



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER

2023

Message From Our President

Becky Ford



Dear CAC Sisters,

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!”
And the busiest, right? I have been very busy and November had me zooming back and forth by airplane visiting family in Nebraska and Iowa. Now that I am back home in Fort Lauderdale it’s time to get busy with Christmas preparations. I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving with a lot to be thankful for.

This week I will be working on my Christmas Baskets for Broadview School. It’s always fun to deliver those baskets and see the surprise and pleasure of the staff who will deliver them to the families. Thank you to all those who are working on their baskets and special thanks to Sandy Noonan and Louise Proffer for being the organizers behind getting the baskets put together.

We have some fun social events coming up, December 10th is our Holiday Social, see details in this newsletter. It will be held in a beautiful facility so I hope you all can join us. On December 12th we will have our General Meeting at the warehouse and the TNT tasting lunch will follow at Lauderdale Yacht Club. It’s always a fun time and usually some little changes are made that make our TNT luncheon even better.

As usual, TNT will sneak up on us quickly after the Holidays, so be sure to keep working on your baskets and raffle items!

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Happy Holidays

However you celebrate, may it be a good one!



Love,

Becky

Important Dates & Times

December Board Meeting

9:30 am on Tuesday, December 5th
via Zoom.

Meeting link and password will be emailed to you the night before.

December General Meeting

Tuesday, December 12th

Refreshments: 9:00 am

Meeting: 9:30 Promptly

at Powell Warehouse

1851 SW 2nd Ave, Unit 10

Fort Lauderdale

Gate Code 1492

Hostesses are:

Pamela Markus

Valerie Taylor

Remember to contact Caroline Courtney if you can not attend the meeting.

We will be addressing TNT invitations so please bring a good pen and your corrected list of invitees.



November 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom



1. Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. Devotional - Linda Ianelli

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.
It turns what we have into enough.
It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity.
It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.
Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for
Today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Melody Beattie

3. Membership – Caroline Courtney

Shared some highlights of the New Member Orientation that took place on October 25th at the home of new member, Kimberly Pietro. Kimberly opened her home to those that attended. New members: Allison LaRocca with her sponsor, Pam Ferrante; Carol Helm, her sponsor, Jeanne Dixon, was out of town so Caroline sat in for her; and Kimberly Pietro with her sponsor, Marsha Tessler. Other attendees were Becky Ford, Linda Ianelli, Jenny Boyenga, and Gail Jennings. Linda Ianelli presented new members with binders with a welcome letter, the CAC Timeline, introduction to our Welfare Committee and other important documents. Sponsors received copies of same materials, which we reviewed together, answering questions and creating a level of comfort to begin joining in our activities.

In addition. Kimberly took us on a tour to the Club Room/Party room expressing an opportunity to possibly have our Holiday social there, it also leads on to an outdoor space as well. Inquiries are being made currently.

Caroline also spoke about the meeting arranged with her, Becky, Linda and a Prospective member Karin O'Brien on October 30th. Unfortunately, Caroline could not make it due to a twisted ankle so Becky and Linda met with Karin who learned about CAC via the "Next Door" App. She was very interested in our club. They exchanged introductions, Karin works part time during the day. After hearing about our history, mission, timeline and membership requirements, Karin was given a copy of our By-laws, standard rules, and welfare guidelines to review. After all that sharing she let us know she is a worker. She was very interested. She mentioned she met with other charity groups, thought we were so organized, in comparison, and said she was impressed. Talked about joining a meeting, or visiting an activity or two. She was going away for several days to celebrate her birthday. We will be following up with her when she returns.

4. Approval of Minutes for October

MOTION: Caroline Courtney SECOND: Louise Proffer

ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

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5. Treasurer's report – Barbara Hume

Checking balance is \$28,671.11,

Savings balance \$163,985.79,

Money Market Savings account \$204,122.21 for a total of \$396,779.11.



6. Welfare – Kristina Bryn

Total Spent on organizations so far: \$10,013.14

Gift Cards on hand \$20,467

Special Requests for October: NONE

Individual Request: One

Edwards family from PACE School for Girls. The mom and 3 children who were homeless needed a hotel room for the night. We approved an immediate \$200. We reimbursed PACE for the hotel room plus \$40 in Publix gift cards

MOTION: Linda lanelli- Motion to approve the request.

SECOND: Caroline Courtney

Broadview – Application in process for a family brought to us by Becky. Waiting for a complete application at this time.

Special Request: One

Charles Drew Elementary Class of Excellence- Asking for us to assist with up to \$900 for lunches from Carrabba's for a meeting lunch

MOTION: Linda lanelli - made a motion to approve the request

SECOND: Caroline Courtney

7. Ways and Means – Belinda McDonald

TNT Updates

Architect Team – Linda, invitations were completed by Becky and approved by the TNT Chairs. Quote was presented, no increase in cost from last year, approved by the TNT Chairs. Awaiting proofs from the printer for approval, once approved it goes to print. Guest invitation lists are nearly ready to prepare address labels, awaiting a few members soon returning home from travel

Stylin Team – Jenny, The menu committee met Oct 19th with prepared food selections. Three appetizers, main course, three desserts, selections were critiqued. We are scheduled to meet with Chef Jason on Nov. 15th at LYC. Team leaders and committee chairs have been invited to attend and discuss areas or possible improvements to this year's event.

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8. **Unfinished Business**

Holiday Appeal – We have approximately \$10,000 now. Ann Powell would get about \$24,000 so we obviously have some big shoes to fill. We do know some funds do come in later. We are hopeful but will continue to work at it!

Holiday Baskets – Cost of \$19,532 so far. We have provided for the following:

102 families (192 adults and 321 kids) Total of 514 people

Christmas Report: All families are paired with their sponsor! We are helping the following:

81 families (154 adults and 258 children) 412 people total

24 organizations, 7 individuals

On hand we have following Gift Cards for baskets:

Publix Gift Cards \$15,300 Target Gift Cards: \$6,450

We have 19 sponsors outside of our CAC members! This is great!

We will post the days that the warehouse will be open. We encourage everyone to schedule a day and time so the warehouse isn't too busy at any one time. We are not doing the cookies this year which saves about \$400+ plus time. We have increased the amount of money we are giving on the gift cards instead.

Back to Basics – Members went to see Kelle and all of the wrapping etc. is complete! She really thanked us for the work done, the wrapping and all of the help.

Upcoming events –

Lilly Pulitzer shopping Nov. 10 noon-4 pm (raised approx. \$400 last time)

Kendra Scott shopping Nov. 17 noon-3pm in store at Mizner Park, Boca Raton. You can shop online on the 17th and 18th. 20% of the proceeds will go to CAC! Raised over \$600 last time.

Our Social Bunch at Dangerous Minds Brewing (Caroline, Linda and Ghislaine, and Julie attending). Kendra Scott will also be present and typically give us a commission from their sales that night! Kendra Scott has already given us a Silent Auction item for TNT.

9. **New Business**

We have 3 Presenting Sponsors for TNT 2024 already pledged

H. Angela Whittman Foundation, Inc. \$10k

Bryn Law Group \$10k

Mangurian Family \$10k

10. **Adjournment** 10:39 am



Minutes submitted by
Linda Ianelli in place of
CAC Recording Secretary
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



October 14, 2023 9:30 a.m. at Equine Assisted Therapies

- 1. Call to order
- 2. **Devotional – Linda Ianelli-** (paraphrased) There are so many things in the world that can be invisible to the naked eye. When we take a moment to stop to pause, to be present, and to notice them, that is gratitude.

3. **Membership – Caroline Courtney**

Perspective member: Karen O'Brien

Jeanie's sister, Rita is with us today

4. **Approve October minutes**

MOTION Valerie Taylor SECOND Julie Newton

All in Favor None opposed

Minutes are approved as written



EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPIES: Our Meeting Host, Molly Murphy, presented (pictured on this page)

CAC provides scholarships and holiday support for their families. Equine Assisted Therapies does therapeutic riding, unmounted horsemanship, 2 medical based riding and equine assisted physiotherapy. Horse therapy allows you to connect with a horse, move muscles that you don't normally use, teaches you to focus in a new way, and horses are prey animals that present a safe space. Their fundraiser last week raised more than \$130k! They have a growth plan in place and know what they need to do to continue to maintain and expand their services to the community. We are all part of setting the foundation today for the future of tomorrow.

5. **Correspondence – Pam Markus – No report**

6. **Treasurer's report – Barbara Hume**

Checking Account balance: \$ 21,301.11

Savings Account Balance: \$163,985.79

Schwab Money Market Acct \$204,122.21

Total of \$389,409.11



Credit Card bill was paid and we have a \$32,000 balance that will be due December 2 from gift cards purchased.

We are in good shape financially!

7. **Welfare – Kristina Bryn**

Spent for October \$10,013.14

SPECIAL REQUEST: NONE



INDIVIDUAL REQUEST: Edwards family from PACE School for Girls. The mom and 3 children who were homeless needed a hotel room for the night. We approved an immediate \$200. We reim- (Continued on next page)

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bursed PACE for the hotel room plus \$40 in Publix gift cards

Broadview Family- Cruz/Nava Family- We continue to request the completed forms and we do not receive them. It is on the back burner at this time. We will follow up again and wait to see if they reach out again. The family seemed unsustainable overall.

\$198.71 total Spent

MOTION Julie Newton SECOND Ghislaine Martin

All in favor None opposed



Charles Drew Elementary Class of Excellence - Asking for us to assist with up to \$900 for lunches from Carrabba's for a meetings. Board approved, need member ratification.

MOTION: Linda Ianelli SECOND Caroline Courtney

ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

Just a reminder, if you are making a spend on one of the organization's credit cards, make sure you get in the credit card form to approve. It will then be processed and sent on to Barb. The liaison needs to complete a check request with the invoices, it is all crosschecked, approved then goes to Barb. We need to make sure we get the form asap. Please be timely and record it as soon as possible so our ledger stays up to date before the bills come in.

8. Ways and Means – Belinda McDonald

Lilly Pulitzer: We received 10% of the sales that day. No number yet

Our Social Bunch- @ Dangerous Minds Brewing was cancelled/rescheduled to be a Sip and Shop on December 4th @ 26Degree Brewing in conjunction with My Safe Harbor

Kendra Scott will be giving 20% to CAC

Dillard's- December 3rd

Walmart Store Grants- Belinda has identified 18 store locations that may be within our territory. We are now approved by Cyber Grants to verify our organization. We have until November 30th to apply for the Walmart grants that can range from \$250-\$5000.

TNT updates – The prior and current chairs will meet tomorrow at the club to review the pros and cons of last year to see how we can move forward more successfully

Styling: Menu: Met and did a home tasting to sample appetizers, main courses and desserts. The chosen recipes were shared with the club and the head chef reviewed, tweaked and approved the menu. Dec 12- Tasting at the club \$65

Audio and visual needs have been discussed and fit within the abilities of the club. Keep sending your photos and videos!

Decorating- Members met at the club with a decorator and will be adding more decorations this year.

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Invitations: They were designed, approved and at the printer. They will go out in December!

Members need to sign up for Raffle baskets: A signup is online or you can email it to Barbara. If you have items someone else may want to use, you can also post it on the google document for others to utilize.

Underwriting: We have 3 Presenting Sponsors for TNT 2024 already pledged

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9. Unfinished Business

Holiday Appeal – Valerie

- We are not pairing sponsors anymore but we are still getting funds in as donations and contributions towards the efforts. We have received just more than \$11,000

BPHI Birthday Party- Please join us! 6:30pm meet to set up and pack up at 8:30pm. Let Valerie or Vanessa know if you can volunteer.

Holiday Baskets – Sandy/Louise

102 families (192 adults and 321 kids) Total of 514 people

Cost of \$19,532 so far

Christmas – We have 17 warehouse days to shop. Sign up for the days you want. Please don't lock the bottom lock, if you adjust the air please put it back, please sign in, turn off the lights and lock up when you are done. If you want to wrap, just let us know and we can schedule you. We do have some underwear and socks to add if you shop in time. We have a lot of clothing for 2 years and under. Be very generous and size up.

Julie Newton has made sure all of the watches have working batteries and the time is set. Please include one or three in your baskets!

It is the job of the liaison to make sure the sponsor received their family list. The deadline to bring all of the gifts for your family is December 4th. Bags of cookies and candy were removed as it was too much work and we can allocate the funds to gift cards instead.

Publix Gift Cards- \$14,900 (3% discount)

Target Gift Cards- 247 children x \$25 gift cards = \$46,500 and we received a 2% discount.

We do have a few extra gift cards from Target for the older kids. If you want one, just request one after you have done your shopping. You may want to put the child's name on the gift card so they know who it is intended for.

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It was asked if we could do an online calendar. In the past it wasn't effective. We do have the dates in the monthly newsletter.

We are assisting families from 25 organizations and 6 individual requests for a total of: 80 families (151 adults and 247 children)

Expenses so far- \$20,960.72

December 10 Holiday Party at Kimberly's Owners Club at her condo. There is a signup going around to bring food. We will need a headcount so they can provide the appropriate amount of valet drivers, etc. BYOB

Last warehouse shopping day is December 3

Burlington Coat Drive- We will be collecting them through the end of the month

Events this week – Kendra Scott 11/17
God's Little Lambs is tomorrow.

10. New Business

We will collect pill bottles with the labels removed and washed out. Food for the poor will repurpose them.

We can also still collect soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald house in Tampa

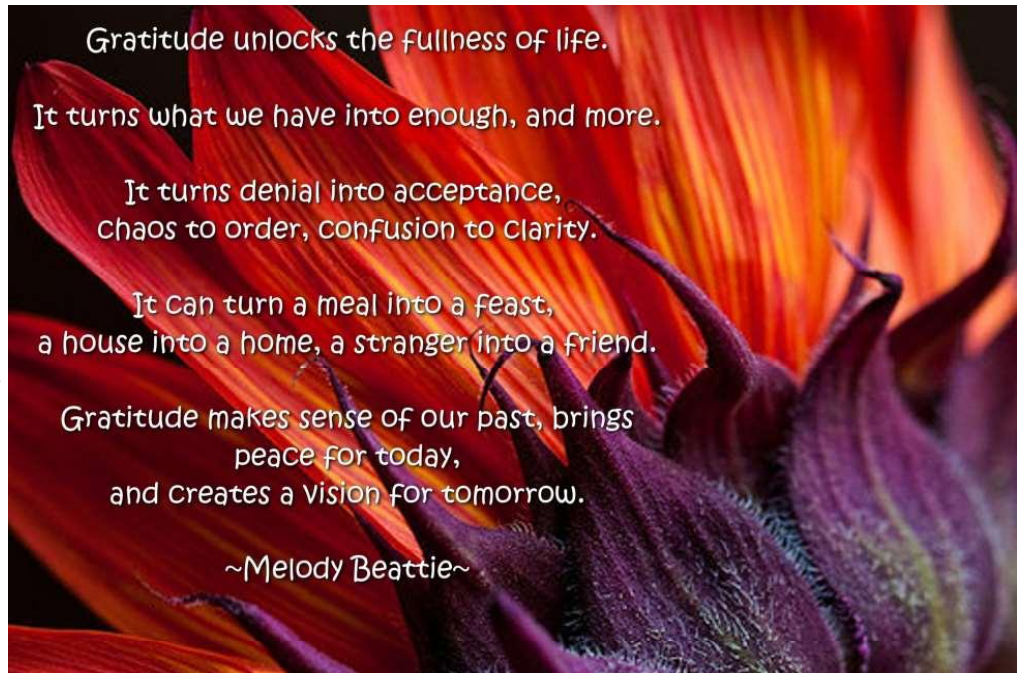
11. Adjournment 2 hours 1 minute

MOTION: Julie Newton SECOND: Louise Proffer

Minutes submitted by
CAC Recording Secretary
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Devotional at right read
by CAC Vice President
Linda Ianelli at
November Board meeting



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~Melody Beattie~

Welfare Report for November Board & General Meeting
10/1/2023 to 10/31/2023



Organizations:

Bennett Elementary	\$147.36
BPHI	37.94
CDTC	1,413.13
Cross Creek School	2,175.31
Equine Assisted Therapies	4,500.00
God's Little Lambs	47.47
Henderson Behavioral Health	1,217.20
Hope Women's Center	359.88
Pompano Beach Middle School	89.86
The Little Schoolhouse	<u>24.99</u>
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS	\$10,013.14



Gift Cards on hand at 9/30/2023:

Publix cards: 450 cards valued @\$10 - \$9.70 each	\$4,365.00
32 cards valued @ \$50 - \$48.50 each	1,552.00
150 cards valued @ \$100 - \$97 each	<u>14,550.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS	\$20,467.00



SPECIAL Requests:

TOTAL: \$0.00

INDIVIDUAL Requests:

Edwards Family Emergency Request - Pace School for Girls (Valerie)
This is a homeless family, mom and 3 children, living in a hotel. Pace has been helping them with hotel accommodations and is trying to find them a more permanent place to live. Welfare Committee immediately approved the \$200 emergency request. We reimbursed Pace \$159.91 for hotel and we gave them \$40 in Publix GC (38.80)
Total: \$198.71



Cruz/Nava Family - Broadview, (Becky)

The school counselor (Danielle McGowan) at Broadview sent an application in for the above family on 10/3. The family consists of a working grandmother, an unemployed grown daughter with a 5 year old daughter. Louise called Danielle and requested more information and the paperwork listed on page 4 of the application. Louise heard back from her but with very little new information. Louise has had no further contact with Danielle and paperwork was not sent in. Will hold application for a while longer in case additional information is received.



October Total: \$198.71



Report submitted by
Kristina Bryn
CAC Welfare Chair





Stuffed Baked French Toast

recipe by CAC
member Louise
Proffer
Enjoyed at November
General Meeting



20-24 slices cinnamon bread (I use Pepperidge Farm, usually 2 – 1 lb. loaves)



Liquid Mixture:

6 eggs
4 cups $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$
2 tsp. vanilla
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar



Filling:

16 oz. softened cream cheese
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
2 cups fresh blueberries



-Spray Pam on a large, tall (at least 3 inches) baking dish.

-Arrange half of bread in dish so that entire bottom is covered. In a separate bowl, mix eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$, vanilla and sugar. Pour half of this liquid over bread. In a separate bowl combine filling ingredients (except for blueberries) together until creamy. Pour filling over moistened bread. Spread fresh fruit over filling. Arrange other half of bread over top of filling/blueberries and pour rest of egg mixture over the top. Sprinkle top with dash of nutmeg.



-Cover and let stand overnight in refrigerator.



-Preheat oven to 350. Bake for 60 minutes, uncover and brown for another 20 minutes.

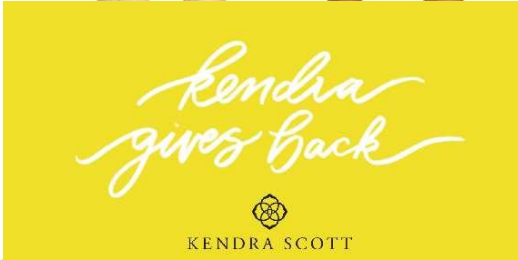


-Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve with maple syrup. This is a great item to serve on a buffet or Sunday/Holiday brunch. Always a favorite with my family.



Bon Appetit!





Thank you to Kendra Scott!
Kendra Scott's CAC Giveback opportunity took place on Friday, November 17th at the Mizner Park location. It continued online through Saturday the 18th. We already heard from them letting us know that the Children's Aid Club will be receiving a check for \$297, and offering us another Giveback opportunity in February!



CAC member Kelle Enriquez and Back to Basics thanks all the CAC members who were able to help wrap some of the gifts for the over 10,000 kids (see picture below) helped this year.



And thank you to Candy Moore for organizing the shop for a cause at Lilly Pulitzer Las Olas on Friday, November 10th. Thanks also to those who were able to attend since your shopping helped us to receive 10% of total purchases for CAC!



Dear CAC sisters,
Thanks for all the messages, cards, calls and especially the love expressed during the loss of our daughter, Nancy. She will be sorely missed by us as well as her vast circle of friends.
When we go through the tragedies of life, the support of friends is essential and my CAC sisters are always there. Tom and I are so grateful for each of you.

Love and hugs,
Andra



Taste'n'Tell Update



The Architect Team

Team leader [Laura Balistreri](#)

The Stylin' Team

Team leader [Jenny Boyenga](#)
with [Sue Black](#)

The Golden Goose Team

Team leader [Kristina Bryn](#)



February 13th is just around the corner, and now is a good time to solicit donations for underwriting and raffle or silent auction items. Many individuals and businesses are looking for end-of-the-year deductions, and what better place to donate than Children's Aid Club?



We still have members who have not signed up to work on a committee, and we still have blank spots on the sign-up sheet. This is your time to tell us about a special talent you have and put it to work for CAC.



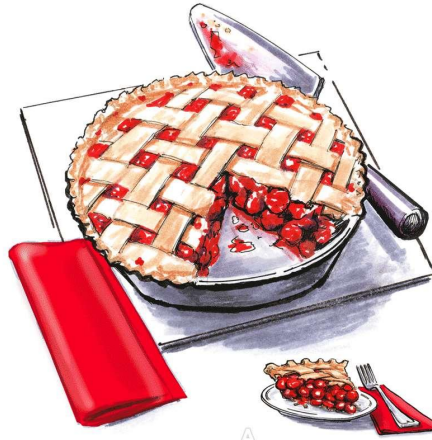
We've been so fortunate to have all the expenses of Taste 'n'Tell underwritten for the past few years. If individual members would like to help contribute, feel free to take a "Piece of the Pie" with your check for any amount.

Mail all checks made out to "Children's Aid Club" to:

Barbara Hume

5941 NE 15th Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334



No matter which team you are a part of - Architect Team, Design Team or the Golden Goose Team - we are ALL a part of Team CAC. Raising funds to help the children in our local community!



Save the Date

February 13th, 2024
at
Lauderdale Yacht Club

Save the Date



On the next 2 pages are copies of the donation letter and the acquisition form to be used when asking businesses to donate items/ gift cards, etc.

to you for Taste 'n Tell, a.k.a. TnT!

Just print it out, and put your contact info on it, in case you have to leave it with the decision maker.





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

Dear Friend of CAC,

Children's Aid Club has continued to be a beacon of light to thousands of underprivileged families in South Florida for 68 years! Our mission is to help close the gap for countless children whose needs are not always met by existing social service programs, by providing aid and support to children and their families suffering from medical, financial and social hardships.

Once a year, we have a unique "Taste and Tell" **fundraising luncheon**, where we select the menu and provide the recipes to our guests in the program. This year it is being held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on February 13, 2024. The theme will be Valentine's related and feature a live auction, silent auction, extravagant raffle baskets & member bake sale! We would very much appreciate it if you could provide **a donation from your business** for our fundraising.

This year we expanded our Holiday gift sponsorship to include 300 most vulnerable families. We paid utility and rent bills for families in short term crisis, and delivered thousands of dollars in Publix gift cards in addition to enriching programs at 24 local organizations by providing personal contact and support.

Children's Aid Club is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Our members make sure that **100% of our donated funds raised go directly back into the community**. Please learn more about us at our website: www.ChildrensAidClub.org.

We hope we can count on you for a donation to make our Taste and Tell Luncheon a success! We also have sponsorship and underwriting opportunities. Thank you for helping us help the children!

Sincerely,

Member of Children's Aid Club Contact # _____

"No goods or services have been provided in consideration of your gift to Children's Aid Club. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free (800-435-7352) within the State. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State. The registration number for Children's Aid Club is 59-6194364



**Children's Aid Club
Acquisition Form**

2- Part Form – **Top portion** is for your use to get information to the Auction Committee for an offic thank you letter
Bottom portion should be left with the vendor making the donation

Member Name: _____

This donation is _____ Personal _____ Company

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Description of Donation (please include listing of all items and/or special instructions):

Estimated Value: \$ _____

Gift Certificate Attached: _____ Yes _____ No Value \$ _____

Any restrictions and/or expiration dates: _____

Thank you for your donation of _____

Value \$ _____ Date: _____

Signature of CAC Member: _____

Children's Aid Club
a 501c3 charity, Federal ID #59-6194364



**You're
Invited!**

*Tuesday,
Dec. 12, 2023*



Our Taste 'n' Tell TASTING LUNCH

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

From 12:00 - 2:30 pm

Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

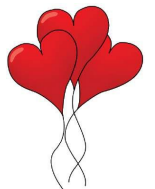
Price \$65.00 - alcoholic beverages not included.

RSVP needed by December 5, 2023

Please contact Sue Black

Email homelessandhappysue@yahoo.com

Here's your opportunity to be seated
where your guests will be seated
and to be served the menu
your guests will be served.



CAC 2023 Holiday Social Sunday, December 10th

Date: Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Time: 4 to 8 pm

*Place: Kim Pietro's Owner's Lounge
RIVA Residences (behind the Audi dealership)
1180 N. Federal Hwy.,
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304*

*There will be valet parking, so we do
encourage you to carpool.*

*If you have not signed up to bring a dish
we are in need of
2-3 appetizers and 2-3 desserts.*

Please BYOB.

*RSVP to Jeanne Dixon (301) 751-6213.
If you already signed up no need to contact her.*

*Also we plan to have a gift exchange,
so bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10.00
if you wish to participate.*

Jeanne Dixon & Jenny Boyenga, Social Chairs



NEW MEMBERS



Carol Helms 2023
Sponsor: Jeanne Dixon
1711 SE 7th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
(954)994-9444 Birthday: 1/10
cbhelms@gmail.com



Allison LaRocca 2023
Sponsor: Pam Ferrante
705 SE 1st Court
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
(954)608-2894 Birthday: 7/6
allisonCAC2023@gmail.com



Kimberly Pietro 2023
Sponsor: Marsha Tessler
1180 N. Federal Hwy #1102
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
(954)673-1512 Birthday: 7/11
pietrok@bellsouth.net



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the list at left
and Add to
Your Black
Book***



There are so many things
in the world that could be
invisible to the material
eye, and when you take a
moment to stop, to pause,
to be present and notice
them - that's gratitude.
LAV SHUTTER



Devotional above was read by CAC Vice President Linda Ianelli at the November General meeting.



Prospective Members



HANUKKAH

Karin O'Brien Kdob40@yahoo.com

Cheryl Arena nursecha@aol.com

Nancy Villard nvstella1@gmail.com



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Thank you note at left received from Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida.

Childrens Aid Club
3296 N Federal Hwy #11503
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339

October 18, 2023

Dear Ms. Becky Ford and Members of the Childrens Aid Club :

On behalf of Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida, Inc. (EATSF), I would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$4,500.00. Your generosity will help provide scholarships for children and adults with special needs to take part in therapeutic riding and equine assisted services so that they may improve physically, mentally and emotionally.

Your gift makes it possible to keep our programs affordable for families that are already spread thin financially because of high medical costs associated with their loved one's disability. Even with our program fees being kept at a minimum, parents of children with special needs find it extremely difficult to pay for this highly beneficial equine therapy. This past year, 55% of our participants with special needs depended on a financial hardship scholarship to take part in the program. That number is expected to increase as medical costs continue to rise.

We thank you for your generosity and I invite you to come out and see our mission in action when you are in our neighborhood. It would be our pleasure to show you around our campus and share with you our latest achievements.

Sincerely,

David Plath
Development Director

*Becky, Barbara
Caroline & Everyone in
CAC - Thank you for your
amazing support, always!
with love
Molly*



Thank you note below received from Our Father's House.

*Dear Children Aid Club, Oct 2023
Thank you for this check of \$500⁰⁰ for the
Bus tickets we offer to the Home Less.
You ARE God's Angels
Until
Katie*



Thank You



THANK YOU CHILDRENS AID CLUB! ❤️



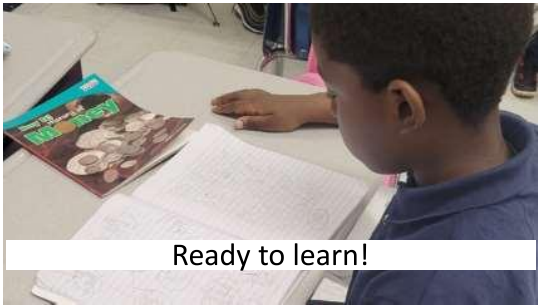
Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



School supplies are used daily to help us achieve.



Excited about learning!



Ready to learn!



We appreciate you all!





Pastor Anthony Yorke and his wife Andrea (pictured at left) from Harvest Preparation Ministry Church received a Thanksgiving envelope for one of their needy family. The Husband died last December leaving 4 children younger than 10.



Above, Thanksgiving envelopes received by Tomorrow's Rainbow staff members Karen, Avi, Christie (CAC member Ghislaine Martin) and on the right Yanique.



St. Clement's families (above and below) receive Thanksgiving envelopes from Children's Aid Club.



Above, CAC member Ghislaine Martin presents Thanksgiving envelopes to God's Little Lambs director Carol Stevens for their needy families.



Thanksgiving Baskets for 2023



<u>Item/Description</u>	<u># of Baskets</u>	<u># of Adults</u>	<u># of Children</u>	<u>Amount spent</u>
	102	192	321	(513 people)



Total spent for Thanksgiving baskets 2023 \$19055.03

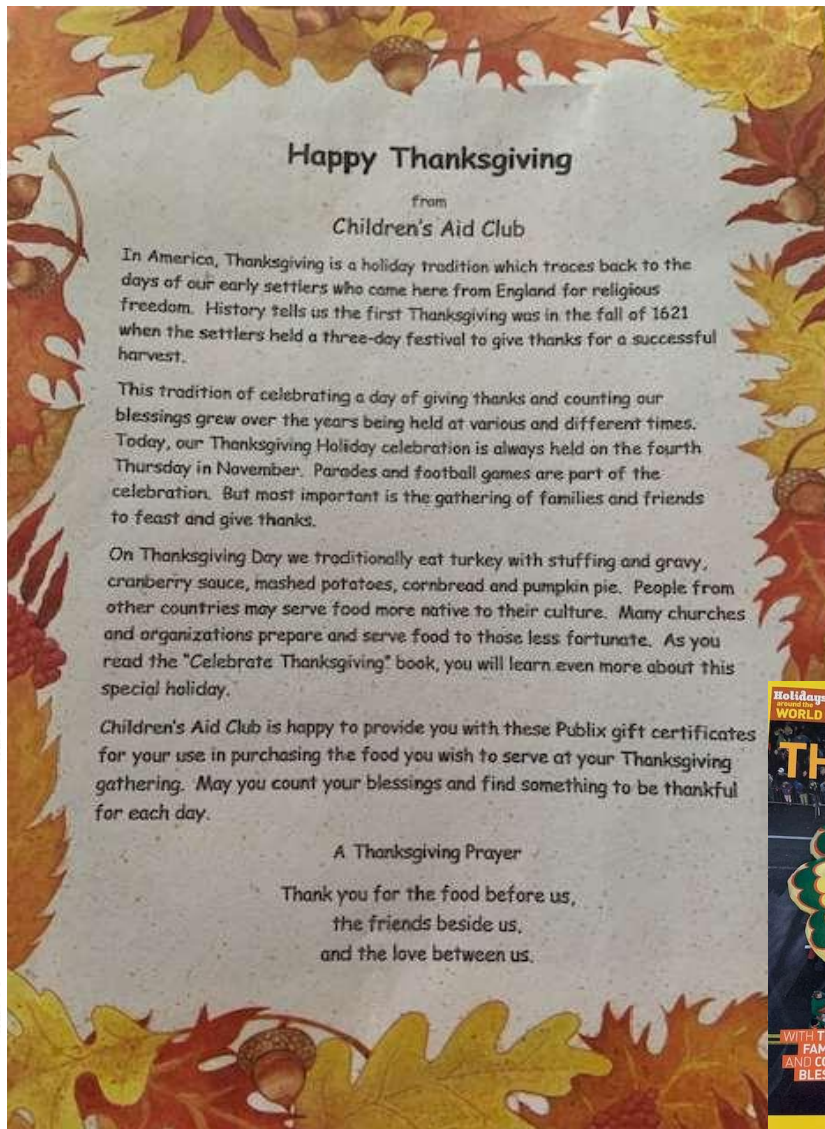
Information provided by Sandy Noonan
CAC Basket Chair



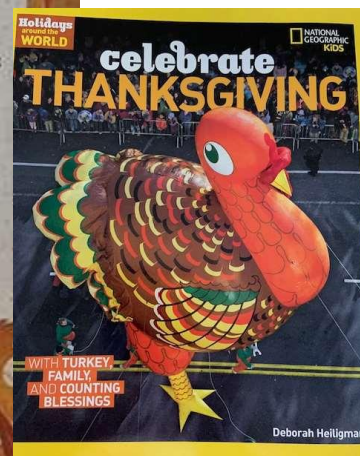
NEW BREAKDOWN

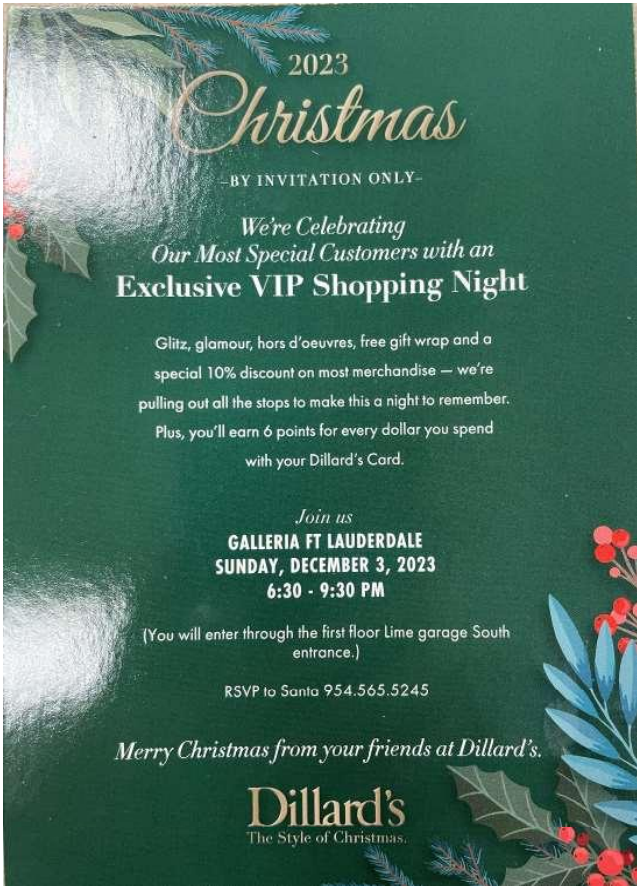
2 people	\$100.00
3-4 people	\$150.00
5-6 people	\$200.00
7-8 people	\$250.00
9-10 people	\$300.00

A big CAC thank you to Sandy and her team for coordinating this project.



Below is the book given to every Thanksgiving basket (envelope) recipient. At left is a copy of the letter also included in the envelope.





Pink CAC shirts are available in S, M and L at \$25 cost. Contact Barbara Hume if interested in buying one.



The Carpenter's Gift
The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree has been milled into lumber and used in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house every year since 2007. Once the trees come down after the holidays, the trunks become lumber and are donated by the owner/operator of Rockefeller Center to Habitat .





CAC Bulletin Board



No matter which holidays and traditions your family follows at this time of year, may all your interactions be filled with warmth and cheer!



Happy DECEMBER Birthday



Suzee Bailey
12/6



Maribel Del Rio
12/7



Louise Proffer
12/7



Mary Ellen Coen
12/9



Thank you
to all who submitted photos and articles
 for this newsletter.
 This is your monthly notice of all things CAC
 and the best way to make it better is by contributing :)



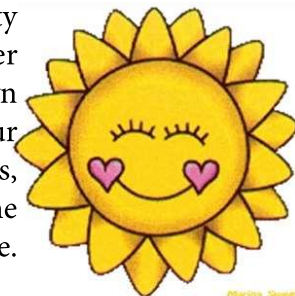
Dates to Remember DECEMBER 2023

- 12/3 - Friends & Family at Dillard's
- 12/5 - CAC Board Meeting
- 12/7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/8 - Santa visits to LSH and GLL
- 12/10 - CAC Holiday Social
- 12/12 - CAC General Meeting
- 12/12 - TnT Tasting luncheon
- 12/13 - GLL Birthday Party
- 12/15 - LSH Birthday Party
- 12/15 - BPHI Birthday Party & Santa visit
- 12/21 - First Day of Winter
- 12/25 - 1/5 - Schools Closed
- 12/25 - Christmas Day
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve



Sunshine News

Please keep Kitty Vagi and former member Marilyn Markus in your thoughts, especially at the holiday time.



Don't forget Hanukkah starts at sunset on Thursday, December 7th and is celebrated for the next 8 days, ending at sunset on December 15th.

