



NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Message From Our President

Becky Ford



Dear CAC Members,

Are you ready? It's that time. And by that, I mean time for Taste 'n' Tell and we are expecting a full house! Soon it will be time for baking for the bake sale. Currently I'm in Chicago with my new granddaughter, Maggie and also enjoying time with her big brother, Patrick, and big sister, Bridget. When I get back home I will be hurrying to get everything done for TNT, as we all do. You all are doing a great job. I'm sure you have accounted for your raffle and auction items on the grid or let Caroline know what you have.

Since TNT is on the day that would normally be our Board Meeting, we won't have a February Board Meeting. If something comes up we will call an emergency meeting. After TNT the next General Member meeting is on Tuesday, February 20 at Laura Balistreri-Ahmed's house.

Take a brief break to refuel after TNT and then keep the momentum going and continue collecting those raffle and silent auction items for the CASF Golf Tournament as planning is getting underway. Please plan to help at the Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, this is one of the expectations for members.

See you on February 12 & 13 for Taste 'n' Tell!

Love,

Becky



Important Dates & Times

February Board Meeting
No Board meeting this month since we will be holding TnT

February General Meeting
Tuesday, February 20th
Refreshments: 9:00 am
Meeting: 9:30 Promptly
at
Laura Ballistreri-Ahmed's Home
340 Lido Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Hostesses are:
Jenny Boyenga
Caroline Courtney

Remember to contact
CAC Membership Chair,
Caroline Courtney,
if you can not attend the meeting.



Taste'n'Tell
Valentines Luncheon
Tuesday February 13th, 2024

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

1. Call to order 9:32am

2. **Devotional** – Linda Ianelli

Encouraging words for January. There are 2 days in the year that nothing can be done. One is yesterday and the other is tomorrow. Love and do today. (paraphrased)

3. **Membership** – Caroline Courtney

Our perspective members will be getting a letter inviting them to join in our next meeting.

4. **Approval of Minutes** – November & December

One adjustment- Morning Day Solutions Grant was \$500 not \$5,000

MOTION: Linda Ianelli- Motion to Approve with the adjusted figure

SECOND: Pam Markus

ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

5. **Corresponding Secretary** – Pamela Markus

I have been busy sending Thank You notes. We received the Walmart Grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Pompano store on West Atlantic Blvd so we are sending a thank you to them as well.

A nice thank you was received from Our Fathers Soup Kitchen, a paper bag craft from Tomorrow's Rainbow, and one from Bold Ladies in Business.

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

Discuss basket budget per Sandy.

Checking \$119,032.04

Savings \$113,994.89

Schwab \$206,318.66

Total \$439,345.59



We received \$8,800 from the car dealerships this year. It will be split \$5,000 towards underwriting for TNT 2024 and \$3,800 towards Holiday Appeal.

Holiday Appeal Update: in 2023 we had 97 families- 442 people, 264 kids

Spend \$21,200 in total

We need about \$5,000 more to complete what we did last year. The other option is we minimize the amount of families we help.

Christmas we helped 3 families per organization

Thanksgiving- We did 4 families per organizations

We would really like to continue to help 4 families per organizations.

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

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134 requests were sent

Obtained 15 sponsors , 12 sponsors were CAC members

64 donations- 4 of them were CAC ladies that also sponsored a basket

5 donations were received through the Website

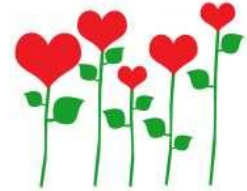
Total of 100 responses. Not a bad number!

Removing Thanksgiving and Christmas can help you, from the \$65,000 that CAC gives towards basket budget \$24,741.75 left over.

MOTION: on the TNT auto funds split

Bold Women in Business- \$115.20

Broward Health Community Relations- \$___



7. **Welfare** – Kristina Bryn

December- Only spent \$194

December to date: \$18,861.29 spent in total for all organizations

Publix gift cards on hand \$5771.50

Individual request- Emergency Request- Monica Liaison- Request to provide a Christmas basket and gifts for a large family that was missed in the original count. It was approved, basket and gifts shopped and delivered! was a \$200 emergency request for a Publix Gift Card. (Cost \$194.00)

Motion to Ratify: Pamela Markus Second: Caroline Courtney

ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

8. **Ways and Means** – Belinda McDonald

Received our first grant check from Walmart- \$2,500 – They have asked for us to mention them on Facebook and other social media outlets.

We would like to work on some sort of way to continue to incorporate Walmart into our organization to increase our relationship and recognition. They ask that we continue to shop with them. Think about any other ideas we may have.

Morning Day Support- \$500 Grant. We need to be a member of their organization to receive a grant from them. Pam Ferrante and Caroline Courtney applied in the past so Pam may be the best contact. CAC is the member.

Jim Moran Foundation- Belinda applied for another grant. She is working on a letter of intent now.

We would like to reach out to our donors more and provide more relevant and up to date information about how many children we are helping at each event and throughout each organization. Etc. We would like the liaisons to make a diligent effort to document our efforts and our reach.

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

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Individual Request- Emergency Funding- Our Fathers House- Barbara Hume liaison. Mother came from Canada to Florida fleeing from an abusive situation. 2 boys (7yo and 14yo) and 2 girls (9yo and 12yo). We housed them for 2 nights and then looked into housing in a budget motel for \$60 per night. The board and welfare committee approved 1 week instead of 2 nights. An anonymous member contributed an additional \$60 per night so the family of 5 could have 2 rooms for more space. The mother was really appreciative. They also got a \$200 gift card and some clothing from the warehouse. \$420 total on a hotel room + \$200 Walmart card

Burlington Coats- Barbara Hume- We have about 100 jackets left from the 288 jackets!

9. **TNT Update** – Laura Balistreri-Ahmed, Jenny Boyenga, Kristina Bryn

Belinda- Silent Auction- We need to make sure we have our Silent Auction items. This is a big financial draw for the event and right now we don't have as much as we should. Auction Items- Usually 30-45 items.

Live Auction- We had to remove things to keep within the timeframe. We have 6-7 items already!

We have a couple BB Richard art pieces at the warehouse that we can use.

GiveButter- We have a good amount of activity on the site for event tickets. We ONLY have 220 seats.

Volume.com- Pledged \$5,000

Another Pledged for \$5,000 that we are waiting on details for.

Linda will work on noting what the All Heart Reservation includes versus just the General Reservation on the site.

Program

Media Cost- in the years past was \$350 but now we are being charged \$1,000 by Aspire Audio Visual. We have additional audio and visual needs and feel this is still a good and reasonable price.

Bake Sale: We need to hand out the "From the Kitchen of" cards at the next meeting.

We need to make sure we have a running order of events and a rehearsal.

We need to be sure to invite a member or leader from each of our 25 organizations.

We need to make sure we get membership cards printed for the tables for ladies that may want to join CAC.

We will minimize the paper usage and waste and not include the basket description on the printed list. The contents of each basket will be included in an email sent out prior to the event but in person, the list will include just the basket name, basket number and the value.

10. **New Business** –

Valerie Taylor has 5 full desktop computers that are internet ready for a family in need.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

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Brian's Bags were done last year in February. We have decided to push it to March this year and we will do the book collection in April for Ann Powell.

11. Unfinished Business –

12. Adjournment 11:20am

MOTION: Candy: Motion to Adjourn. SECOND: Caroline Courtney

All in favor None opposed

Minutes provided by Laura Balistreri-Ahmed
CAC Recording Secretary



CAC received the following flyer.
Please forward to your organizations whose clients may benefit.

Dentistry
From Our Hearts
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 9am-4pm
First Come, First Served
No need to Call, just Show
For "The Needy Not The Greedy"

This year, Dentistry from our Hearts is celebrating its 12th anniversary of providing free dental services to underserved communities in South Florida!

The event will be happening on February 18th, 2024 at two locations:
 Dental Care Group Aventura (and Dental Care Group Kids Aventura)
 & Dental Care Group Pembroke Pines, from 9am to 4pm.



Children will be seen only at the Aventura location.

Aventura
2797 NE 207th Street,
Aventura, FL 33180
ADULTS AND KIDS

Pembroke Pines
12634 Pines Blvd,
Pembroke Pines, FL 33027
ADULTS

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 9:30 a.m. at The Warehouse

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After 1 week, the board has approved another week for \$420. They will have just one room this time.

The mother volunteers at hope house to help herself and get help from them. She is waiting on a Social Security number which we are hoping will be in the next 3-4 weeks. She can apply for more assistance once she has her social security number which will help her tremendously.

Additional members have offered to assist for more housing as needed.

MOTION: Pam Marcus- Motion to Ratify the expenses. SECOND: Julie Newton

8. **Ways and Means** – Belinda McDonald

Walmart Grant Update: We received one of the grants and will wait on the other stores to respond. Walmart said that we can increase our image and relationship with them by continue to buy from there, post on social media and we can table out front to promote CAC and their involvement in local charities.

\$115.20 Bold Ladies in Business

\$10,000 Jim Moran application

9. **TNT Update** – Laura Balistreri-Ahmed, Jenny Boyenga, Kristina Bryn

Raffle- We need details of the basket items asap.

Include gift card amount , Do not include dollar amount for each item

DO include the total value

Silent Auction and Live Auction- We need some more items and they will be separated between silent and live auction once everything is received.

A list of auction items will be emailed to the members. The members are encouraged to share the list with the guests they have invited. Guests can then preselect what they want to bid on ahead of time.

Reservations- We have approximately 155 tickets reservations filled so far. They is up 55 people since the board meeting last week.

Cruise Raffle Tickets: Holland America Cruise to anywhere!

1 Ticket- \$25 5 Tickets- \$100

Member Assignments- you will get your assigned job later on via email.

Programs: Valerie- There is a short video being created. We have the raffle tickets that will be displayed on the screen as they are called!

Decorations: We will have beautiful balloon backdrop as part of our decorations. It will serve as a backdrop when guests walk in but we are working on exact details and location.

Centerpiece- wine bottle. Tin with mints, flowers, sunflowers, etc.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 9:30 a.m. at The Warehouse

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10. New Business –

Jeanie Dixon presented a social option at the Wick Theater. You get a 3 course luncheon at the recreated Tavern on the Green with a cabaret performance and tour the costume display. \$85 per person. Thursday February 22, 2024. Must sign up and pay in the next 2 days.

Kitty will be turning 94 in February. She is in a memory care facility that we can go and visit. A social gathering will be arranged at her residence for those who want to participate.

Please EMAIL Julie Newton photos for our newsletter. Do not text them.

Julie gave a short Tech lesson.

Brian's Bags will be in March Ann's Book drive will be in April

Easter forms will be going out early this year. We need them back ASAP as Easter is early this year.

Ghislaine- brought a nice note from Tomorrow's Rainbow.

Burlington Coast Drive- 288 coats received. Julie is excited that we have new jackets and that the jackets were for CHILDREN! She reminded us that in the past, the jackets were all donations to the stores that we received. Many were in poor condition, adult sizes, and needed to be cleaned. This year the coats received were exactly what we could use for the children in our community.

11. Unfinished Business –

12. Adjournment 11:08 AM

MOTION: Rena Udell- Motion to Adjourn SECOND Julie Newton

Minutes provided by Laura Balistreri-Ahmed
CAC Recording Secretary



Pictured below is the pretty mountain lion that walked across Kristina Bryn's Colorado driveway!



Welfare Report for January Board & General Meeting
12/1/2023 to 12/31/2023



Organizations:

Broadview Elementary	\$39.00
BPHI	34.36
CDTC	712.44
Croissant Park Elementary	42.00
Cypress Elementary	987.92
God's Little Lambs	47.47
Henderson Behavioral Health	239.92
Hope Women's Center	359.88
Northside Elementary	198.60
Our Father's House	688.78
Seagull Alternative School	485.93
The Little Schoolhouse	24.99
Tomorrow's Rainbow	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS	\$18,861.29



Gift Cards on hand at 12/31/2023:

Publix cards: 295 cards valued @\$10 - \$9.70 each	\$2,861.50
60 cards valued @ \$50 - \$48.50 each	<u>2,910.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS	\$5,771.50



SPECIAL Requests:

None

INDIVIDUAL Requests:

Emergency Request for a family from Henderson Behavioral (Liaison - Monica)
 At the December meeting Monica told us about this large family from Henderson. There had been an error in the families given to Monica and this family should have been one of the three families receiving a xmas basket. Since the meeting was held at the warehouse, Louise asked Monica to look through the clothes and toys for the six children(all were age appropriate for what we had in the warehouse). Monica submitted a \$200 emergency funding application for Publix gift cards.

Welfare Committee approved. We need to ratify this request.
 Total: \$194.00



Pending:

- * October 3 application from Broadview - since the application is 3 months old and a new application would be needed if this family is in need of our help, the application is no longer pending.
- * December 28 application from Jessica June - waiting to hear from Sandra Muvdi as how to best help this family.

December Total: \$194.00

Report submitted by Kristina Bryn
CAC Welfare Chair



Financial Statements



Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss

August - December, 2023



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	1,468.79
Donations	45,330.50
Memorial	160.00
Total Donations	45,490.50
Dues	5,625.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	19,125.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
Cruise Raffle	200.00
Underwriting	12,000.00
Total Taste 'n' Tell	12,200.00
Total Fundraising Income	31,325.00
Interest Inc	27.30
Misc. income	1,171.00
Total Income	\$85,107.59
GROSS PROFIT	\$85,107.59
Expenses	
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	147.36
Blessed Sacrament	2,425.00
BPHI	244.69
Broadview Elementary	39.00
Broward Health	1,962.50
Broward Partnership for the Hom	292.96
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	4,220.31
Croissant Park Elementary	42.00
Cross Creek School	2,175.31
Cypress Elementary	1,345.62
Donors Choose.org	6,000.00
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	4,500.00
God's Little Lambs	257.37
Henderson Behavioral Health	1,928.29
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	21,323.22
Thanksgiving	19,058.23
Total Holiday Baskets	40,381.45
Hope Women's Center	1,929.36

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Financial Statements

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Individuals
 Edwards/Nagler
 Henderson Family
 Jean Family
 Robinson Family
 Sully Caceres

Total Individuals

JJCF
 Mary Ann's Closet
 Northside Elementary
 Our Father's Soup Kitchen
 PACE
 Pompano Beach Middle School
 Seagull Alternative School
 St Clements
 St. Thomas
 The Little Schoolhouse
 Tomorrow's Rainbow

Total Charity

Contract Services
 Accounting Fees

Total Contract Services

Fundraising Expenses
 Taste & Tell
 Invitations
 Raffles
 Supplies

Total Taste & Tell

Total Fundraising Expenses

Misc
 Operations
 Books, Subscriptions, Reference

Total Operations

Other Types of Expenses
 Insurance - Liability, D and O

Total Other Types of Expenses

Post Office Box
 Postage
 Socials
 WebsiteURL fees

Yearbook

Total Expenses

NET OPERATING INCOME

NET INCOME

198.71

194.00

1,349.00

50.00

3,000.00

4,791.71

3,880.00

907.44

3,065.14

2,637.78

1,104.79

2,749.36

485.93

582.00

194.00

5,298.34

15,000.00

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2,051.00

2,051.00

711.00

1,000.00

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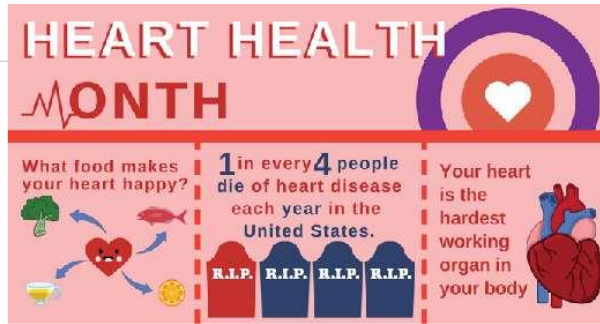
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\$132,730.89

\$ -47,623.30

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Our 3 main sources of income are:

Taste'n'Tell

CASF Golf Tournament

Donations

Financial Statements

Children's Aid Club

Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	84,501.68
BOA Savings	113,994.89
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	200,737.74
Total Bank Accounts	\$399,234.31
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Gas Cards	47.28
Publix Food Cards	5,771.50
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$5,818.78
Total Current Assets	\$405,053.09
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
Total Fixed Assets	\$8,168.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$413,221.31
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	11,806.36
Total Credit Cards	\$11,806.36
Total Current Liabilities	\$11,806.36
Total Liabilities	\$11,806.36
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	281,197.04
Net Income	-47,623.30
Total Equity	\$401,414.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$413,221.31



Pictured at right is CAC President Becky Ford's newest grandchild, Maggie, born January 16th. Pictured above is Becky's daughter and her granddaughter, Bridget, who LOVES her new little sister. Becky's grandson, Patrick, is not sure what to make of the new addition to their family.



On March 23rd, from 12 pm-3 pm, Kendra Scott again offers a GIVEBACK day to Children's Aid Club at their Mizner Park Boca Raton store located at 411 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, and online with an extended online day on March 24th. They request that anyone making a purchase be sure to let them know you are a member, family member, or friend of Children's Aid Club and share that with your friends and family, as we will receive 20% of each purchase from the mention of a member, friend, or family member! We will set up a table at their Boca store on the 23rd. Please join us there! It would be great to have members show up and thank them. Make a purchase, or not.



Shine Bright, Do Good!

Use promo code: **GIVEBACK-FXHQT** at checkout on **KendraScott.com** to shop for good online! (Valid 03/23/24 - 03/24/24)

Contact Kendra Scott Mizner Park for shopping support. 561.430.2520

Please join us on **March 23rd from 12pm - 3pm** for a giveback event at **Kendra Scott Mizner Park!**

20% of all purchases during the event will benefit **Children Aid's Club!**

Mizner Park:
411 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432

Children's Aid Club

KENDRA SCOTT



Hop to It!
Easter is March 31st

Easter Forms will be due Wed Feb 28th

Firm date. We need time to order Target, Publix cards and supplies for baskets

4 families per organization



Please email forms back to Sandy at sandyknoonan@gmail.com and cc to Louise at plproffer@aol.com

Sandy will be sending out forms 1st week of Feb. Please use the form on next page of this newsletter or the one she will send out by email.

Please ask your organization to **please PRINT and use black ink**



Sandy will ONLY be asking for sizes for children that wear size 24 months and under. Please let me know if we have any moms expecting and if they know if it's a boy or girl.

Sandy will let us know what date the bags will be ready for pick up.





3296 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY #11503 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33339-1503

EASTER BASKETS

Please provide information on the family receiving a Easter basket no later than : **Friday, February 23rd**

E-mail form to _____

Name of Organization _____

Name of Family _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Is either parent a veteran? YES NO

This year we received some beautiful children's clothing that we would like to distribute to our families if we are given the sizes of the children. PLEASE NOTE: ALL SIZES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.

Individual names of children 18 yrs. and under. Age (required) Size (optional)

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Shoe Size</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

CAC Member is: _____ Phone #: _____

Thank you!



to Burlington from CAC

The Burlington Coat Drive was cut down to two weeks in November, and we didn't have as many used coats donated as usual. HOWEVER, Burlington decided this year to donate a new coat to the



organizations that are doing the pickups for them, a coat for every new coat that was purchased during the two-week period up to 50,000. We were the lucky recipient of 24 cases of coats – 288 in all! Since sizes were from 12 months to 6X, not all of our organizations could benefit, but we distributed London Fog jackets to God's Little Lambs, Little Schoolhouse, Cypress Elementary, CDTC, Croissant Park Elementary and Broadview Elementary.

Barbara Hume is happy to report that all of the 288 London Fog children's jackets we received from Burlington have been distributed! Thanks to all the liaisons who helped with that process. We have 288 happy (and warm!) children and even more parents.



Pictured above are CAC members Ghislaine Martin, Sheri Wilcox, Jeanne Dixon and Belinda McDonald helping to unpack some of the 24 cases of coats from Burlington.



CAC member Jeanne Dixon delivered the Burlington coats to Croissant Park Elementary. Pictured above are the principal and the guidance counselor, who were very happy to get them for their students.



Candy Moore, Sandy Noonan and Rebecca Solomon work on the January bags for CDTC (above) while Candy, Sandy and Reba Amdur pose (right) with the finished bags.





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 81 families with a total of 253 children. Each family received Christmas baskets of wonderful toys, clothes and gifts for the children, plus a Target gift card for each child and Publix 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!

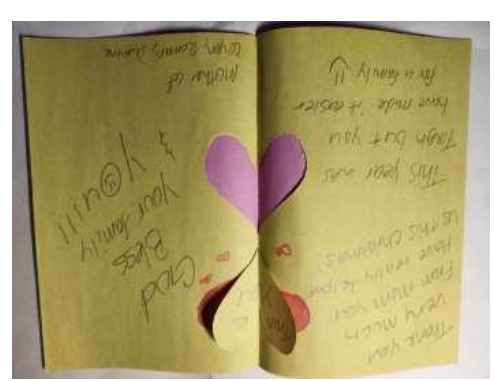
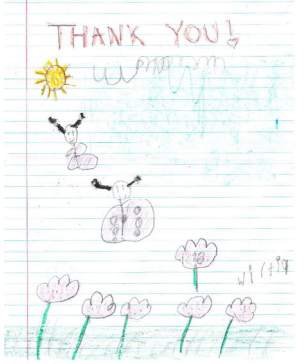
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| <i>Ann Alper</i> | <i>Dr. Maribel Del Rio</i> | <i>Allison Larocca</i> | <i>Rachel Pope</i> |
| <i>Reba Amdur</i> | <i>Patricia DeSanctis</i> | <i>Linda Lynch</i> | <i>Louise Proffer</i> |
| <i>Suzee Bailey</i> | <i>Vanessa Diaz-Font</i> | <i>Pamela Markos</i> | <i>Sara Rashti*</i> |
| <i>Laura Balistreri-Ahmed</i> | <i>Jeanne Dixon</i> | <i>Ghislaine Martin</i> | <i>Debra Rowand</i> |
| <i>Michelle Berry</i> | <i>Fran English</i> | <i>Kathy Mayhew</i> | <i>Judy Sherk</i> |
| <i>Trudy Bieck</i> | <i>Kelle Enriquez *</i> | <i>Belinda McDonald</i> | <i>Rebecca Solomon</i> |
| <i>Angie Bizzarro</i> | <i>Carole Falkanger</i> | <i>Mary Ellen Metwalli</i> | <i>Lynda Stackhouse</i> |
| <i>Susan Black</i> | <i>June Felski</i> | <i>Sue Miller **</i> | <i>Valerie Taylor</i> |
| <i>Monica Blackwood</i> | <i>Pam Ferrante</i> | <i>Kathy Mitchell</i> | <i>Marsha Tessler</i> |
| <i>Janice Bloomfield</i> | <i>Becky Ford</i> | <i>Candy Moore</i> | <i>Rena Udell</i> |
| <i>Gina Bono-Jenkins *</i> | <i>Sharon Glavey</i> | <i>Mary Mulder</i> | <i>Kitty Vagi **</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Boyenga</i> | <i>Carol Helms</i> | <i>Julie Newton</i> | <i>Joyce Virga</i> |
| <i>Kristina Bryn</i> | <i>Barbara Hume **</i> | <i>Sandy Noonan**</i> | <i>Andra Webb **</i> |
| <i>Missy Butt</i> | <i>Linda Ianelli</i> | <i>Polly O'Neill</i> | <i>Sheri Wilcox</i> |
| <i>Mary Ellen Coen</i> | <i>Teri Ingalls **</i> | <i>Kimberly Pietro</i> | |
| <i>Caroline Courtney</i> | <i>Gail Jennings</i> | | |

* Honorary Member
** Lifetime Member



Pictured above is the thank you note sent to those who participated in our 2024 Holiday Appeal. Thank you to Valerie Taylor and her team for organizing.

Thank You



Pictured on this page are some of the thank you notes received by Children's Aid Club from parents and students from Northside Elementary School for Christmas baskets.

Thank You



On January 24th CAC members Linda Ianelli, Fran English, Mary Ellen Coen, Pam Ferrante, Caroline Courtney and Belinda McDonald (pictured above left) represented Children's Aid Club at the Henderson Behavioral Health's 70th Anniversary celebration and Donor Appreciation Reception held at Lauderdale Yacht Club. Pictured at right is a thank you note received from a happy Christmas basket recipient from Henderson Behavioral Health.



Please get in touch with Valerie Taylor if you are interested in attending the luncheon on March 7th, 2024 for PACE mentioned at right.





THANKS TO YOU WE'VE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL



Dear Reba, Our "Year-End Giving 4 Kids" campaign in honor of our 20th Anniversary exceeded our goal raising a total of \$101,200 in 34 days! On Dec. 31st, during the last hours of the campaign, we reached an outstanding \$95,700 and then came an earth angel who took us beyond the finish line. On Jan. 3rd, surrounded by volunteers, we announced the campaign results.

We are ecstatic with these results thanks to donations made by (142) individuals, (15) corporations and (7) nonprofit organizations (including The Wasie Foundation's \$25,000 matching grant).

Funds raised will help fund our programs this year. Your donations will become direct emergency financial assistance (i.e., food, rent, medical, electricity) and supportive care services for children and their families fighting pediatric cancer.

Thank you so much for your trust and generous support. As a team, we finished with 'flying colors' and 2024 is off to a great start!

Wishing you a healthy and Happy New Year,

Sandra Muvdi, MBA
President/CEO

*Photo credit Dr. Tom & Lisa Nalven. Below photo with 20th Anniv. Ambassadors Jake (8 y/o, Lymphoma) & Lucas (5 y/o, Leukemia). Stay tuned for more photos on our Facebook & Instagram Page.



begun steroid treatments. This has caused the swelling of his face and stomach. He and his sister were recipients of Christmas gifts from Children's Aid Club. We were able to gift him a Lionel Messi short set from his favorite player and team that was on his wish list, along with a soccer ball, sneakers, games and more .



Pictured at left is the thank you note received by liaison Reba Amdur from Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation. Pictured at the bottom is Lucas. He is being treated for Leukemia that was diagnosed in 2019. His body did not react well to chemotherapy He underwent a bone marrow transplant in 2022 He is currently under going treatment at the University of Miami Cancer Center once a week and has also





You never know what the next phone call will bring! This time it was Birthday Boxes! Barbara Hume received a call from a Girl Scout Leader who had 14 Birthday Boxes that three of her cadet scouts had assembled to earn their Bronze Award.



Avery, Peyton and Isabella (pictured at left) with their supplies for Birthday Boxes. Scout leader delivering the boxes (pictured at right).



The 11- and 12-year old girls came up with the idea, obtained donations for the supplies at their church and assembled them.

Each contains cake mix, frosting and sprinkles, candles, birthday plates and napkins, a Happy Birthday banner, noise makers, balloons and Goofy String. And it was packaged in a 9 x 13 pan for baking the cake! It even includes a can of Sprite which can apparently be used to make the cake if you don't happen to have two eggs, oil and water! Barbara baked one of the cakes and delivered it with the birthday supplies to Isabel, whose son was celebrating his 15th birthday on Sunday, January 28th. (He is the oldest of Isabel's children who were living in their car and for whom we've provided a motel room for the past month. As a special treat, Lynda Stackhouse donated tickets for the Museum of Discovery & Science for the whole family to go to the museum and the IMAX theater.) Four of the Birthday Boxes were delivered to Mary Ann's Closet for foster families to use. If any members have other needy families with upcoming birthdays, please let Barbara know.



Planned February Birthday Parties

God's Little Lambs - Wednesday, February 21st at 2:15 pm.

Contact Janice Bloomfield if you plan to help.

The Little School House - Friday February 9th at 10:00 am.

Contact Linda Ianelli if you plan to help out.

Broward Partnership - Friday February 9th at 6:30 pm.

They will also be doing a Valentine's Boutique.

Contact Vanessa Diaz-Font if you plan to help out.



Pictured at left is the thank you received by CAC from Bold Ladies In Business, along with a check for \$115.20 They admire the work we are doing in our local community.

DATE: 12/22/2023

RECIPIENT Children's Aid Club
ADDRESS
3296 N. Federal Hwy, Unit 11503
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-8422

DEAR Belinda McDonald,

We are happy to enclose a check made payable to your organization in the amount of \$115.20. We at the Bold Ladies in Business admire your work in the community and your diligent efforts to improve the world around us. I am honored to present you with this contribution and hope that it will help provide you with the resources you need to continue your endeavors.

I know that your organization goes above and beyond the call of duty. You represent all that your efforts are greatly appreciated not only by the Bold Ladies in Business by most members of this community. I look forward to seeing the continued progress you will make in the future.

Respectfully,
Alina Perry-Smith

Bold Ladies in Business Corp.

APS:aro

Enclosure: Check Number 1052 Payable to Children's Aid Club
EIN:596194364



CAC liaison to God's Little Lambs, Ghislaine Martin, thanks her great team:

Carole Falkanger, Janice Bloomfield and Reba Amdur. Janice picked up the cake and juice.

Pictured at right is the team along with the 4 GLL birthday kids.





Hello Ladies and Happy February!



I will bring Holland America Cruise Raffle tickets to our TNT set-up day on February 12th for anyone wanting to purchase them. One Ticket is \$25.00 OR Five Tickets for \$100. See me for tickets.



Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th, and it will be held at the home of Laura Balistreri-Ahmed, 340 Lido Drive, Fort Lauderdale. Our hostesses are Caroline Courtney and Jennifer Boyenga. The meeting will start at 9:30 am, but come early for refreshments. Please get in touch with Caroline Courtney, our Membership Chair, or Jenny Boyenga, her assistant, if you will not be attending.



Taste'n'Tell is right around the corner. We will soon receive our work assignments for our Big Day, and before we know it, we will finish our baskets, do our baking, and gather our items to take to the Lauderdale Yacht Club on set-up day on Monday, February 12th, at noon. Doors will not open on set-up day until noon for CAC. So, here's to another very successful TNT.



All the best,

Linda Ianelli
CAC Vice President



Devotional at right was read at the January CAC Board meeting and devotional below was read at the CAC January General meeting by CAC Vice President Linda Ianelli

"There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do, and mostly live." -- Dalia Lama



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

HENRY FORD

T'n'T 2024 Team Leaders



Laura Balistreri for the Architect Team

Jenny Boyenga for the Stylin' Team

Kristina Bryn for the Golden Goose Team



As you have heard, all 220 seats have been taken at Taste 'n' Tell this year – two weeks before the event! The Raffle Basket and Silent Auction spreadsheets have been completed. We have almost \$70,000 in underwriting. Can this get any better? Yes, it can! We need your baked goods on set up day beautifully wrapped to put the icing on the cake (sorry for that terrible pun!) Some of our guests can't wait to make a beeline for the bake sale, so let's make it special for them. Each active member is asked to provide \$30 worth of baked goods. Items should be delivered on Monday, February 12th, from noon to 2:00. Pricing will be done by the committee, but please make a note if ingredients are especially expensive.



Look for your work assignment by email. Find something pink or red to wear and be prepared to smile, smile, smile!



Your Team Leaders,
Laura Balistreri, Jenny Boyenga and Kristina Bryn



PLEASE CARPOOL



**Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL**





Taste'n'Tell Update



Our 2024 Taste'n'Tell luncheon is fast approaching and we need all hands on deck. Our event will take place at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024.

SET-UP

Set-ups will be happening the day prior on Monday, February 12th from 12:00 until 3 pm, so please mark your calendars now. Wear comfy clothes and footwear.

Please do not show up before noon!!!



Note: Come to the club on Monday with full stomachs! The club is officially closed and we will not have access to any food or drinks that day.



BAKE SALE

Time to show off your creative skills with goodies for our annual bake sale! Best sellers are always cookies, fudge, breads, brownies and just about anything that does not need refrigeration. We ask that you bake enough to bring at least \$30 into the coffers. Wrap it up pretty, but make it visible and tightly sealed using Valentine's Day as a theme. Be prepared to name the item on a label that will be provided on set-up day (recipes are not necessary). Items that sell best are in clear packing, smaller items such as 6" cakes, half cakes or small pies. Please make sure to note on the label if the recipe contains nuts, sugar free or gluten free.



Bring your beautifully wrapped and ready to go homemade goodies to Lauderdale Yacht Club on set-up day — February 12, 2024 from 12:00 to 2:00. We will price them, so let us know if your item is particularly costly to make. Please do not use expensive dish ware to present your items as guests will not pay for them.



BASKETS/ SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Deadline for FINAL Basket /Silent Auction information supplied on the google grid was January 26th!

Bring your raffle baskets and silent auction items — February 12, 2024 from 12:00 to 3:00. If you have a cart that you are willing to let us use, please bring it as it will help get the bigger baskets from the parking lot into the club.



PARKING

We are strongly suggesting that you get dropped off at the club or car pool please. There is limited parking at LYC, and with the number of guests we are expecting, parking spots will become a problem. Please help us with this situation by being thoughtful with your transportation plans.



WORK ASSIGNMENTS

There is a variety of jobs that need covering on the day of our event and we are putting together our work assignment schedule and time line. 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. Team Leaders are responsible for checking the needed supplies in the bins at the warehouse. Make sure to email Sandy Noonan a list of what you need brought from the warehouse.





Bake Sale

Calling all our CAC Bakers!!!!

This is the time to show off your creative skills providing your goodies for our annual bake sale! Best sellers are always cookies, fudge, breads, brownies, and just about anything that **does not need refrigeration!**

We ask that you bake enough to bring at least \$30 into the coffers. Wrap it up pretty but visible and tightly sealed using Valentine's Day as a theme. List the name of the item on the "From the kitchen of" label. Items that sell best are in clear packaging, smaller items such as 6" cakes, half cakes or small pies. **Please make sure to note on the label if the recipe contains nuts, sugar free or gluten free.** Recipes are not necessary.

Bring your beautifully wrapped and ready to go **HOMEMADE GOODIES** to the Lauderdale Yacht Club **on set-up day --- February 12, 2024 from noon to 2 pm.** We will price them, so let us know if your item is particularly expensive to make. Please do not use expensive dishware to present your items. Guests do not want to pay for them.

Members will be allowed to purchase items at full price **after the entire luncheon is over** to make sure all our guests are given a chance to purchase.

Please don't ask us to hold something for you or let you break the rules..... it's really very hard to say "no" to such great hardworking ladies...**Thank You!!!**



Gordon Latz

Gordon Latz, a Fort Lauderdale resident, has been donating his time and supporting South Florida charities and non-profit organizations through his auctioneering activities for over 40 years and has helped raise over \$100 million dollars for more than ninety different organizations.

Children's Aid Club thanks Gordon for donating his time and efforts to helping our cause.

Please try to take the time to find auctioneer extraordinaire Gordon Latz and thank him for volunteering his services as auctioneer for our live auction during Taste'n'Tell.



**TnT After Party will be held
at Zuckerello's Italian Restaurant
3017 E. Commercial Blvd in Fort Lauderdale
on March 19th after the CAC General Meeting**

Watch your inbox for more details

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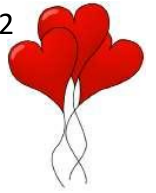
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OF 42ND STREET & MORE...
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- * CABARET PERFORMANCE
- * 3 TIMES THE COSTUMES ...
- ... 3 TIMES THE FUN!



**CAC outing to The Wick
in Boca on Thursday,
February 22nd at 10 am**

We will be touring the costume museum where the featured event is costumes from the original Broadway show of 42nd St. Lunch will be served in a re-created Tavern on the Green room with original decorations from the New York restaurant. There will also be a cabaret performance with actors from the theater. These are not local community theater actors, but professionals hired from New York and other main venues.

The cost is \$83 but I guarantee you, it will be worth it!



Member Name _____

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

Please fill out and e-mail to Jenny Boyenga at jennyboyenga10@gmail.com



Bake Sale _____

Cruise Raffle _____



Decorations _____

Invitations _____

Live Auction _____



Member Food _____

Menu _____

Publicity _____

Raffles _____



Recipe Book/Program _____

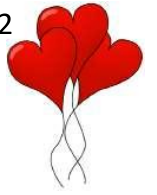
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Supplies _____

2024 Taste 'n' Tell Survey
(continued)



Timeline _____

Underwriting _____



Video/Program _____

Venue _____

Additional Comments or Suggestions





Thank You!



Happy Valentine's Day





Happy 94th Birthday Kitty Vagi



Kitty was born on February 27th, 1930 in Hungary. She grew up in the shadow of the Nazi regime. She was educated as a chemist and met the love of her life, Oscar Vagi, as a university student. She was 20 years old and Oscar was 26 when they married. Shortly afterwards, the communist regime took over and the newlyweds were forced to flee. Kitty & Oscar, along with Oscar's younger brothers, walked across the border to Austria. From there they traveled to England (where much of Kitty's family remained) and later on to Canada.



There the young scientist and her architect husband raised their daughter, Anne. They achieved much acclaim in their professions. To this day, Kitty receives royalties for her patent in chemistry (developing Valium). Sometime in the 1960's, Kitty & Oscar moved to Coral Ridge.



Oscar established his Fort Lauderdale practice and architecture firm. He designed the Salvation Army Buildings on Broward Boulevard while teaching at FAU. Throughout their lives, Oscar and Kitty traveled the world and became avid collectors of African Art. Many of their African masks are in museums today! Kitty loved to host gatherings at her home! Once, she had Anne's entire Sorority (down from Canada) during Spring Break scattered all about the house! Kitty and Anne still laugh about that!



No matter what Kitty did, she had it down to a science...and you were doing it her way. She handled the Food Gift Cards for years. Valerie partnered with her for the birthday parties at BPHI for over 10 years, did countless Christmas Baskets with her and we'll have to ask Sandy how she got Kitty out of running the warehouse. After her beloved husband died in 2004, Kitty established the Oscar Vagi Traveling Endowed Fellowship Fund, which enables FAU architecture students to take part in a travel program to enhance their experience of study.



Upon retiring, they moved to a townhome in Harbor Beach. That is where she met Bidi Watt and in 1997 Kitty became a member of Children's Aid Club. And Kitty was one of CAC's Best Cooks! Who had the hardest job for TNT when we hosted at private homes? Kitty! She would always do the beverages. (Valerie Taylor tried to shadow Kitty and did beverages twice...she found out how hard it was).





We are celebrating Kitty's Birthday a little differently this year.

Belmont Village, where she resides, has offered their Town Hall Room, which will hold about 20 people. We have confirmed a 2:00 pm reservation to hold the room on her actual birthdate!



We will celebrate as a small group on February 27th. Kitty loves this idea and asked for a Costco cake! I'm sure she would love to see familiar faces! And a small group of those she knows well is best for her at this time.



If you cannot attend, I'm sure she'd appreciate a card! Send to her address:

**Kitty Vagi
1031 Seminole Drive Apt. 732
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304**



Next year, when she's 95, we'll be sure to have a BIG celebration!





Save The Date

Children's Aid Club and Children's Opportunity Group will be partnering with the Construction Association of South Florida to organize the Charity Golf Classic at Jacaranda Golf Club on **Thursday, May 2, 2024**



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 :)



Broward County public schools have an early release day on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024. There is no school on Monday, February 19th for President's Day



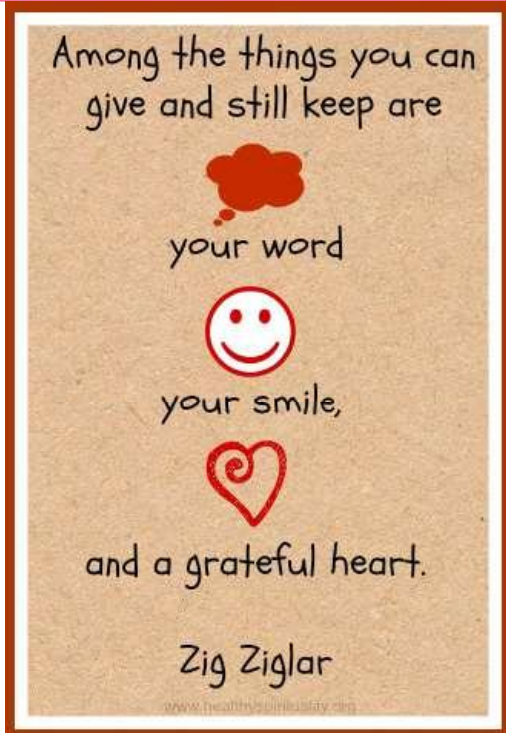
Happy FEBRUARY Birthday



Rachel Pope
2/8



Kitty Vagi
2/27



Enjoy your extra day on February 29th

