



# NEWSLETTER



## Message From Our President

**Becky Ford**



Happy New Year!!

Can you believe it's 2024?! Our CAC holiday baskets are delivered, and we are ready to start the new year. Hopefully you received some wonderful gifts and had some good family time. Our CAC group enjoyed a fun Holiday Social at Kimberly Pietro's beautiful facility. Thank you to Jeanne and Jenny and Kimberly for organizing it!

Thank you to Valerie and the Holiday Appeal committee for organizing the Appeal this year and to 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. Hopefully we helped make some children very happy.

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. As we pack away our decorations for another year, our minds will begin to turn toward our preparations for TNT. 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 2024 a good one!

Love,

*Becky*

## Important Dates & Times



### January Board Meeting

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

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

### January General Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th  
Refreshments: 9:00 am  
Meeting: 9:30 Promptly  
at

Tomorrow's Rainbow  
4341 NW 39th Avenue  
Coconut Creek, FL

Hostesses are:

Janice Bloomfield

Julie Newton

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



December 5, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order 9:32am

2. **Devotional** – Linda Ianelli - Clarity

3. **Membership** – Caroline Courtney

No new news

We do want to have cards available for attendees who may want to join CAC. Ie: How you can help, are you interested in becoming a member, Etc.

4. **Approval of Minutes** for November

5. **Correspondence** – Pamela Markus

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

Checking \$ 97,124.41

Savings\$ 113,991.02

Schwab \$ 204,975.92

Total \$ 416,091.35

Credit Card payment \$32,426 paid on Dec 4

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- \$45,000 donation from Georgia Wright - \$5,000 was moved to holiday appeal
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- The accountant filed the 991 for 2022 was filed and just waiting on approval from the IRS

7. **Welfare** – Kristina Bryn

Organizations \$6,496.87

Gift card \$5965.50 on hand

No special requests

2 individual requests

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Total spent of - \$388.50 for the month

**Daniel McGowen**- Broadview family – At this time we can't help them until we get more paper

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work and they have not reached out any further.

The request for Charles Drew, Carrabba's luncheons, Monica withdrew the request.

**MOTION:** Motion to ratify the 2 Requests- Barbara Hume

**SECOND:** Linda Ianelli

**ALL IN FAVOR            NONE OPPOSED**

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

TNT Updates – Laura Balistreri, Jenny Boyenga, Kristina Bryn

The tasting is scheduled and they will report back afterwards. If you are interested in attending make a check payable for Children's Aid Club. The tasting will be held December 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Lauderdale Yacht Club.

Decorating team- They are struggling to get responses with the holidays upon us but Vanessa is working diligently to get everything in order. We should have a better update by the next meeting.

Maybe consider an envelope or card on the table for donations. We need to reach out to the decorating team or the program/printing committee to work on this idea. Linda Ianelli and Becky Ford will work on this and make sure it coordinates with the decorating team.

Bold Ladies in Business- We have been designated as their charity for December. We have the opportunity to make a short presentation and ask for support to get the word out for CAC. We do get money from the raffle at the end of their dinner.

Hot Worx- Has also designated CAC as their charity for the month of December. The yoga members are asked to donate a family game or children's book.

Walmart Grants- All have been submitted. If we were to received all of the fuds applied for, we could get up to \$65,000. This is an optimistic view and certainly not realistic. Some stores had spent all of their expenditure for the year. It can take up to 90 days to get a response.

Morning Day Support Program Grant- a \$5,000 grant to help with administrative support, facility, etc. Belinda has submitted the application November 26, 2023 but no work yet.

9. **Unfinished Business**

Holiday Appeal – Valerie Taylor

We have \$13,075 in solicited mail \$18,075 total with Georgie's contribution

Holiday Baskets – Sandy Noonan/Louise Proffer – report attached with agenda

Gift Cards are ready for distribution

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December 5, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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We have 1 more family added

81 families 152 adults 253 kids

Publix \$14,695.50

Target \$6,370

Printing, paper, etc \$138.07 Covered both holidays

Total expenses is \$21,303

Holiday Social – note time is 5-8 pm not 4-8 pm Location

10. **New Business**

Kendra Scott- Give Back Opportunity February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We get 20% of what ever is sold on those days.

11. **Adjournment** 10:15am

MOTION: Motion to adjourn- Louise Proffer

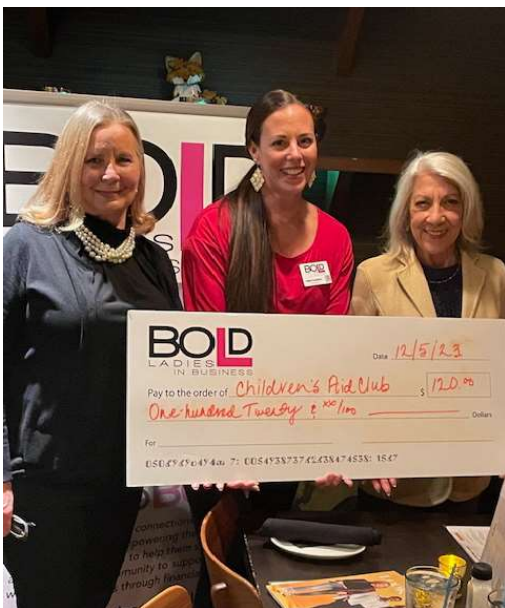
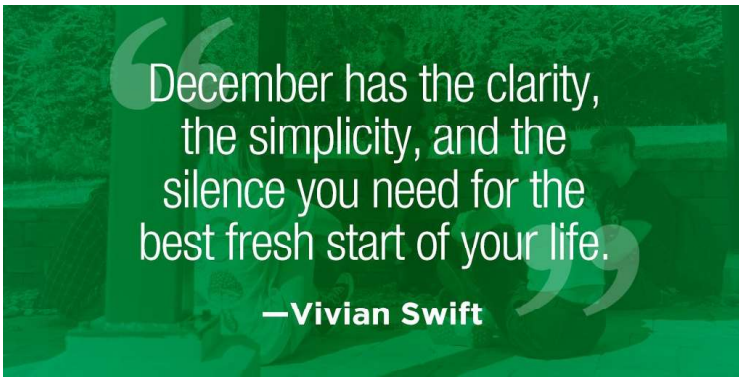
SECOND: Barbara Hume



Minutes submitted by  
CAC Recording Secretary  
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Devotional at left was read  
at the December CAC Board  
meeting by CAC Vice President  
Linda Ianelli



Bold Ladies in Business donated the proceeds (\$120) of a raffle held during their December meeting to Children's Aid Club. The organization's administrator, Ginna Tassanelli, presented a check to Belinda McDonald and Valerie Taylor (pictured at left) from CAC.



# Christmas Report 2023

Christmas basket forms were emailed to the liaisons in September and printed in the October newsletter. Sandy and I requested a return date of 11/1/23. Each organization submitted 3 forms.

From our holiday appeal letter (and Joyce Virga's friends) we received responses from 21 individuals who wished to adopt a family. The remainder of the families were adopted by CAC members and their friends or the liaisons shopped at the warehouse. The deadline to return the gifts to the liaisons was set for December 4<sup>th</sup>. However, liaisons could use their discretion when speaking with their sponsors. School recessed for the Christmas holiday on December 22.

Sandy and several members prepared the warehouse for members to shop. We had plenty of toys, books, jewelry, clothes and shoes to distribute. The members were given several shopping days. Whatever they didn't find in the warehouse for the children they shopped at either Target or Walmart. Sandy bought all the balls for the children requesting them and also underwear.

Pam Ferrante donated batteries for the toys needing them.

Publix GC: 2/\$100 3-4/\$150 5-6/\$200 7-8/\$250 9-10/\$300 11+/\$350

Each family received a \$25 Target GC for every child 18 years or younger.

Total spent: \$21,203.22 (gc's and supplies)

When ordering the Publix GC ask the Treasurer to order **Christmas** gc's in denominations of \$100 and \$50. Makes for easier distribution when putting them together.

Sandy ordered the Target gc's for each child (\$25). Target gave us a 2% discount. We should make sure to order early as it took about 2 weeks to receive from the date we ordered. In order to get the discount they must receive a check from CAC before sending gc's to us. When we start distributing envelopes with gc's to the liaisons, we need to call Target so they can activate all the cards.

Submitted by : Louise Proffer  
AKA CAC Mrs. Claus



A big CAC **thank you** to  
Sandy Noonan and Louise Proffer  
for overseeing our Christmas Basket event.

December 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order 9:37am
2. **Devotional** – Linda Ianelli- Dr. Seuss Quote
3. **Membership** – Caroline Courtney
4. **Approve Minutes** from November Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE - Rena Udell

SECOND- Kristina Bryn

5. **Correspondence** – Pamela Markus

Not much to report!

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**MOTION**- Ghislaine Martin

**SECOND** – Linda Ianelli

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

13 Walmart grants were submitted. A potential total of \$65,000

Takes about 90 days for a response. Certainly not optimistic that we will get all of them but we have started the process and we can resubmit quarter over quarter.

\$500 grant applied for with Morning Day Solutions

Bold Ladies in Business dinner- CAC was their charity of choice for December. The proceeds of the raffle that night benefitted CAC in the amount of \$120. One of the members set up a box in her yoga studio for her members donate games and books.

November- 10% Lilly Pulitzer- brought in roughly \$420

Kendra Scott: waiting on amount

9. **Unfinished Business**

Holiday Appeal – Valerie Taylor

We have \$18,375 towards Holiday Appeal thus far. Last year we had \$24,000. We have big shoes to fill behind Ann Powell but we still have time!

Holiday Baskets – Sandy Noonan/Louise Proffer- Christmas is officially done! We had a few additional people we helped at the end but we are done!

We have helped the following:

25 organization

81 families and 7 individuals

152 adults 253 children

Publix Gift Cards \$14,695.15 (after the discount)

Target \$6,370 @ 2% (discount with a check)

Some office expenses - \$138.07 Covered both holidays

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TNT Updates – Laura Balistreri, Jenny Boyenga, Kristina Bryn

Be sure to list your baskets on the google sheet

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Be sure to let us know if you have any silent auction items

The food tasting is today and they will do the run through of layout and report back!

10. **New Business** - none

11. **Adjournment** 10:39am

**MOTION:** Louise Proffer

**SECOND:** Sandy Noonan

Minutes submitted by  
CAC Recording Secretary  
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



**Coats from Delivering Good**

About 280 coats in sizes 12 months through 6x were given to CAC from Delivering Good. Pictured at left are CAC members Barbara Hume and Lynda Stackhouse sorting them by size in the warehouse



Pictured above and at left are some of the CAC members in attendance at the December meeting at the warehouse. We addressed TnT invitations after the meeting. Our TnT Tasting Luncheon followed the meeting.

**TNT Invitations will be mailed on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024. If you took them home to complete, please make sure they go in the mail on January 2nd.**

**Welfare Report for November Board & General Meeting  
11/1/2023 to 11/30/2023**



**Organizations:**

Blessed Sacrament	\$1,212.50
Broward Health	977.50
BPHI	172.39
CDTC	338.95
God's Little Lambs	163.44
Henderson Behavioral Health	471.17
Hope Women's Center	239.92
Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation	1,940.00
Northside Elementary	500.00
St Clements Church	291.00
The Little Schoolhouse	<u>190.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$6,496.87</b>



**Gift Cards on hand at 11/30/2023:**

Publix cards: 295 cards valued @\$10 - \$9.70 each	\$2,861.50
364 cards valued @ \$50 - \$48.50 each	<u>3,104.00</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS</b>	<b>\$5,965.50</b>



**SPECIAL Requests:**

None

**INDIVIDUAL Requests:**

***St. Thomas Family Emergency Request***-Our Father's House  
(Barbara/Lynda Liaisons)

The father deserted his family (mom & 3 children) leaving them destitute. The 17 year old son asked his high school football coach if he could take him to the grocery store to buy food. It turned out he had on \$5. Welfare Committee approved giving this family \$200 in Publix gift cards on 11/1/23. They also have been added to both our Thanksgiving and Xmas baskets. Barbara will follow up to see how we can further help this family.

Total: \$194.00



***Robinson Family Emergency Request*** - Pace, (Valerie Liaison)

This family was referred to us by Brittany Dixon, the counselor at Pace. The application received reflects this family is not sustainable at this time. There are 3 children and 3 adults living in the household. There is no income coming in. Welfare approved the \$200 request consisting of \$150 in Publix gift cards and \$50 Gas card.

Total: \$194.50

November Total: \$388.50



Report submitted by Kristina Bryn  
CAC Welfare Chair



# Financial Statements



## Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss  
August - November, 2023

	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
cash rewards	1,027.53
Donations	41,486.60
Memorial	140.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>41,626.60</b>
Dues	5,625.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	18,075.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
Underwriting	10,000.00
<b>Total Taste 'n' Tell</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Total Fundraising Income</b>	<b>28,075.00</b>
Interest Inc	23.43
Misc. income	328.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$76,705.56</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$76,705.56</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	147.36
Blessed Sacrament	2,425.00
BPHI	185.34
Broward Health	1,962.50
Broward Partnership for the Hom	292.96
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	3,502.21
Cross Creek School	2,175.31
Cypress Elementary	357.70
Donors Choose.org	6,000.00
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	4,500.00
God's Little Lambs	257.37
Henderson Behavioral Health	1,688.37
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	21,185.50
Thanksgiving	19,058.23
<b>Total Holiday Baskets</b>	<b>40,243.73</b>
Hope Women's Center	1,509.50
Individuals	
Edwards/Nagler	198.71
Jean Family	1,349.00
Sully Caceres	3,000.00
<b>Total Individuals</b>	<b>4,547.71</b>

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# Financial Statements

## Children's Aid Club

### Profit and Loss

August - November, 2023

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	TOTAL
JJCF	3,880.00
Mary Ann's Closet	907.44
Northside Elementary	2,866.54
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	1,949.00
PACE	1,104.79
Pompano Beach Middle School	2,749.36
St Clements	582.00
St. Thomas	194.00
The Little Schoolhouse	5,273.35
<b>Total Charity</b>	<b>106,801.54</b>
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	1,050.00
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Invitations	711.00
Raffles	1,000.00
Supplies	314.91
<b>Total Taste &amp; Tell</b>	<b>2,025.91</b>
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>2,025.91</b>
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	90.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>90.00</b>
Postage	13.20
Yearbook	415.92
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$110,396.57</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -33,691.01</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -33,691.01</b>

### Miller Construction Company

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December 7, 2023

Ms. Becky Ford  
Children's Aid Club  
4804 Kumquat Drive  
Tamarac, FL 33319

Dear Becky,

In the midst of everything going on in the world, we want to acknowledge the people and organizations in our own community who steadfastly persevere and care for those in need, regardless of the challenges that life presents.

Today, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to you and your organization for the unwavering commitment to serving our community and its members. Your continuous efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we want to celebrate your contributions.

With great honor and gratitude, we are pleased to contribute a holiday gift on behalf of our valued clients. Enclosed you will find our donation, a small token of our admiration for the incredible work you do.

As the holiday season continues, we wish you, your staff, and your families a joyous and blessed celebration. May the coming year bring you continued success in your mission, and may you all experience a safe and fulfilling New Year.

Thank you for making a difference.

All the best,

*Traci*

Traci Miller  
SVP Corporate Communications  
Miller Construction Company

Wishing you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of fun, 8760 hours of joy, 525600 minutes of good luck, and 31536000 seconds of happiness.

Happy New Year!

Letter pictured at left accompanied a check for \$1000 donated to CAC by Miller Construction Company.

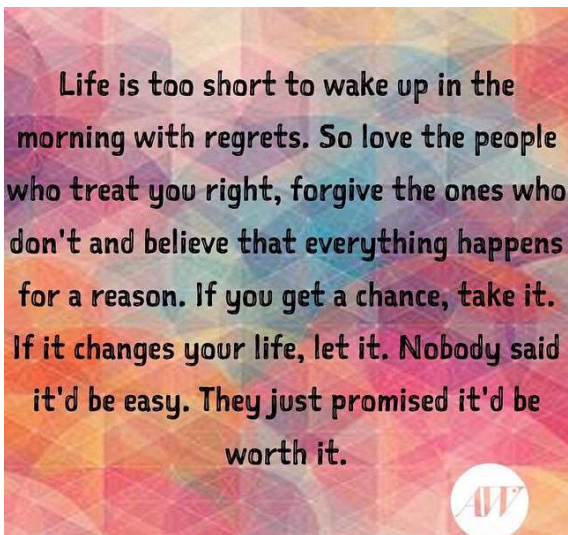
Thank you for your donation!

# Financial Statements

## Children's Aid Club

Balance Sheet  
As of November 30, 2023

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	128,594.41
BOA Savings	113,991.02
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	200,737.74
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$443,323.17</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other Current Assets	
Gas Cards	47.28
Publix Food Cards	5,965.50
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$6,012.78</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$449,335.95</b>
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$8,168.22</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$457,504.17</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	42,156.93
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$42,156.93</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$42,156.93</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$42,156.93</b>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	281,197.04
Net Income	-33,691.01
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$415,347.24</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$457,504.17</b>



Dr. Seuss quote at left was read at the December CAC General meeting by CAC Vice President Linda Ianelli



# Taste'n'Tell Update

The Taste 'N' Tell menu committee has been busy. On December 12 members attended a tasting of the entire menu at Lauderdale Yacht Club. After a few minor tweaks our menu for the 2024 TNT luncheon is:

**Appetizers:** Crab Toasts, Jalapeño Popper Stuffed Mushrooms, Endive Stuffed with Goat Cheese & Walnuts.

**Main Course:** Frenched Breast of Chicken with Florentine Mousseline served with a mustard beurre sauce, Wild Rice & Broccolini.

**Dessert:** Chocolate Mousse, Mini Orange Cake, Coconut Shortbread Cookies.

- submitted by Sue Black  
TnT menu committee



Pictured at left and below are CAC members at the TnT Tasting held on Tuesday, December 12th at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Members were able to sample the food that will be served to our guests on February 13th. They submitted their comments to the committee and some changes were made.

TnT invitations will be placed in the mail on January 2nd, 2024. Please send your invitation lists back to Linda Ianelli if you have any updates to them.



Please check next month's newsletter for updates on our TnT after party!

## "Heart 2 Heart" Decorating Report

The decorations team for Taste'n'Tell has been busy designing how the Lauderdale Yacht Club will look for our luncheon this year on February 13th.

With the help of Ms J. Bustamante and her daughter (who have their own balloon art company and lots of experience) we will decorate the venue with different size heart balloon arrangements in Valentine's colors. She will also bring her large red roses backdrop for our guests to be photographed in front of when they check in at the table near the entrance of the club. She also will include a few other props she owns.

Our theme this year will be will be "Heart 2 Heart" which reflects how we all want to help all the children during the year.

Instead of flower arrangements as centerpieces, we have decided on using a nice red wine bottle for a simple but elegant centerpiece that will be raffled between our guests at each table. Our team will visit the venue in January with Ms. Bustamante and complete all our idea plans with more time.

Thanks,

TnT Decorating Committee

Vanessa, Fran, Janice and Rebecca

## ***Calling all our CAC Bakers!!!!***

This is the times 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. 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...



*Ann Alper  
Reba Amdur  
Suzee Bailey  
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed  
Michelle Berry  
Trudy Bieck  
Angie Bizarro  
Susan Black  
Monica Blackwood  
Janice Bloomfield  
Gina Bono-Jenkins \*  
Jennifer Boyenga  
Kristina Bryn  
Missy Butt  
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  
Carol Helms  
Barbara Hume \*\*  
Linda Ianelli  
Teri Ingalls \*\*  
Gail Jennings*

*Allison Larocca  
Linda Lynch  
Pamela Markus  
Ghislaine Martin  
Kathy Mayhew  
Belinda McDonald  
Mary Ellen Metwalli  
Sue Miller \*\*  
Kathy Mitchell  
Candy Moore  
Mary Mulder  
Julie Newton  
Sandy Noonan\*\*  
Polly O'Neill  
Kimberly Pietro*

*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 \*\*  
Sheri Wilcox*

*\* Honorary Member  
\*\* Lifetime Member*





# Taste 'n' Tell Luncheon Heart 2 Heart



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

Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
11:00 a.m.

*Seating is Limited— Avoid disappointment—Respond promptly*  
**Lauderdale Yacht Club**  
1725 SE 12th St. Fort Lauderdale, FL



*Raffle Baskets—Silent Auction—Live Auction—Bake Sale—Cruise Raffle*  
*Complimentary Valet Parking*



## Children's Aid Club

CAC celebrates its 69th year in 2024



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

Tax #59-6194364

A copy of the official registration #SC-03868 and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling 1-800-435-7353 toll free within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state. CAC employs no professional solicitors and has no administrative costs. 100% of the proceeds to CAC goes to charitable causes that benefit children.



# Taste'n'Tell RSVP Card



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

♡ Tuesday, February 13, 2024 ♡

- 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 would like to PRE-PURCHASE Cruise Raffle Tickets  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 ticket/\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 tickets/\$100
- I cannot attend but would love to help the children \$ \_\_\_\_\_

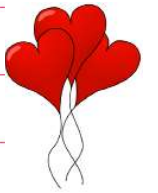
### My guests and seating preferences

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your check payable to **Children's Aid Club**

For your convenience, you can donate by credit card at Children's Aid Club 2024



### Do you have any food allergies?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



(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



## 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 2024 Taste 'n' Tell Luncheon  
at 1 pm, February 13, 2024 - Need not be present to Win

Donation:

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



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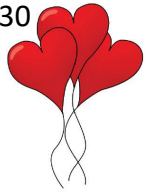
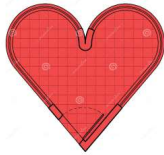
Proceeds to Benefit:

 Children's  
Aid Club  
3296 N. Federal Hwy., #11503  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339 1503

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



# 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](#)



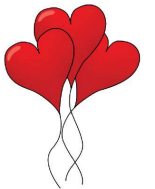
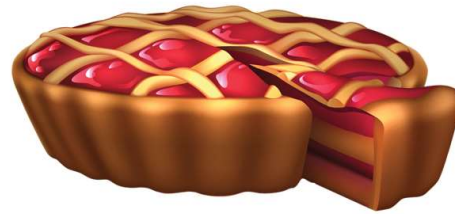
The holidays are behind us, and February 13th will be here before you know it. Now's the time to put the finishing touches on your raffle baskets and let Barbara Hume, Caroline Courtney and Louise Proffer know what items you have for the Raffle, Live Auctions and Silent Auctions.



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



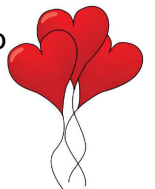
We've been so fortunate to have all the expenses of Taste 'n' Tell underwritten for the past few years. If individual members would like to help contribute to meeting our expenses, feel free to take a "Piece of the Pie" with your check for any amount. Mail all checks made out to Children's Aid Club to Barbara Hume and contact her for underwriting packets.



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



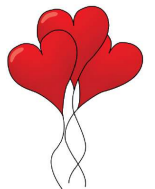
Start pulling out your favorite recipes for the Bake Sale. Every active member is asked to contribute a minimum of \$30 worth of baked goods. Questions? Contact any of the team leaders. We're counting on every member to make this year's luncheon a success!



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



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



CAC Holiday Social December 10th



Pictured above are some of the people who attended the CAC Holiday Social.

Thank you to all who participated and made it a success.

We appreciate all the contributions.

An especially big CAC **THANK YOU** to new member Kim Pietro for providing a location and to CAC Social Chairs, Jeanne Dixon and Jenny Boyenga, for organizing the fun night.





THANK YOU  
BARB FOR  
MAKING THIS  
COMMUNITY  
A BETTER  
PLACE



Pictured above left is Barb Hume handing over the wad of cash (right) to Sandra Muvdi.

Barbara Hume found this message on Next Door app:

***“Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”  
- Mark Twain.***



Share your stories of kindness or random acts of goodwill you’ve experienced or witnessed within our community. How have these acts made our neighborhood a better place?



Here is Barb’s response:



*I’ll be the first to accept this challenge. I responded to a post on Next Door about three years ago from a man who said he had baby items and formula that he wanted to donate to anyone who could use them. I am a member of Children’s Aid Club in Fort Lauderdale, and we have 25 organizations, schools and churches that we partner with. We have several of them that were more than happy to accept those donations. Last Thursday, he texted me and said that he had been throwing his change and small bills into a drawer since January 1st, 2023, and he wanted to donate them to a family with a sick child. I immediately thought of one of our organizations, Jessica June Children’s Cancer Foundation, that helps families whose children are undergoing cancer treatment and often need help with rent, utilities, food and gas money to take their child to treatments. I sent him information about the charity, and Sandra Muvdi, the founder of CEO, sent me information about a family that is in dire straits and in need of help. I picked up a wad of bills from him on Friday after work and delivered it to Sandra on Saturday. It was \$1,030! She called the mother while I was there, and we all had a good cry. Talk about a random act of goodwill!*



Barbara Hume and her DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter braved the elements on December 16th and laid wreaths on veterans’ graves at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Pompano Beach as part of Wreaths Across America. The decision was made to hold the event in spite of heavy wind and rain because “The soldiers do not get a choice when they serve. We are not here to decorate graves, but to remember a life lived.” said volunteer site coordinator and DAR member Kendra Palumbo.



# Thank You



Pamela Markus is thankful to CAC (and basket chair, Sandy Noonan) for giving some of the gifts for little ones (pictured at left) for the YMCA of Downtown Ft. Lauderdale. This was through Artis Senior Memory Care of Davie's I CAN Program, and also presently, Marilyn Markus' home. They collect gifts until the 20th of Dec, then the residents, including Marilyn, deliver them to YMCA. They were

very grateful to receive gifts from Children's Aid Club this year.



Ghislaine Martin is very thankful for the help of our "Christmas Angel", Mrs. Feldman (pictured at right). Her generosity seems to have no limit. Besides all the toys she donates throughout the year, this year she also shopped for twins from one of our organizations!



Pastor Anthony Yorke and his wife Andrea (pictured at left) from Harvest Preparations Ministries in Fort Lauderdale were very appreciative of the Christmas presents which CAC member Ghislaine Martin dropped off for a needy family they serve.















# Thank You



JJCCF Friend,

As you enjoy the festive Holiday Season, allow me to share highlights for this year. Our programs served over 400 children and family members battling pediatric cancer thanks to you. Charity Navigator awarded us again this year a perfect 100 score for 'Impact & Results' which measure the impact a nonprofit has on those it serves. Also, we completed relocating our new office at the Galleria Mall and launched a brand-new fabulous website. Please visit us.



Foremost, I am excited about JJCCF's 20th Anniversary! Our "Year-End Giving 4 Kids" campaign is in full gear celebrating two decades serving the community. We welcome your participation as we aim to raise \$100,000 by 12/31/23 to directly fund our Emergency Financial Assistance Program.



The above photos were taken Dec. 2nd at the "Heroes Breakfast with Santa" which adopted 100 families battling childhood cancer. The party room was full of love dedicated to little heroes facing serious challenges. During the event families had a chance to forget about their hardships while meeting Santa, receiving wish gifts and gift cards, decorating their own wreath, and face painting. It was pure joy working with BBX Capital and Neighbors 4 Neighbors for the 7th year. Also, a big shout out to AutoNation, Miami Herald Wish Book and **Children's Aid Club** which adopted several JJCCF children these Holidays.



Wishing you a joyous Holiday and a healthy 2024.



Love, Hope & Hugs,

Sandra Muvdi, MBA | President/CEO  
Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation®

This is a note received by CAC from  
Jessica June Children's Cancer  
Foundation.



Thank You



Thank you note pictured above was created by a thankful Northside Elementary School student whose family was provided with Christmas presents this year by Children's Aid Club.

# Thank You



Thank you note pictured at left was created by Cypress Elementary School for the Christmas presents provided for their families this year by Children's Aid Club.

Thank you note from the principal at Cross Creek School pictured at right.



**CROSS CREEK**



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November 29, 2023

Louise Proffer  
 Children's Aid Society  
 3296 N Federal Hwy., #11503  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-8422

Dear Ms. Proffer:

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the entire Cross Creek School community, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your recent donation of four generous gift cards for our families. Your support means a great deal to us and directly impacts the well-being and progress of our students. At Cross Creek School, we are dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for children aged 5-22 who are navigating Emotional and Behavioral Disorders. Your thoughtful contribution of gift cards directly supports our mission by providing vital resources to our families, ensuring they have the necessary means to meet their needs during this time.

The services we offer, including psychiatric and therapeutic services on campus, medical care provided by our nursing staff, and comprehensive therapy sessions facilitated by our team of therapists, are greatly enhanced by the support of organizations like the Children's Aid Society. Your donation of gift cards not only provides practical assistance but also symbolizes care and empathy for our students and their families. It reinforces the sense of community and support that is integral to our school's environment.

The collaboration and support from organizations like the Children's Aid Society are invaluable in our efforts to encourage and facilitate parent and family participation, which is fundamental to the progress and success of our students. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and compassion. Your donation will have a meaningful and positive impact on the lives of our families, and we deeply appreciate your commitment to supporting our cause.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Children's Aid Society and creating brighter futures for our students together.

Warm regards,

*Colleen Stearn*  
 Colleen Stearn  
 Principal

# CAC Bulletin Board



## Save the Date

- 1/9 CAC Board Meeting
- 1/16 CAC General Meeting
- 2/13 Taste'n'Tell Luncheon



## Happy JANUARY Birthday



Ann Alper  
1/12



Kathy Mayhew  
1/16



Gail Jennings  
1/28



Broward County public schools return to regular sessions on Monday, January 8th, 2024. There is no school on Monday, Jan. 15th or Monday, Jan. 22nd.



## Prospective Members

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Karin O'Brien | Kdob40@yahoo.com    |
| Cheryl Arena  | nursecha@aol.com    |
| Nancy Villard | nvstella1@gmail.com |



Ghislaine Martin thanks her CAC sisters for their prayers during her recent surgery.



## Planned January Birthday Parties

God's Little Lambs - Wednesday, January 17th at 2:15 pm.

Contact Janice Bloomfield if you plan to help.

The Little School House - Friday January 12th at 10:15 am.

Contact Linda lanelli if you plan to help out.

Broward Partnership North - Friday January 12th at 6:30 pm.

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



## Thank you

.....to all who submitted photos (especially Rebecca, Ghislaine, Fran, Vanessa, Barb, Linda, Lynda 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:  
cacjulienewton@gmail.com



## Sunshine News

We ask you to continue praying for: Caroline Courtney (and her husband, Wynn), Ghislaine Martin, Sara Rashti, June Felski and any others you know of who are dealing with difficult times right now.

