



# NEWSLETTER



## Message From Our President

**Becky Ford**



Happy New Year!! The gifts are unwrapped, our CAC holiday baskets are delivered, and we are ready to start the new year. Scott and I enjoyed hosting our CAC group for the Holiday Social. We were glad many were able to attend and missed those of you who couldn't make it. Thank you to Jeanne and Rena for organizing it!

The Christmas holiday was very busy at our house with the kids all in town and the grandchildren too. I loved every minute of it but am glad now to be able to get my house back in order and back to the normal routine. I think I washed 7 loads of towels, sheets, and clothing yesterday as the final family departed.

Thank you to Pam for organizing the Holiday Appeal and Sandy and Louise for organizing the baskets. Thank you also to all those who helped shop and wrap and to get the baskets out to the community.

Next up is Taste 'n' Tell with much to do as we make the final sprint to the event. Invitations should be mailed out on January 2. Then we have the tasting lunch on January 5 at Lauderdale Yacht Club. Your check and RSVP were already due to Louise if you plan to join us. Hopefully everyone has been busy accumulating items for the silent auction and raffle baskets! If you have miscellaneous items that could be used in baskets, please bring them to our January meeting so they can be of help to someone else. You all are amazing and somehow, everything comes together year after year for TNT.

Let's make 2023 a good one!

Love,

Becky

## Important Dates & Times



### January Board Meeting

9:30 am on Tuesday, January 10th  
via Zoom.

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

### January General Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th

Refreshments: 9:00 am

Meeting: 9:30 Promptly

at

Sea Ranch Lakes Beach Club

5300 N Ocean Blvd

Sea Ranch Lakes, FL

Hostesses are:

Candy Moore

Julie Newton

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



Children's Aid Club Board Meeting  
December 6, 2022 via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.



1. Call to order

2. Devotional – Pam Ferrante (see image at right)

3. Membership – Caroline Courtney

We are excited to report that Suzee Bailey is gearing up to get reinvented with CAC. She will be an Auxiliary Member.

4. Approval of Minutes for November

MOTION: Louise Proffer

SECOND- Linda Ianelli

All in favor

None opposed

5. Correspondence - Jenny Boyenga

Would Recommend not passing around the book of correspondence during the meeting to not distract members. Recommend placing it on a table for ladies to view at their leisure. We can also scan the letters and include them with the emailed newsletter.

6. Treasurer's report – Kathy Mayhew – We are still working on getting Kathy access to get the full report and numbers for us.

7. Welfare – Kristina Bryn

November- total spent was \$4,556.80

There was an adjustment to BPHI for October +\$251.31 due to Walmart

We have \$2,425 on hand in Publix gift cards

Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief: Additional funds were approved and we have spent \$749.18 of the additional \$1,000 allocated

2 Individual Requests

Corker family- Valerie- PACE- \$4,111.85 to cover rent and electric that was approved October 11/08/22

Acevedo Family – Broward Health- Candy- \$5,313.02

We approved 2 months of utilities and 2 months of Publix gift cards

Emergency request- Santiago family- PACE

Family to discuss- Louise- From Becky- Broadview Elementary social worker moved to Quietwaters Elementary. She is reaching out to get our help with a homeless family. They have received housing in the meantime but we have provided them with \$197 in giftcards.

A second family with 9 kids (ages 4year old to 15 years old), neither parent is currently working, receive section 8 housing, disabilities, food stamps, social security benefits and other assistance. Their rent is now \$472 additional per month. They are requesting rent assistance. Cell, electric, water, etc. Although the family is not from the normal organizations that we assist with, they do fit the needs for us to assist them.

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MOTION- Pam Ferrante- Motion to pay the months in arrears and 1 additional month to get them through the holidays and the past due electric bill

SECOND – Linda Ianelli

All in favor

None opposed

8. Ways and Means – Linda Ianelli

\$8,890 total for November

February we have a few things coming up that are important- GoDaddy and domain names need to be updated. We have a 3 year contract that will be up in February. We will have those numbers next month. info@childrensaidclub.org will now be charged more come January so we should anticipate the increase. It is about \$33 per year at the moment.

Mailbox- Last year it was \$188 annually and we have to see if there is an increase on that as well.

Printing of more brochures are quoted at the following:

1000 count for \$429

2000 count for \$529

Pam Ferrante recommends only 1000 as we will continue to make updates. We should have the proof today, we can approve it and then it will go to print. The last time we ordered brochures was 2018 so it has lasted us about 4 years and we have about 40-50 left.

MOTION: Linda Ianelli- Motion to approve the quote for printing 1,000 more brochures

SECOND: Louise Proffer

All in favor

None opposed

Target has a 10% discount on gift cards the first weekend of December. This would be something to consider for next year.

The invitations were assembled this past weekend with Pam, Julie, Linda, and Fran. If a member is not able to attend next weekend they need to contact Caroline to arrange for someone else to handle it for them.

Discussion about using the CDTC pharmacy for diaper purchases. There was concern that the prices may not be as competitive as others we have. WE need to make sure we are not getting Walmart charges for delivery so we can get the best prices.

Construction Association of South FLorida: Discussion on reordering brochures. We will always be their lead charity so we should increase their name on our marketing pieces. We should so include inviting some of their board members to participate in TNT. Julie will extend the invite to the CASF board.

9. Unfinished Business

Holiday Appeal – Pam Ferrante

Money keeps trickling in. AS of the meeting, we have \$21,725 total holiday appeal.

We received a \$45,000 donation and we have asked that part be put towards Holiday Appeal and Barbara suggests using \$5,000 of it. We will wait for that to be finalized.

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Holiday Baskets – Sandy Noonan/Louise Proffer-

Krista Bryn, Sandy and Louise are working to finalize any families that need help to finish up family shopping, pick up an delivery of gifts, etc.

TNT Updates – Laura Balistreri, Sue Black, Barb Hume

Sue: Decorating Committee has a plan, the meal committee has met and the tasting will be in January. It will work out better for the delayed tasting although it was not expected. There is no wiggle room on the price. They have gone up but we feel they have done the best they could for us. We do have the contract to review.

We want each sector of setup to have a diagram of what they want so we can expedite setup on Monday starting at noon.

The Yacht Club staff was fantastic last year and have been very cooperative so far so we want to make sure we continue to thank them and foster the relationships and cater to them a bit.

Valerie Taylor- Thank you to Julie for making the Save The Date.



10. New Business

Minutes submitted by  
CAC Recording Secretary  
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed

11. Adjournment 10:36am



Pictured above are some of the CAC members in attendance at the December meeting at the warehouse. We addressed TnT invitations after the meeting and also raised a toast to Ann Powell. The salute was accompanied by a taste of the Sweet Tea Infused Vodka provided by a special member. Thank you to Fran English for taking this photo.





**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
TO MY FEMALE  
FRIENDS!**



*If I were ol' Santa, you know what I'd do  
I'd dump silly gifts that are given to you  
And deliver some things just inside your front door  
Things you have lost, but treasured before.  
I'd give you all back your maidenly vigor,  
And to go along with it, a neat tiny figure.  
Then restore the old color that once graced your hair  
Before rinses and bleaches took residence there.  
I'd bring back the shape with which you were gifted  
So things now suspended need not be uplifted.  
I'd draw in your tummy and smooth down your back  
Till you'd be a dream in those tight fitting slacks.  
I'd remove all your wrinkles and leave only one chin  
So you wouldn't spend hours rubbing grease on your skin  
You'd never have flashes or queer dizzy spells  
And you wouldn't hear noises like ringing of bells.  
No sore aching feet and no corns on your toes  
No searching for spectacles when they're right on your nose.  
Not a shot would you take in your arm, hip or fanny  
From a doctor who thinks you're a nervous old granny.  
You'd never have a heachache, so no pills would you take.  
And no heating pad needed since your muscles won't ache.  
Yes, if I were Santa, you'd never look stupid  
You'd be a cute little chick with the romance of a cupid.  
I'd give a lift to your heart when those wolves start to whistle  
And the joys of your heart would be light as a thistle.  
But alas! I'm not Santa, I'm simply just me  
The matronest of matrons you ever did see.  
I wish I could tell you all the symptoms I've got  
But I'm due at my doctor's for an estrogen shot.  
Even though we've grown older this wish is sincere.....*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Pictured above left to right are CAC members Linda Ianelli, Ghislaine Martin, Caroline Courtney, Fran English, Jeanne Dixon, Valerie Taylor and Rebecca Solomon along with our favorite Clinique salesperson. Thank you to Rebecca Solomon for organizing the Dilliard's shopping night on December 4th.

Jingle Mingle at Lauderdale Yacht Club



Pictured above left to right are CAC members Ghislaine Martin, Kathy Mayhew, Becky Ford, Sue Black, Belinda Mcdonald, Vanessa Diaz-Font and Caroline Courtney selling baked goods at the Jingle Mingle held December 9th. Thank you to Sue Black for inviting us to participate in the event. Thank you also to all who baked and volunteered to work.

Welfare Report for December Board Meeting  
11/1/2022 to 11/30/2022



Organizations:

Blessed Sacrament (Publix GC)	\$727.50
CDTC (diapers, wipes)	154.60
Cross Creek School (snacks and drinks)	239.01
Henderson Behavioral Health (baby formula, car seats)	417.52
Hope Women's Center (linda 0 car seats)	239.92
Jessica June CCF (Publix GC)	1,600.50
Our Father's House Family Services (diapers, bus passes)	1,030.36
St. Clements (Publix GC)	97.00
The Little Schoolhouse (b'day cake, children's books)	<u>50.39</u>
<b>TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$4,556.80</b>

\*\*Note: Adjustment made to BPHI for Oct. +251.31 due to Walmart credit for items not in stock



Gift Cards on hand at 11/30/2022:

Publix cards: 55 - \$10 cards @\$9.70	\$533.50
39 - \$50 cards @ \$48.50	<u>1,891.50</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS</b>	<b>\$2,425.00</b>

\*\* Note: Pam has a supply of Publix cards if any are needed while Barbara is out of town



SPECIAL Requests:

We have one Organization special request for the month for Add'l Fds For Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief - (Diapers for children) \$1,000.00

Spent to date: \$409.58 (10/16) + \$339.60 (11/27) = \$749.18

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
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INDIVIDUAL Requests:

Corker Family (Pace School for Girls - Valerie)

Balance of Oct and Nov Rent	\$2,160.00
FPL	486.85
Dec Rent	<u>1,465.00</u>
Approved by Board 11/8/22	\$4,111.85

Acevedo Family (Broward Health - Candy)

2 months of utilities plus \$200 Publix GC	
First month-FPL \$381.26, Water \$114.11, Phone \$505.90	
Publix GC \$200	\$1,201.17
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,313.02</b>

\*\*Note: Since phone bill is over \$500 and her application stated \$200, Melissa asked for explanation-Numerous family members share the phone bill that the Acevedo's pay and are then reimbursed.The Acevedo's portion is \$200. We will adjust the utilities for the second month.

Welfare Committee suggested a total for 2 months to be in the \$1,800 range



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EMERGENCY REQUEST:

Santiago Family (Pace - Valerie)

Target GC	\$50.00
Gas Card	50.00
Publix GC (\$100 GC @ \$97.00)	<u>97.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$197.00</b>



Report submitted by Kristina Bryn  
 CAC Welfare Chair



We have picked up 57 coats so far from five different Burlington stores: 19 children's coats and 38 adult's. Thanks to Reba Amdur, Kristina Bryn, Vanessa Diaz-Font, Candy Moore and Debra Rowand for picking up. The other two stores we were assigned did not have enough coats to warrant a pick up (hard to think "coats" when it's 85 degrees outside!) These coats will be distributed to BPHI, Cross Creek School, Cypress Elementary, God's Little Lambs, Northside Elementary, Our Father's House, Pompano Beach Middle School and two huge bags of extra-heavy coats to be shipped to Ukraine. Liaisons, if you would like your organization to receive coats from the final pick up, please let me know. Little Schoolhouse is already on the list.

submitted by Barbara Hume  
 Burlington Coat Drive Coordinator



CAC member and Burlington Coat helper Ghislaine Martin reports she recently met Christy (pictured at left), the manager at the Burlington store on the corner of State Road 7 and Oakland Park Blvd. It was her third visit but the first time with anything to pick up. Guess what?!! It was an XL coat with a fur collar.

Pam Ferrante writes:  
 Special thanks to all that contributed to our Holiday Appeal Program. The current total with a few outstanding donations that have not been received yet is: \$22,975.00!!! What a fantastic year!





*Ann Alper*

*Reba Amdur*

*Laura Balistreri-Ahmed*

*Michelle Berry*

*Trudy Bieck*

*Angie Bizzarro*

*Susan Black*

*Monica Blackwood*

*Janice Bloomfield*

*Gina Bono-Jenkins \**

*Jennifer Boyenga*

*Kristina Bryn*

*Missy Butt*

*Melissa Chambers*

*Mary Ellen Coen*

*Caroline Courtney*

*Dr. Maribel Del Rio*

*Patricia DeSanctis*

*Vanessa Diaz-Font*

*Jeanne Dixon*

*Fran English*

*Kelle Enriquez \**

*Carole Falkanger*

*June Felski*

*Pam Ferrante*

*Becky Ford*

*Sharon Glavey*

*Barbara Hume \*\**

*Linda Ianelli*

*Teri Ingalls \*\**

*Gail Jennings*

*Linda Lynch*

*Ghislaine Martin*

*Kathy Mayhew*

*Belinda McDonald*

*Mary Ellen Metwalli*

*Dr. Daryl Miller*

*Sue Miller \*\**

*Kathy Mitchell*

*Candy Moore*

*Mary Mulder*

*Julie Newton*

*Sandy Noonan*

*Polly O'Neill*

*Rachel Pope*

*Louise Proffer*

*Sara Rashti*

*Debra Rowand*

*Judy Sherk*

*Rebecca Solomon*

*Lynda Stackhouse*

*Valerie Taylor*

*Marsha Tessler*

*Rena Udell*

*Kitty Vagi \*\**

*Joyce Virga*

*Andra Webb \*\**

*Patty Whitlock*

*Sheri Wilcox*

*\* Honorary Member*

*\*\* Lifetime Member*



*Taste 'n' Tell 2023 is dedicated to the memory of our dear friend  
and Lifetime Member, ANN POWELL*

TnT invitations were placed in the mail on January 2nd, 2023.  
Please send your invitation lists back to Linda Ianelli if you have  
any updates to them.

**Taste 'n' Tell Luncheon**  
**Speak from the Heart**

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

*Seating is Limited*  
**Lauderdale Yacht Club**  
1725 SE 12th St. Fort Lauderdale, FL

*Raffle Baskets—Silent Auction—Live Auction—Bake Sale*

*Complimentary Valet Parking*



CAC celebrates its 68th year in 2023

Visit our website:  
[www.ChildrensAidClub.org](http://www.ChildrensAidClub.org)

The primary purpose of CAC is to provide immediate, strategic help to children and families that have medical, financial and social hardships

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# Taste'n'Tell Update

Luxurious 7-Day Cruise for Two on



**Holland America Line®**

SAVOR THE JOURNEY

to Alaska, the Caribbean, Mexico or  
Canada/New England

*(no expiration date)*

*Drawing held at CAC's 2023 Taste 'n' Tell Luncheon  
at 1 pm, February 7, 2023 - Need not be present to Win*

Donation:

*\$25 for ONE chance / \$100 for FIVE chances*



At left is a copy of the  
Cruise raffle tickets in-  
cluded with the Taste'n'Tell  
invitations shown on the  
previous two pages of the  
newsletter. They would  
make a wonderful gift for  
friends and family....

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Proceeds to Benefit:*



Ann will be with us in spirit  
at this year's Taste'n'Tell.  
She was such an integral part  
of growing CAC's annual  
fundraiser from a desserts  
only gathering for a small  
number of women into  
the social event it is today.  
Please help us in honoring  
her memory.

## Children's Aid Club Taste 'n' Tell Lunch



Tuesday, February 7, 2023



- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$125/ person
- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ "All Heart" tickets at \$175/person  
("All Heart" includes champagne and a special surprise)
- I would like to PRE-PURCHASE Raffle Basket Tickets  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5 tickets/\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 tickets/\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ 35 tickets/\$100
- I cannot attend but would love to help the children \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
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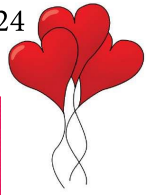
Please make your check payable to the **Children's Aid Club**.

For your convenience, you can donate by credit card at  
[ChildrensAidClub.org/TNT2023](http://ChildrensAidClub.org/TNT2023)

(Please list names of guests and seating preferences on the reverse)

Reservation Chairman: Pam Ferrante - 954-817-3248

Donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law



**You're  
Invited!**



*Thursday,  
January 5, 2023*



**Our Taste 'n' Tell TASTING LUNCH**



**Thursday, January 5, 2023**

From 12:00 - 2:30 pm

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



Price \$60.00 - alcoholic beverages not included.

**RSVP needed by December 31, 2022**

Louise Proffer

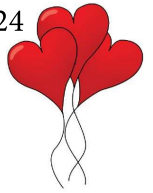
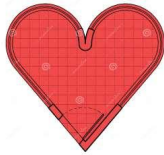


Text - 954-249-4405  
Call - 954-771-2850  
Email [PLProffer@aol.com](mailto:PLProffer@aol.com)

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



# Taste'n'Tell Update



## The Architect Team

Team leader [Laura Balistreri](#)

with Pam Ferrante

## The Stylin' Team

Team leader [Sue Black](#)

With Valerie Taylor

## The Golden Goose Team

Team leader [Barb Hume](#)

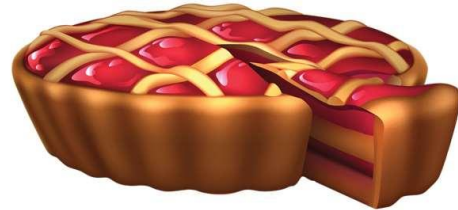


The holidays are behind us, and February 7<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it. Now's the time to put the finishing touches on your raffle baskets and let Caroline Courtney and Rena Udell know what items you have for the Live and Silent Auctions, respectively.

Underwriting packets can still be mailed to any individuals or businesses that you think would like to help sponsor our event.



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 to meeting our expenses, feel free to take a "Piece of the Pie" with your check in any amount. Mail all checks made out to Children's Aid Club to Barbara Hume and contact her for underwriting packets.



Barbara Hume  
5941 NE 15th Ave.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334



Start pulling out your favorite recipes for the Bake Sale. Every active member is asked to contribute a minimum of \$30 worth of baked goods. Questions? Contact any of the team leaders. We're counting on every member to make this year's luncheon a success!



Your Team Leaders,  
Laura Balistreri, Sue Black and Barbara Hume



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 7th, 2023  
at  
Lauderdale Yacht Club

Save the Date



# CAC Christmas Social An Italian Holiday

*A big thank you to Rena Udell and Jeanne Dixon  
for organizing our holiday social on Sunday, December 18th.  
An even bigger thank you to Becky and Scott Ford  
for providing a beautiful location for the celebration.*



CAC member Kathy Mayhew and her husband, Jack, bring in a bag of goodies!



CAC members Marsha Tessler, Julie Newton and Janice Bloomfield chat with Jack, Richard and Barry.



CAC members Fran English, Barbara Hume and Linda Ianelli share a laugh over swap gifts.



CAC members' husbands, John Newton and John Udell, trade stories.



CAC members Sheri Wilcox, Vanessa Diaz-Font, Linda Ianelli, Barb Hume and Fran English look to see what's in the package while Rena Udell and Kevin Taylor chat in the background.



# CAC Christmas Social An Italian Holiday



(continued)



Real and Ghislaine Martin sit at the table with Rebecca Solomon with Becky and Scott Ford in the background.



CAC members Valerie Taylor and Rena Udell pictured at left.

CAC member Vanessa Diaz-Font with her husband, Vince, pictured at right.

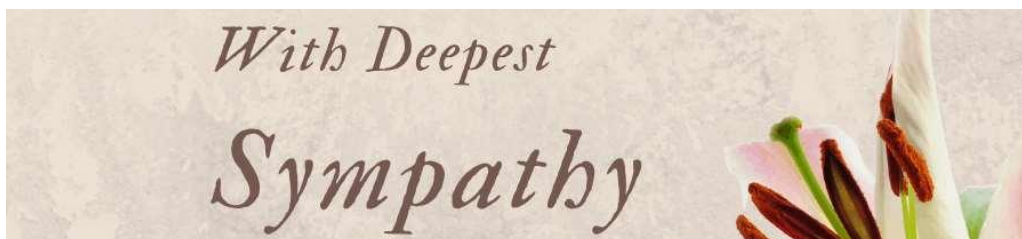


**August 16, 1939 - December 15, 2022**

We've lost another long-time member of Children's Aid Club. Kay Anselmo, past president of CAC in 1977-78, passed away on December 15, 2022. She was my mentor when I joined the Club, and she somehow talked me into co-chairing Taste 'n' Tell with her my second year as a member. Our lives were intertwined in several ways: I worked with her husband, Ron Anselmo, at the law office of Fleming, O'Bryan & Fleming for seven and a half years, and I graduated from Ft. Lauderdale High School with her sister, Louise, and her husband, Jeff Barker. She was a tireless worker and always supported CAC by attending Taste 'n' Tell until Ron's retirement and their move to North

Carolina. She loved hearing how Taste 'n' Tell and Children's Aid Club had evolved over the years and was so proud to have been a member.

Submitted by Barb Hume



Hello my sweet CAC sisters,



Words cannot express how much I appreciate the outpouring of love and sympathy I received from so many of you upon hearing of my father's passing. I know there are quite a few members who may remember my folks from their attendance at past TNT's. Particularly the time Dad tripped getting into the shuttle and gave himself a black eye!! He always said it was the most worthwhile injury he ever had!



I want you all to know that I have felt your support and prayers over these past days and it has absolutely given me much needed strength. Dad's passing was unexpected, so it's been rough. My mother has been down here with Erik and I for a few weeks and we will return to WI on the 24th (assuming we can get out!) and finalize all the plans for a memorial service and extended family gathering on Dec 31st. I hope you all understand that I have not been able to return many calls due to the numerous issues that have required our attention. I admit I also have not wanted to upset my mother further by having her overhear too many conversations about my dad. She is quite fragile and I endeavor to make sure she knows she is deeply loved, and that she is not alone.



If anyone is interested, my father's obituary can be found at the funeral home's website under Weiskotten, Reverend Edward Frank: [schmidtdandbartelt.com](http://schmidtdandbartelt.com)



Again, you are all in my thoughts, and my heartfelt gratitude goes out to you for your prayers and generous words of support and encouragement.



My love to all,  
Trudy Bieck XOXOXOXOX





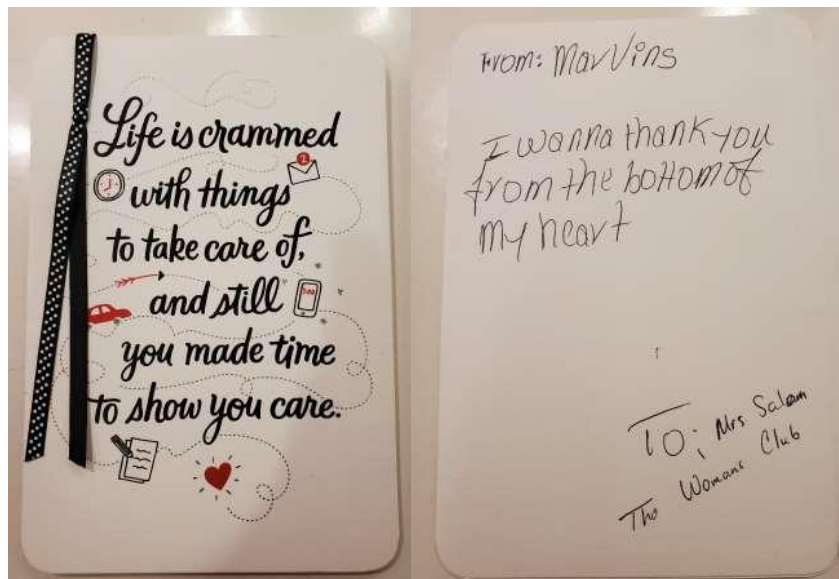




CAC member Ghislaine Martin delivered baskets for 3 families at Tomorrow's Rainbow to Abby Mosher (at right) Abby is the CEO, director of this organization which she started.



Pictured at left are a grateful family from St. Clement Catholic Church picking up the gifts dropped off for them by Children's Aid Club.



Pictured above is a thank you note received by CAC member Rebecca Solomon for gifts received by a Northside Elementary School family.



**Cross Creek School**  
**Colleen Stearn, Principal**  
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 Pompano Beach, FL 33069  
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[colleen.stearn@browardschools.com](mailto:colleen.stearn@browardschools.com)  
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November 28, 2022

Children's Aid Club  
 3296 N Federal Hwy  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339

Dear Children's Aid Club Staff,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the generosity you provided during the Thanksgiving Day holiday. As you know many of our families struggle financially but also with the hardship of raising children with significant behavioral and mental health challenges. Taking the burden off these families by providing the generous donation to allow them to celebrate Thanksgiving means so much.

As so many families are feeling the tremendous strain of the rising inflation, there seems to be more of a need than ever. However, you, prioritizing our school and our children personally means a great deal to me. As a school community we often watch the students struggle in so many ways and it is often heartbreaking to see them not have access to so many things that many of us take for granted.

I want to convey on behalf of the Cross Creek family how thankful we are for people and organizations like you. Generous donations are a wonderful reminder of the spirit of the holidays and that despite troubling times, there remains so many kind people in the world.

Please know that what you were able to do brought joy not only to each of the families in need, but also to our staff knowing that our students and their families were able to enjoy this special day.

Wishing you continue blessings and heartfelt thank you this holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Colleen Stearn*  
 Colleen Stearn  
 Principal

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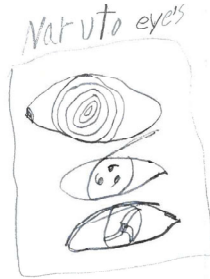


Pictured above is a thank you received from Cross Creek School. Pictured below is CAC member Rebecca Solomon delivering presents to Northside Elementary employee. And at right are two of the thankful Northside families with their gifts.





*am thankfull  
for all of the presents  
:)*



*You really helped  
put the "happy" in the holidays!*

Hi Ladies,

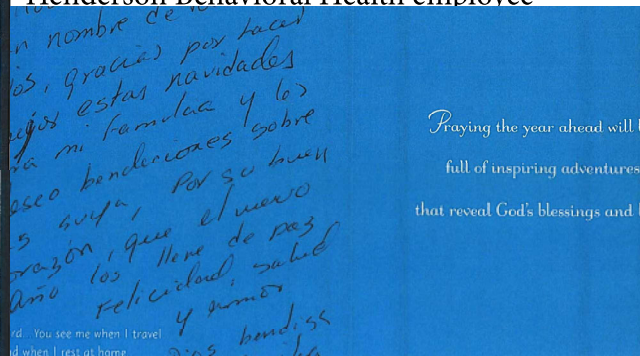
Here are a few thank you cards from Family "A" at Henderson. One of Ann Powell's friends adopted this family. I wanted to share that she bought each child a **new bike** not any old bike either. They were from a bike shop , got locks for them and had them delivered to Miramar to the mom. Ann's friend also gave them each a card with \$100.00 gift card inside as she felt they were older and wanted them to have a little more being only the bikes. This was not expected and extremely nice of her. The mom and the kids were so excited.

The other sponsors we had also went above and beyond for our families. A CAC member adopted one family and got each child multiple gifts and carefully wrapped them. Another of Ann's friends did the same and even thought of the grandmother. I think all of them had fun shopping for the kids and knew what it was like to not have much at different times in their own lives.

More than gifts, the kids and the families will remember their kindness and yours for a lifetime. One hopes they will also be able to return the good, kindness and giving they received to someone else later. That is the biggest gift to learn and receive.

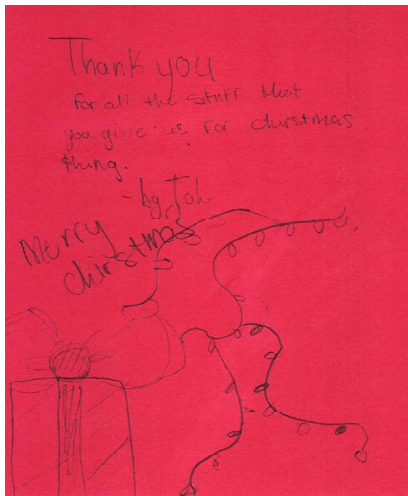
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Monica Blackwood - CAC member  
Henderson Behavioral Health employee

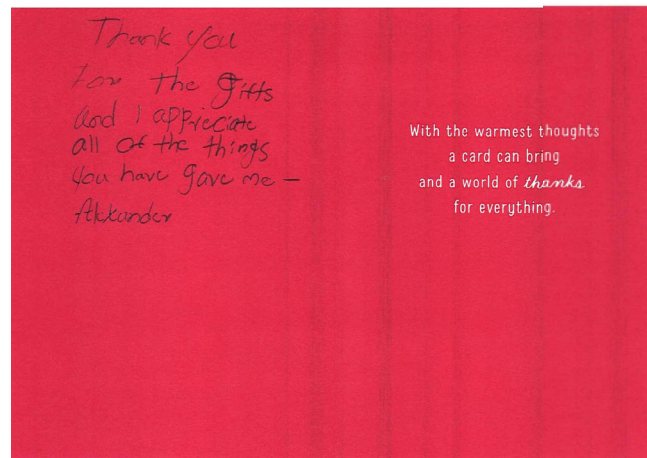


*Praying the year ahead will be  
full of inspiring adventures  
that reveal God's blessings and love*

*You see me when I travel  
and when I rest at home*



Pictured above are the bikes purchased for a Henderson family for Christmas. Also on this page are more thank you notes from Henderson families for gifts delivered via Children's Aid Club for Christmas.



With the warmest thoughts a card can bring and a world of thanks for everything.



Thank you for all the gifts, you gave us. I appreciate everything you do! - Britney



Wishing you the happiness that only Christmas brings, a smile-filled time of year that's filled with all your favorite things!



# Thank You



Pictured at left is one of the people who adopted a family for Christmas from Cypress Elementary School dropping off the gifts to be delivered to the family. She volunteers there so it made things easier for liaison Sandy Noonan.

## fresh new year

Another fresh new year is here...  
Another year to live!  
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,  
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me  
To live each day with zest...  
To daily grow and try to be  
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity  
Once more to right some wrongs,  
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,  
And sing more joyful songs!

William Arthur Ward, 1921-1994  
American Author and Poet





## Save the Date

- 1/5 Tasting Luncheon
- 1/10 CAC Board Meeting
- 1/17 CAC General Meeting
- 2/7 Taste'n'Tell Luncheon



## Happy JANUARY Birthday



Ann Alper  
1/12



Kathy Mayhew  
1/16



Gail Jennings  
1/28



## Thank you

.....to all who submitted photos (especially Rebecca, Ghislaine, Fran, Kristina, Monica and Sandy) 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 :)

Please send your photo and news contributions to:  
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Blessings to You in the New Year  
May peace fill your world,  
May love fill your home  
With contentment and happiness, Too—  
In wonderful ways  
May This year of new days  
Be filled with sweet blessings for you.  
Happy New Year



## Sunshine News

Sara Rashti is in need of continued prayers for herself and Phil. Phil is home and still recovering from his surgery and Covid. Sara fell and broke her shoulder. She would appreciate prayers for healing for both of them.



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