards	2,910.00
Target Food Cards	990.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	3,050.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$7,175.00
Total Current Assets	\$369,593.02
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	\$371,227.24
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	35,809.39
Total Credit Cards	\$35,809.39
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	8,072.28
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$8,072.28
Total Current Liabilities	\$43,881.67
Total Liabilities	\$43,881.67
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	237,456.46
Net Income	-77,952.10
Total Equity	\$327,345.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$371,227.24



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Profit and Loss

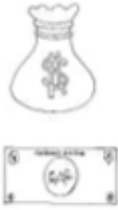
August - November, 2024



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	973.34
Donations	3,382.85
Memorial	3,070.00
Total Donations	6,452.85
Dues	4,500.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	10,768.00
Total Fundraising Income	10,768.00
Interest Inc	3,927.48
Misc. income	179.50
Unrestricted Grant Funds - Gore Family Foundation	13,262.72
Total Income	\$40,063.89
GROSS PROFIT	\$40,063.89
Expenses	
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	5,148.00
Blessed Sacrament	3,060.82
BPHI	543.86
Broward Health	2,455.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	3,037.27
Croissant Park Elementary	200.00
Cross Creek School	433.15
Cypress Elementary	4,639.94
Donors Choose.org	7,025.36
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	6,000.00
God's Little Lambs	5,860.62
Henderson Behavioral Health	2,027.42
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	6,257.94
Thanksgiving	20,869.05
Total Holiday Baskets	27,126.99
Hope Women's Center	1,207.80

Christmas by the Numbers

Organizations:	25	Walmart gc's:	\$13,750
Families:	75 (5 veteran)	Target gc's:	\$6,125
Adults:	138	Misc. Expense:	\$45.45
Children:	228	Total:	\$19,920.45



Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss
August - November, 2024



	TOTAL
Individuals	
Bisbau Family	2,820.00
Curzio/Peoples Family	888.48
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
Rolle Family	1,399.29
Total Individuals	9,065.99
JJCF	3,976.00
Northside Elementary	3,235.27
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	2,277.07
PACE	1,253.41
Pompano Beach Middle School	1,000.00
Seagull Alternative School	600.00
The Little Schoolhouse	6,505.42
Whispering Pines School	499.98
Total Charity	114,679.37
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	1,400.00
Total Contract Services	1,400.00
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Bake Sale	149.01
Decorations	122.83
Live Auction	1,000.00
Total Taste & Tell	1,271.84
Total Fundraising Expenses	1,271.84
Misc	2.58
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	135.00
Total Operations	135.00
Postage	29.20
Sunshine	255.00
Warehouse Expenses	243.00
Total Expenses	\$118,015.99
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -77,952.10
NET INCOME	\$ -77,952.10

WELFARE REPORT for December's Board & General Meeting. 11/1/2024 to 11/30/2024

Organizations:		Gift Cards on hand at 11/30/2024:	
Bennett Elementary	\$1,007.12	Publix Cards:	
BPHI	\$ 242.58	300 \$10 cards at \$9.70.	\$2,910.00
CDTC	\$ 110.88	Walmart Cards:	
Cross Creek School	\$ 253.53	21 \$100 cards	\$2,100.00
Cypress Elementary	\$ 469.35	19 \$50 cards	\$ 950.00
Equine Assisted Therapies	\$6,000.00	Aldi Cards:	
God's Little Lambs	\$ 163.63	9 \$25 cards	\$ 225.00
Hope Women's Center	\$ 357.92	TOTAL CARDS:	\$6,185.00
Northside Elementary	\$ 276.76	Special Requests: None	
Seagull Alternative School	\$ 300.00	Emergency Requests: None	
The Little Schoolhouse	\$ 26.88		
Total:	\$9,208.65		

Individuals

Rolle Family: Jack & Jill (Monica B.)

Monica received a request from Jack & Jill asking for financial assistance for the Rolle family. Although this is not one of our organizations, Monica was not aware of the standing rules that we are trying to adhere to so we gave this family consideration. This mom and dad have 4 children. Last year the mom was involved in a car accident which set them back since the car was totaled and had to purchase a new car. After this tragedy, they fell into arrears with many bills. She was out of work for a while, changed jobs and when that didn't work out, she went back to her original job. The husband has recently Injured his shoulder and was out of work for 3 weeks. This family is living paycheck to paycheck and with a little help will be able to sustain themselves, especially with the dad now back at work. They were homeless for a period during Covid. Since their car insurance was going to be cancelled on November 7th, Welfare Committee recommended to the board to pay \$1,399.29 and \$300 in Walmart gift cards. Board approved and at the general meeting on November 12th membership ratified Total Paid: \$1,699.29

Curzio Family - Bennett Elementary, Pam M. Liaison

This mom has an eight-year-old son. Mom is in a wheelchair awaiting hip surgery. Earlier in 2024 she was homeless for four months. She is waiting to get approval for disability. Her electricity was shut off, and they spent a night in a hotel. Welfare Committee recommended to the board to pay the past due electric bill of \$686.23 (plus \$2.25 cc fee) and \$200 In Walmart Gift Cards for a total of \$888.48. Board approved and at the general Meeting on November 12th membership ratified. Total Paid: \$888.48

November Total: \$2,587.77

A look back at the Santa's Visits



God's Little Lambs



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Broward Partnership for the Homeless



Little Schoolhouse





Cypress Elementary says Thank you!

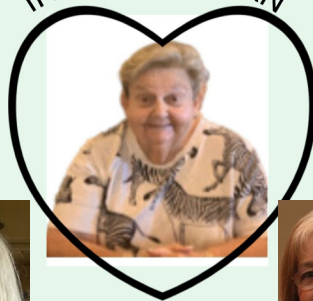


So many gifts for Little Schoolhouse Christmas Families



Lots of Presents inside those black bags for Whispering Pines Elementary

HUGE THANKS TO OUR MRS. CLAU'S
IRENE FELDMAN



THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU TO SANDY NOONAN AND LOUISE PROFFER FOR OVERSEEING THE ENTIRE ENDEAVOR! YOU MADE SO MANY HAPPY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



Tomorrow's Rainbow are so thankful!



Women in Distress are truly grateful!



PACE Center for Girls is Overjoyed!



Bennett Elementary gives a big Thank you!



2024 Holiday Social

Thanks Jeanne Dixon for opening your heart and home to us! Thank you for everyone who brought food and drinks. What a wonderful time sharing gifts and joy for the holiday season.



TNT Tasting at LYC!

Thanks Louise Proffer and all those who organized the Menu on the Stylin' Team!! So happy to spend a delicious time with so many CAC members, prospective, new and lifetime members!



With a Thankful Heart

THANK YOU TO
HELLMAN LOGISTICS
AND BELMONT
VILLAGE FOR GIVING
THE HOLIDAY
COMFORT OF 40 - 50
SETS OF PAJAMAS!



McMahon Mix & Mingle Fundraiser

benefiting
My Safe Harbor Florida

COME JOIN THE FUN AND
SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!



Dinner Buffet - Open
Bar - Music/DJ AND
Fantastic Raffle Prizes!

McIsland - 601 NE 3 Street, Pompano Beach

Saturday January 25th | 7:30PM

\$25 Per Person

Includes Dinner Buffet & Open Bar

(100% proceeds donated)

My Safe Harbor is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that:

- Seeks food and monetary donations
- Collects food to supply their food bank at Seagull Alternative High School
- Distributes food and supplies to local families in need

Our Mission - is to feed our hungry children in our communities

RSVP at www.McMahonMixandMingle.com

BPHI Says THANK YOU CAC!!

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to you for the incredible work you do in supporting children and families in our South Florida community. Your dedication to providing immediate and strategic assistance to those facing hardships is truly inspiring.

The positive impact you have on the lives of so many is immeasurable, and I am so thankful for your unwavering commitment to helping those in need. Your kindness and compassion make a world of difference, and we are fortunate to have you in our community.
-Keisha S. L.



Childrens Aid Club, 11/24/24

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your gift card. Your kindness is truly appreciated! You helped make our thanksgiving special, without you all I don't know if it would have been. Thank you for thinking of my family - we are thankful!

- Tylicia / McDonald Family



'Tis the season to be jolly Belinda!

As you enjoy the festive Holiday Season, allow me to share highlights for this year. Our programs served 500 children and family members battling pediatric cancer THANKS TO YOU. JJCCF was among 12 finalists in the nation for the Charity Navigator Community Choice Awards. Only top-rated charities (4-stars/ 4-beacons) were nominated.

Foremost, I am excited to share news about our 20th Anniversary Year! Our "Year-End Giving 4 Kids" campaign is in full gear as we continue celebrating two decades serving the community. We welcome your participation to help us raise \$75,000 by 12/31/24. A Challenge Grant offered by The Wasie Foundation will match your donation dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000.

Nov. 8th was our Epic celebration 500 feet above South Florida honoring our 20th Anniversary aboard the Goodyear Blimp! Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company graciously offered JJCCF the invitation only experience for (6) passengers who are now part of an elite club of aerial travelers.

The above photos were taken Dec. 7th at the "Holiday Heroes Breakfast" which adopted 100 families battling childhood cancer. The party room was full of love dedicated to little heroes facing serious challenges. During the respite event families had a chance to forget about their hardships while meeting Santa, receiving gifts and gift cards, decorating their own wreath, and face painting. It was pure joy working with BBX Capital and Neighbors 4 Neighbors for the 8th year. Also, a big shout out to AutoNation, Miami Herald Wish Book, Primark, Children's Aid Club and many individuals in our community who adopted JJCCF children these Holidays.

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of Linda Lynch, 1937 - 2024

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our dear friend and CAC sister, Linda Lynch. On December 1st, 2024, Linda passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Over the past month, she was fortunate to spend some beautiful afternoons with several of her CAC sisters.



June Felski had the privilege of spending a lot of time with Linda this past week and shared that Linda was peaceful and content, with a radiant smile on her face, in the days leading up to her passing.

Linda was a bright, smiling presence at CAC, always contributing to the community she loved. She was instrumental in organizing the TNT baskets and thoroughly enjoyed working the bake sale. Her generosity, warmth, and positive spirit will be deeply missed.



Linda lived with her daughter and grandsons in Sea Ranch Lakes, where she cherished watching them grow, traveling with them, and being an integral part of their lives. The family is grateful for the outpouring of prayers and support during this difficult time. You are invited to join the Celebration of Life for Linda, but please RSVP by January 5th so that there is time to plan the catered event. Please email Linda Ianelli, caclindaianelli@gmail.com or call 954-536-2034 asap. Thanks!

Celebration of Life on January 20th, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse

Our Thoughts and Prayers Are with Becky Ford

Our hearts go out to our sister-member, Becky Ford, as she celebrates the life of her beloved father, Mr. Jerome Noel. In honor of Jerome, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, there was Mass at St. Coleman Church dedicated to his memory where several members of the CAC gathered to attend the Celebration of Life service. Becky would like to extend her heartfelt gratitude to Pam Ferrante, Barbara Hume, Louise Proffer, Monica Blackwood, Vanessa Diaz-Font, Linda Ianelli, Fran English, Sue Miller, and Julie Newton. She shared that having them there meant so much to her—it moved her deeply and brought her to tears.

Prayer Corner:

Jenny Boyenga had her successful surgery and is recovering at home. She is taking it slow and following doctor's orders. Prayers are welcome and she would love some cards!

Jenny Boyenga
3031 N ocean Blvd Apt 1502
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Valerie Taylor and her husband, Kevin: Please keep Kevin in your prayers this month. He is scheduled for a few important meetings and procedures that, hopefully, will get him on the right track. Also, his father's well being and care have become a major concern. They also welcome prayers, thoughts and well wishes.

Valerie Taylor
2615 NE 17 Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305

Happy Birthday



Carol Helms
1/10



Anne Alper
1/12

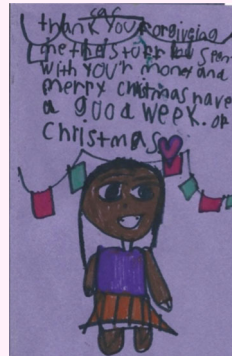
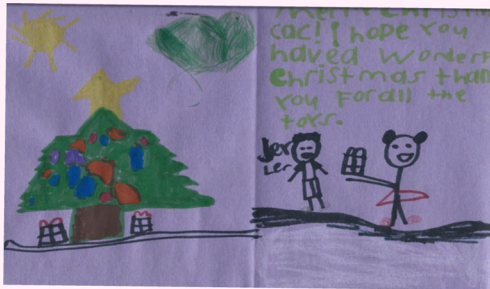


Gail Jennings
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Gore Grant Recipients



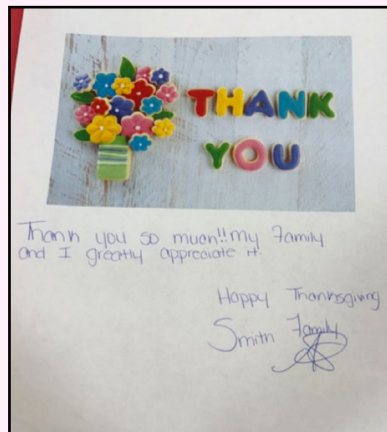
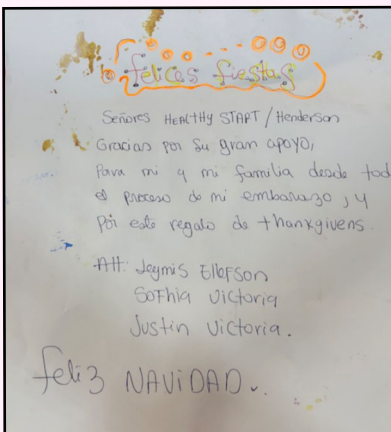
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GOD'S LITTLE LAMBS (BELOW)



NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

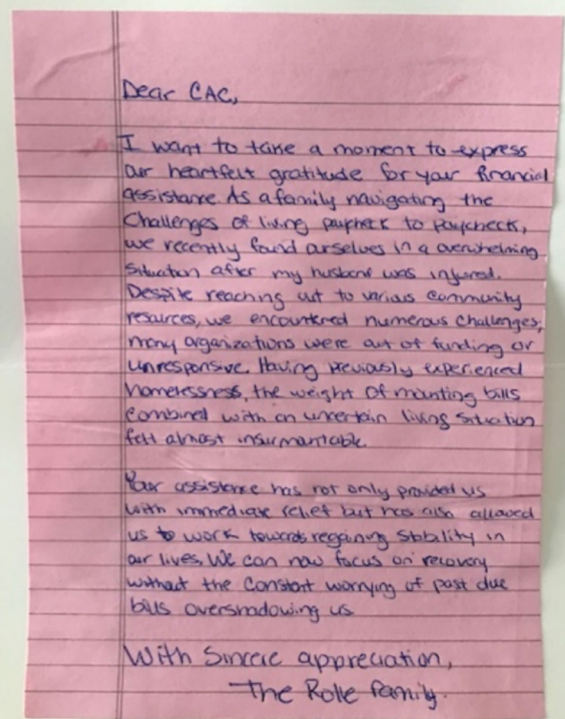
"Merry Christmas CAC! I hope you have a wonderful Christmas! Thank you for all the toys" (Above)

"Thank you for giving all the stuff and spending your money and Merry Christmas! Have a good week of Christmas." (above)



Healthy Start/Henderson:

Thank you for your great support for me and my family throughout the entire process of my pregnancy and for this gift for Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas, Jeymis, Sophia, and Justin!



FROM THE ROLLE FAMILY

JACK N JILL

Friday, January (TBA)

Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI)

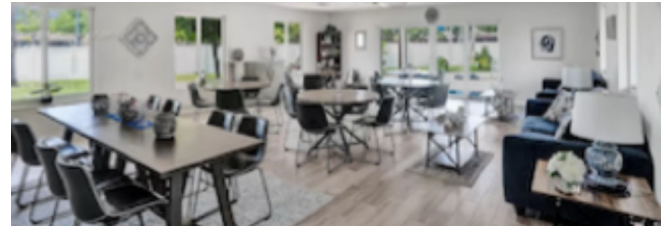
Birthday Party 6:30 - 8:30

Contact: Valerie Taylor & Vanessa Diaz-Font
HELPERS NEEDED



Tuesday, January 21st

General Meeting: 9:30 am at Hawthorne Village Clubhouse
7101 E. Tropical Way
Plantation, FL 33317



Friday, January 10th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)

Birthday Party 10 - 11:30 am

Contact: Linda lanelli & Fran English



Wednesday, January 22nd

God's Little Lambs (GLL)

Birthday Party 2:15 pm

Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield



Tuesday, January 14th

Board Mtg Via Google Meet at 9:30am

Link will be emailed the night before.

january 2025

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SPECIAL NOTE**
January 22nd: ALL TNT items for Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction Must be FINALIZED!
No more added or editing.
Descriptions are sent to printers.



Children's Aid Club

3296 N. Federal Highway #11503, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

for your participation in our 2024 Holiday Appeal Program.

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we were able to deliver baskets to 75 families with a total of 228 children. Each family received Christmas baskets of wonderful toys, clothes and gifts for the children, plus a Target gift card for each child and Walmart gift cards for a family holiday meal.

Your caring and sharing provided holiday joy for these families who otherwise might have had little or nothing.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Ann Alper
Reba Amdur
Suzee Bailey
Laura Balistreri
Tara Bakatselos
Trudy Bieck
Angie Bizzarro
Susan Black
Monica Blackwood
Janice Bloomfield
Gina Bono-Jenkins*
Jenny Boyenga
Kristina Bryn
Missy Butt
Mary Ellen Coen
Caroline Courtney

Patricia DeSanctis
Vanessa Diaz Font
Fran English
Kelle Enriquez*
Carole Falkanger
June Felski
Pam Ferrante
Becky Ford
Sharon Glavey
Carol Helms
Barbara Hume**
Linda Ianello
Teri Ingalls**
Gail Jennings

Allison LaRocca
Linda Lynch
Pam Markus
Ghislaine Martin
Kathy Mayhew
Belinda McDonald
Mary Ellen Metiwalli
Sue Miller**
Kathy Mitchell
Candace Moore
Jacalyn Murray
Julie Newton
Sandy Noonan**
Polly O'Neill
Kimberly Pietro

Rachel Pope
Louise Proffer
Sarah Rashti
Debra Rowand
Rebecca Solomon
Lynda Stackhouse
Valerie Taylor
Marsha Tessler
Rena Udell
Kitty Vagi**
Joyce Virga
Andra Webb**
Sheri Wilcox

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