



# NEWSLETTER



**June** 2023

## Message From Our President

**Becky Ford**



Wow, another year of CAC is almost completed. It was a busy and productive year that will send us into the next year ready to help a lot of children. As I sit and write this letter, we are heading into the Memorial Day weekend and I am leaving for Iowa to spend a few days with my parents on the farm. I hope you all did something fun as we kicked off the summer season and took a moment to remember the fallen who served our country. Speaking of fun, how about those Florida Panthers?! Scott, Brad and I are season ticket holders and have been enjoying some really exciting hockey games with more to come as they head to the Stanley Cup finals. Let's go Panthers! I know others of you are following the Miami Heat and that has been exciting too.

Thanks to all who worked the CASF Golf Tournament. I hear it was a big success and we look forward to hearing what our efforts earned for CAC.

I feel very honored that you have chosen me and trust me to be your President again for the next CAC year. I look forward to working with your board for the next year. And, again a BIG thank you to those outgoing Board members. Their work and willingness to have served on the Board is much appreciated. If you are not currently on the Board, please give some thought to the next time. With our small group of active members, we really need everyone to take a turn.

Inside this newsletter you will see some pictures of Sandy Noonan's Lifetime Membership celebration. We had a nice lunch celebrating all Sandy does and has done for CAC throughout the years. Congratulations Sandy and thank you for your dedication and I don't know what we would do without you!

Have a fun summer!

Love,  
Becky



## Important Dates & Times

Our meetings are  
on hiatus  
over the summer!

See you all in September :)

### CAC Membership Dues Reminder:

It is that time of year to remind you to check your info in our "black book".

Send in any updates on your address, or your photo, etc. to Membership Chair Caroline Courtney.

Your annual CAC dues need to be received by August 1st, so we can print the new directories for the Fall.

The cost is the same: \$125 for either "Active" or "Auxiliary".

You can send your check made out to "Children's Aid Club" to:

Caroline Courtney  
2516 NE 37th Drive  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

or pay through our website.  
Thanks in advance!

**Children's Aid Club Board Meeting**  
**Via Zoom on May 9, 2023 @ 9:30 am**

1. Call to Order 9:31am

2. Devotional – Becky (Pam out of town) –

3. Approve Minutes for April

Corrections: Treasurers Report- We have 2 accounts, not one, but all funds are in one bank. That is why it was suggested to diversify the funds.

- We can remove that Laura and Linda will switch positions
- Our Board members for 2023-2024 will be:

President – Becky Ford

Vice President – Linda Ianelli

Recording Secretary – Laura Balistreri-Ahmed

Corresponding Secretary – Pamela Markus

Treasurer – Barbara Hume

Membership – Caroline Courtney

Ways & Means - Belinda McDonald

Welfare – Kristina Bryn

Parliamentarian – Louise Proffer

**MOTION:** Barbara make a motion to approve the minutes as corrected

**SECOND:** Louise Proffer

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**NONE OPPOSED**

4. Membership – Caroline

Dues are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. \$125

Luncheon: Monday May 22, 2023 @ Seasons52. We have 23 people that have RSVPed at this time.

Suzee Bailey would like to join again as an auxiliary member.

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5. Ways and Means – Linda Ianelli

\$1,434 April deposits- GiveButter and Bank of America credit card rewards

\$1,132 May deposits- most were memorial donations

Amazon Smiles January – February for about \$22- We have been requalified for a bonus equal to 3 months of our prior

Development Committee Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> - Becky Ford, Caroline Courtney, Kristina Bryn, Linda Ianelli, Monica Blackwood, Valerie Taylor and Laura Balistreri

6. Treasurer – Barb

Checking Account \$102,765.13

Savings Account \$403,944.36

Total \$506,709.49

A credit card payment is due shortly in the amount of \$18,140.02

Memorial Donations for Kathy Mitchell’s mother have been received in the amount of \$900.

The new money market account has been set up and will be funded by the end of this week.

\$114,000 still available to allocate to our organizations. We still have money to spend and help our organizations.

7. Welfare – Kristina

Total Organizations \$4,837.52

Publix Gift Cards \$3,909.10

Surplus Funds Paid out \$13.499.92

Special Request: Charles Drew Men of Class End of Year banquet: Request for annual banquet to cover \$2,500 towards their awards dinner at Carrabba’s. They lost their former proprietor at no fault of their own and need assistance to cover the remaining portion of the banquet.

**MOTION:** Barbara Hume: Make a motion to pay \$2,500 towards the Charles Drew Men of Class End of Year banquet.

**SECOND:** Caroline Courtney

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**NONE OPPOSED**

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We should have an opportunity for 4-6 CAC members to attend the Charles Drew Men of Class End of Year banquet.

Manoushka Remogene (St. Coleman's Care Ministry) From Pam Ferrante: We went to pay an electric bill but found out there was a \$750 deposit due on the account. Welfare committee approved the water, electric, daycare and Publix Cards and originally recommended \$3,000. They removed the utility deposit and paid out the remaining \$2,244.56

Surplus Funds revisions: Hope Women's Center- Welfare Committee recommends approving the revision. Barbara Hume recommends doing Walmart gift cards instead of Publix.

**MOTION:** Louise Proffer: I make a motion to approve the recommendation but instead of Publix cards, purchase Walmart cards.

**SECOND:** Barbara Hume

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**NONE OPPOSED**

Henderson: Discussion on what activities are the most impactful. How do you spend down the budget before the summer? The Youth and Family division has many locations and subdivisions so it is hard to manage. CAC has spending guidelines which is a bit different than how Henderson typically spends. Do we give Henderson the \$6,300 and let them purchase their activities and get their accounting report versus CAC purchasing the tickets and then getting a list of who has received each ticket? Henderson DOES have to provide their spending report to their organizations for all donations. The request is that that the board can approve the activities, Henderson spends the money and will report back as to how the funds are spent.

**MOTION:** Becky Ford: Motion to provide Henderson with a check for \$6,300 to purchase activities and gift cards.

**SECOND:** Caroline

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**NONE OPPOSED**

8. Corresponding Secretary – Jenny

\$550 for gifts of kindness for Marilyn Markos (Kathy Mitchell's mom). All of the Thank You letters have been sent out for the donations.

Via Zoom on May 9, 2023 @ 9:30 am

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9. Unfinished Business – Golf Tournament

We have 64 foursomes registered and normally we shoot for 60 so we have the potential for the most successful event yet! Set up will start on Thursday and the event is on Friday.

BPHI- Event was held on Friday and we received so many "Thank You's".

Valerie and Vanessa will be doing the ice cream parties again and they will need volunteers to assist. Reach out if you are interested.

10. New Business

August 1- Black book/yearbook updates are needed and membership dues are coming up! Notices will start to come out soon.

Caroline Courtney will be the new liaison for Equine Assisted Therapies.

11. Adjournment 10am

Caroline Courtney- Motion to end the meeting

Barbara Hume- Second

Minutes submitted by  
CAC Recording Secretary  
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



at Sea Ranch Lakes Beach Club

May 16, 2023 @ 9:30 am

1. Call to Order 9:39am

2. Devotional – Pam – Look in the mirror and see what other see. You are talented, magnificent and powerful. See what others see. Know that you are incredible in every way and see yourself as others see you. (Paraphrased)

3. Approve Minutes for March & April

March: Correction: Welfare info needs to be moved to the welfare category.

- April: Under 7- Treasurer- Balance- instead of one account, it should be one institution.

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Treasurer – Barbara Hume (assisted by Kathy Mayhew)

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Ways & Means - Belinda McDonald

Welfare – Kristina Bryn

Parliamentarian – Louise Proffer

Morning Day Solutions- yellow highlighted- New Business

MOTION: Julie Newton- Make a motion to approve with corrections

SECOND: Rena Udell

ALL IN FAVOR

NONE OPPOSED

4. Membership – Caroline

Membership dues are \$125 and due August 1<sup>st</sup>

Roll Call- Mention a favorite memory of CAC this year and/or what you are looking forward to in the coming year.

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BPHI- they do not stop over the summer but they are combining June and July Birthdays with an ice cream party so please sign up to volunteer. Friday @6:30pm

Luncheon is next Monday 11:30am at Seasons52- sign up if you are interested in going

Next year meeting host sign up is out if you are interested or able to provide a location or food/ beverage.

5. Ways and Means – Linda lanelli

April Income: \$1,434 - GiveButter and Bank of America credit card rewards

May: Income: \$1,132 – Memorial donations

Amazon Smiles January – February for about \$22- We have been requalified for a bonus equal to 3 months.

Our meeting raffles do help offset our administrative costs.

We had our first Development Committee meeting to work on enlisting corporate sponsors. Becky Ford, Caroline Courtney, Kristina Bryn, Linda lanelli, Monica Blackwood, Valerie Taylor and Laura Balistreri

6. Treasurer – Barb

Checking \$ 102,765.13

Savings \$ 403,944.36

Total \$ 506,709.49

Credit card due \$18,140.02

We received about \$900 in memorial dollars

Our Money Market account is set up but not funded yet. This is part of the effort to diversify our funds for safe keeping in FDIC ensured banking institutions.

7. Welfare – Kristina

TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS \$4,837.52

Publix cards: 28 \$10 cards @ \$9.70 each \$271.60

75 \$50 cards @\$48.50 each \$3,637.50

PUBLIX CARDS \$3,909.10

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Surplus Funds: Cross Creek School \$1,733.80  
 God's Little Lambs \$8,380.72  
 Seagull Alternative HS \$989.40  
 The Little Schoolhouse \$2,396.00  
 Total: \$13,499.92

**2 revised requests for Surplus Funds-**

Hope Women's Center- Asked if they could spend the balance on Walmart cards

Henderson- Is facing a logistic issue with the original request so the board agreed to give them all of the funds upfront and allow them to log ALL use of the funds. We trust they will manage it appropriately to report back for our accounting purposes.

**MOTION:** Julie

**SECOND:** Linda Ianelli

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**NONE OPPOSED**

**8. Corresponding Secretary – Jenny**

A condolence letter was sent to Kathy and Andy Mitchell for the passing of her mother, Marilyn Markos. We received \$550 in memorial donations.

Several cards and letters were received from memorial donations and many for Easter Baskets. Several of the letters from Easter baskets were read aloud and really show how impactful our efforts are in the community. The kindness and generosity of CAC really makes a HUGE impact in the lives of those we help. We all need to be applauded for our efforts and the lives we impact.

**9. Unfinished Business –**

Golf Tournament- We do not have final numbers.

We usually sell about \$6,000 in raffle tickets. This year we sold more than \$10,000 in raffle tickets alone. Someone stepped up and the leftover bottles of alcohol were purchased by one gentleman at the end so we don't have to store them for next year! Julie Newton is extremely happy about not storing it all. 😊 We will be doing the tournament again next year and we will do it with Children's Opportunity Group. CASF is very pleased with how we did. Over the summer we will find out how much we made.

The Black Book- Julie and Vanessa are working on updating it. It will be going out again so please be sure to check your information, submit your Bio and take a nice and new photo of yourself

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and send them to Julie Newton. Please be sure to provide your BIO so everyone knows what your background is so members can start to associate information about each other. For example: Did you know Ann Powell raced Go Carts?!

We will also be doing new descriptions for all of our organizations we work with. Copy Jenny and Julie on all details you need posted in the newsletter etc. Jenny will be our new reminder person to submit your needed documents.

Our Social Bunch will have an event on May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 26 Degrees Brewing benefiting Lady Luck Animal Rescue 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Angel Houston, our photographer at prior TnTs, will be pairing up with us on November 14<sup>th</sup>- Girls Night Out @ Dangerous Minds Brewing Company- thinking of doing either a diaper drive or snack collection

Holiday Appeal Committee- We do have a Holiday Appeal committee: Janice, Valerie, Rebecca, and Vanessa. We would love Ghislaine to give us leadership. Valerie would like to have some training set up for the coming year. We also have a lot of stationary.

Thank you to Lynda Stackhouse who donated shelving to the warehouse. And thank you Pam Markus and Caroline for transporting them.

Morning Day Solutions- We won \$50 from the contest submission so thank you Fran and Linda for your poster contest submission!

BPHI Birthday parties: if you want to volunteer, we would love your help.

Sandy's Lifetime status party. Are you going?!

10. New Business – End of year recognitions

Fran is going to see if we can get a meeting spot at the Coconut Creek Casino to make the meeting fun, we can gather for lunch, etc.

Suzee Bailey will help with the social media stuff

We have 10 spots for the Men of Class awards luncheon- please let Monica know if you would like to attend Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm @ Pat Larkin Center on Dixie and Atlantic Blvd.

11. Adjournment 11:11am

Minutes submitted by  
CAC Recording Secretary  
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Welfare Report for May General Meeting  
4/1/2023 to 4/30/2023



Organizations:

CDTC (diapers, socks, onesies, bibs)	\$1,804.00
Cypress Elementary School (Straight A Café)	1,799.93
Henderson ehavioral Health (formula)	668.20
Hope Women’s Center (car seats)	359.88
Our Father’s House (diapers, wipes)	180.52
The Little Schoolhouse (bday cake)	<u>24.99</u>
<b>TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$4,837.52</b>



Gift Cards on hand at 4/30/2023:

Publix cards: 28 \$10 cards @ \$9.70 each	\$271.60
75 \$50 cards @\$48.50 each	<u>3,637.50</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS</b>	<b>\$3,909.10</b>



SPECIAL Requests:

Charles Drew Men of Class End of Year  
This is a request from Henderson needed for Charles Drew Program (\$2,500). This annual banquet lost their former proprietor Tim of Carrabba’s in Pompano Beach when he left for the Delray store. Through no fault of their own they are now left with scrambling to find funds for the boys and the end of year banquet award and program awards for the boys. The new manager at the Pompano Carrabba’s called Monica and offered to pay half of the banquets cost of \$5,000 and asked CAC if we could cover the other \$2,500. The Welfare Committee recommends covering \$2,500 out of the “special funds” that currently has \$7,076 remaining balance  
Board Approved 5/9/23



INDIVIDUAL Requests:

Manoushka Remogene (St. Coleman’s Care Ministry - Pam Ferrante)  
Manoushka Remogene was referred to Pam Ferrante by a newly formed committee at St. Coleman’s Church (Care Ministry). We briefly reviewed her application at the board meeting since the application came in late on Monday evening. Pam suggested we pay her past due bills for electric, water and day care (at the time totaling \$2,635.06). Louise made a motion to spend up to \$3,000. Board approved this motion on April 11, 2023. Upon reviewing the application further Louise found there was a \$750 deposit due on her FPL bill, subtracted that from the original amount approved. All felt this is the best way to help this mom and her children as she is very behind in a lot of bills and has no job at the moment. The following bills were paid and approved and ratified by membership at the April 18th meeting.

Water - \$521.38
Electric - \$994.68
Daycare - \$369.00
<u>Publix GC - \$339.50</u>
<b>Total: \$2,224.56</b>



Welfare Report for May General Meeting  
4/1/2023 to 4/30/2023  
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Report submitted by Kristina Bryn  
CAC Welfare Chair



Devotional below was read by CAC Vice President Pam  
Ferrante at the May General meeting.

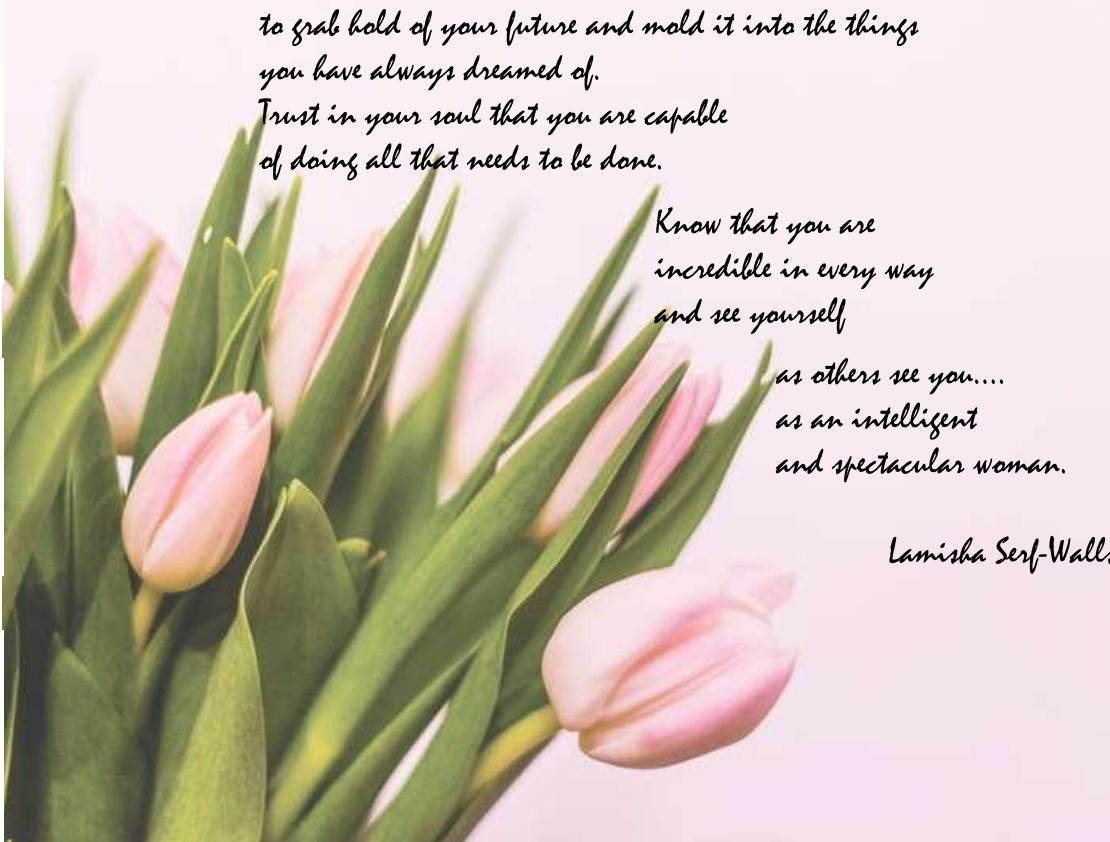


*Look in the mirror and see what others see --  
a talented, uplifting, and magnificent woman  
who can do anything and everything she wants.  
Believe in your heart that you have the power*

*to grab hold of your future and mold it into the things  
you have always dreamed of.  
Trust in your soul that you are capable  
of doing all that needs to be done.*

*Know that you are  
incredible in every way  
and see yourself  
as others see you....  
as an intelligent  
and spectacular woman.*

Lamisha Serf-Walls



### CAC GENERAL MEETINGS

All meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month except November & December (2nd Tues)

Sept. 19, 2023

Host [redacted]  
Hostess [redacted] Hostess [redacted]

Oct. 17, 2023

Host \_\_Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI)\_  
Hostess\_\_Vanessa Diaz-Font\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess\_ Valerie Taylor\_\_\_\_\_

Nov. 14, 2023 This meeting is on the 2nd Tues of the month.

Host \_\_EATSF\_\_\_\_\_  
Hostess\_\_Linda Ianelli\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess\_\_Kristina Bryn\_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 12, 2023 This meeting is on the 2nd Tues of the month.

Host Powell Warehouse  
Hostess \_\_Pamela Markus\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess\_\_Valerie Taylor\_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 16, 2024

Host [redacted]  
Hostess\_Julie Newton\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess \_Janice Bloomfield\_\_\_\_\_

Feb. 20, 2024

Host [redacted]  
Hostess \_\_Jenny Boyenga\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess \_\_Caroline Courtney\_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 19, 2024

Host \_Sea Ranch Beach Club\_\_\_\_\_  
Hostess \_Belinda McDonald\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess \_Sara Rashti & Pam Ferrante\_\_

Apr. 16, 2024

Host [redacted]  
Hostess [redacted] Hostess [redacted]

May 21, 2024

Host [redacted]  
Hostess \_\_Rena Udell\_\_\_\_\_ Hostess \_\_Fran English\_\_\_\_\_

Ladies, as you can see we are still needing to fill in some host (location for the meeting) and hostess (team providing drinks and snacks) slots. Please think about what you might do to help. If you can't hold 20-25 people in your personal home, maybe an organization you partner with has a space we could use or you can use your community clubhouse. Talk to your fellow CAC sisters and team up to be the hostess at one of the meetings.

Please let Linda Ianelli know if you can help out in some way.

**Linda Ianelli caclindaianelli@gmail.com**



Pictured above is the last CAC General Meeting of the year. Thank you to Sara Rashti and Phil Hopkins for enabling us to meet in such a wonderful space right on the ocean!



Pictured above are next year's board members: Caroline Courtney (Membership), Barbara Hume (Treasurer), Pam Markus (Corresponding Secretary), Becky Ford (back for her 3rd straight year as President), Linda Ianelli (Vice President), Belinda McDonald (Ways & Means) and Kristina Bryn (Welfare). Not pictured but in attendance via Zoom were Laura Balistreri-Ahmed (Recording Secretary) and Louise Proffer (Parliamentarian).



Joining us at the meeting are longtime member Marilyn Markus and her daughter (and current CAC member), Pamela Markus, pictured at left.



Also present at the meeting was Suzee Bailey with Ghislaine Martin and Julie Newton on either side of her, pictured above.



# Congratulations to Sandy Noonan



On Monday, May 22nd CAC held a lovely luncheon at Season's 52 to celebrate Sandy Noonan's 25 year membership and Lifetime Achievement!

Fun was had by all who attended. We had a great time, especially during the reveal of "How well do you know Sandy?" questionnaire, as pictured right.



Sandy holding gift with Caroline Courtney and Becky Ford, above. Many members were able to attend, right and below.



# Getting to Know Us



My name is Sandy Noonan. I have been a member of CAC for 25 years . I joined in 1998 and my sponsor was Cindy Dunn. I have been married to my husband Tom for 47 years. We have 2 sons. Shawn lives in Cincinnati, Ohio and is a confirmed bachelor. Travis lives in Coral Springs and has 2 children, a son, Owen, who is 9 years old and a daughter, Brianna (Sissy), who is 7 years old . I have had the pleasure of babysitting for them every Tuesday and Thursday since they were born.

I am a liaison for Cypress Elementary School, Cross Creek School and for Children Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC). CAC hosts a quarterly "Straight A Cafe" at Cypress Elementary School to reward kids who pushed themselves to excel. CAC does whatever it can to help the students at Cross Creek School. CAC makes 24 layettes (12 boy's, 12 girl's) each month for CDTC.

I am the chairperson for CAC's Family Baskets. With the help of my team, we organize the creation and distribution of roughly 3 baskets per organization for each major holiday (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter). I have also been the chair for supplies for TNT many years. I feel like the warehouse is my second home.

(Reprinted with corrections from CAC Oct. '20 newsletter)



## How Well Do You Know Sandy?

When did she join CAC? **1998**

Why did she join CAC? **She had some time on her hands and was looking for a charity to help children!**

How many years has she been doing layettes for CDTC? **Over 20 years**

How long has she been the Grand Master of the CAC warehouse? **17 years!**

How many schools has she been liaison for? **5**

During Holiday seasons, what is Sandy coordinating? **Gift Baskets**

How many children does she have? **2**

How many grandchildren does she have? **2**

What is her favorite movie? **Downton Abbey**

What is her favorite TV show? **Friday Night Lights**

What is her favorite Book? **She likes John Grisham novels**

Where was she born? **Cincinnati, Ohio**

How long has she been married? **47 years**

How long has she lived in FL? **50 years**

What is her favorite lunch item to order? **Outback Steak & Salad or Fish Taco's**

What is her favorite Her favorite drink? **Diet coke**

What is her favorite color? **Blue**

Cat person or Dog person? **Dog & Ducks**

What is her zodiac sign? **Aries**

Above is the questionnaire handed out at her special luncheon on May 22nd



# Membership Report for CAC June 2023 newsletter



Membership dues of \$125 are due by August 1<sup>st</sup>.



If you want to get ahead of that deadline, please send your check to Caroline Courtney. Some have already given me their checks and I will hold them until our new fiscal year begins.



The following is a list of our 3 prospective members and their sponsors:



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Report submitted by CAC Membership Chair  
Caroline Courtney



# My Safe Harbor is proud to announce that they received the Broward County Public Schools Partner of the Year Award 2023 – with Seagull Alternative High School

Hi Julie,  
I wanted to share this exciting news about receiving this school-based partner of the year award in conjunction with Seagull Alternative High School. I just want you to know that I am grateful to you for connecting me with CAC. It is because of this connection with CAC, I was able to assist the school in so many additional ways and especially with the additional surplus grant. Please note that they acknowledged CAC for this grant. I am so grateful to you and the CAC team for all the support I have received and all of us working together to help these children and families in need.

With much gratitude,  
Marsha Tessler, Founder & Director  
My Safe Harbor, Inc.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
On Tuesday November 14th, 2023 from 5:30-8:30 Our Social Bunch will be holding a Diaper Drive to benefit CAC at Dangerous Minds Brewing Company in Pompano Beach. Please make plans to attend and talk about our organization to like minded members of our community.

*OUR SOCIAL BUNCH*  
**Girls Night Out**  
sip ♥ shop ♥ support

This networking event is FREE to attend but you MUST register on Eventbrite to get your ticket.

Go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/634898316957>

Thank you to Angel Houston for letting us be a part of this wonderful event!



Over Memorial Day weekend, CAC members Barbara Hume (pictured at left) and Lynda Stackhouse joined 250 other volunteers for a "Flag In" at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth. These ladies addressed and thanked each of the 50 veterans assigned to them before placing American flags in front of their headstones. Lynda said it was an emotional sight watching a total of 33,000 flags waving in the breeze, but an amazing experience. Many thanks to Barb and Lynda for helping to provide this service in honor of those who served to protect our country.







# Taste'n'Tell 2024 Update

## Taste 'N' Tell Planning Teams 2024

<b>Team Leader Duties:</b> Select Venue and date Assemble and lead team members Create Venue floor plan, seating and skirting VIP Gifts, Hire photographer and other vendors, blessing Set deadlines for tasks to be completed. Make member assignments for day before and day of event & work on timeline with Stylin' team		
<b>The Architect Team</b> Team leader <u>Laura Ballistreri- Amhed</u>	<b>The Stylin' Team</b> Team leader <u>NEED A TEAM LEADER!!</u>	<b>The Golden Goose Team</b> Team leader <u>Kristina Bryn</u>
● <b>Early duties (Spring/Summer 2023)</b> ●		
Compile guest list <u>LINDA IANELLI</u> (veteran) _____ (apprentice)	Menu/Planning December tasting event, Welcome drink for VIP's/Welcome drink for others Sue Black	Prepare underwriting packets and track asks _____ (veteran) Development Committee _____ (apprentice)
Invitations/RSVP/Special raffle tickets - Design, print, assemble for mail Design <u>Linda Tanelli/Becky</u> Assemble <u>Linda Tanelli</u>	Plan after party <u>Jenny Boyenga</u>	Send Thank You notes to Underwriters and in-kind donors Pamela Markus
Set-up online RSVP <u>Linda Tanelli</u>	Presentation and/or Video plus hire Audio/visual professional Valerie & Suzee, (veteran) Pamela Markus (apprentice)	Cashiers/bank, raffle ticket sales, financial closeout Barbara Hume (treasurer) <u>Kathy M.</u> (asst. treasurer)
Bake Sale Planning <u>Jeanne</u> , Ghislaine, Monica	Decoration planning for venue & tables, guest favors for tables Janice Bloomfield, Fran English <u>Rebecca Solomon</u>	Acquire cruise or special raffle item, provide info to Invitation designer to print with invitations Development Committee &
<b>Late Duties (Fall – Feb event)</b>		
Reservations, Make table assignments: <u>Pam, Reba, Carol</u> Nametags <u>Laura Ballistreri</u>	Publicity/Social Media/Photography <del>Susan R Miller</del> Sheri Wilcox Save the date email blast Belinda McDonald	Live Auction <u>Caroline</u> <del>1 of 3 team lead</del> <b>Need two more to signup</b> Silent Auction <b>NEED VOLUNTEERS</b>
Posters - Large signs and sponsor recognition, etc. Directional Signs _____ (veteran) _____ (apprentice)	Timeline and script Valerie & Suzee (veteran) Pamela Markus (apprentice) Kathy Mayhew	Auction and Raffle printing <b>NEED VOLUNTEERS</b> Julie Newton (veteran) _____ (apprentice)
Compile program book and print (remember to add new member inquiry info) <u>Becky Ford</u>	Warehouse Supplies Sandy Noonan	Raffle Baskets <u>Barbara Hume</u> (veteran) <u>Louise</u> (apprentices') <u>Proff</u>

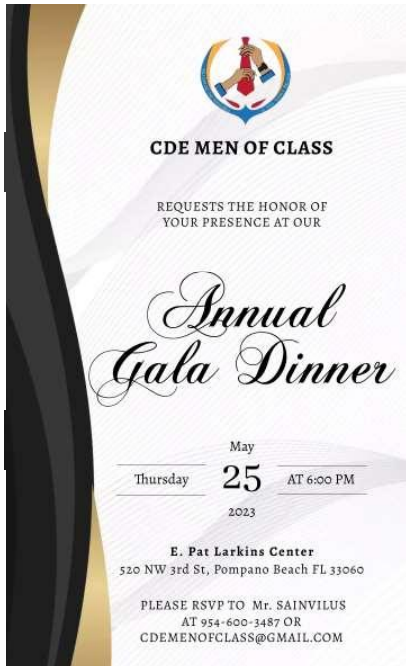
As you can see there are still many positions to fill.  
 Please contact Linda Ianelli and let her know  
 where you think you would like to help!  
**Many hands make light work....**

# CASF Golf Tournament held on Friday, May 12th, 2023



Thank you to all who helped make this year's  
CASF Charity Golf Classic a success.  
It was a fun day for both attendees and golfers.

# Men of Class Banquet



CAC member Monica Blackwood received a special on-stage thank you at the Charles Drew Elementary Magnet School's Men of Class banquet dinner for CAC's support over the past year.

CAC has supported this program in the past with two special requests and just recently sponsoring half of the banquet for the boys when they lost their supporter (former manager of Carrabba's of Pompano Beach). Luckily the new manager agreed to pay half the cost if we paid the other half.



CAC members Jenny Boyenga, Caroline Courtney, Monica Blackwood and Linda Ianelli (pictured at left) attended the evening event on Thursday May 25th at E. Pat Larkin's Community Center in Pompano Beach. Pictured below is Monica Blackwood.



Pictured below is the Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Children's Aid Club for their support of the Men of Class program.





Here is the message Gloria Wright, Director of The Little Schoolhouse sent to liaison Linda lanelli:

“Good morning Linda, here I have attached a few pictures for your viewing with the children using the ipads on XL application, these ipads are a huge success within our program, it gives the teachers that one-on-one time with the students that they needed for them to move on to kindergarten. The children are more eager to learn when using the ipads. They also can draw pictures using the ipads. The ipads are a great asset to our program.”

Thank You very much,  
from the staff of The Little Schoolhouse, Gloria



Sandy Noonan asked me to share some good news. Banana Republic gave us some jewelry for Christmas Baskets (pictured below right) so if you stop by Banana Republic tell them thank you. Official thank yous are being sent. This came to us through Gina Jenkins so thanks to Gina too! The organizer and General Manager of the store at the Galleria Mall is Suelena Rivard. Thank you to Suelena!



Banana Republic at Galleria  
2584 E Sunrise Blvd Space J18  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304



# Thank You

Allison LaRocca's friend, Diane DeForge, helped out at the golf tournament and liked us so much she thought of us when she was clearing out her 2 storage lockers. The donor is a recent widow & has a 14 year old daughter, Isabella.

Together we filled 8 car loads with amazing toys & books! Diane is so happy to know that so many children will benefit from her donation! Please feel free to send her a note of thanks for her generosity!



Pictured above are helpers Valerie Taylor, Caroline Courtney, Diane DeForge, Barbara Hume & Ghislaine Martin. Not pictured is helper Lynda Stackhouse.

Pictured above is one of Diane's storage lockers. At left and below are some of the toys donated.

Diane and Isabella DeForge  
1150 Hillsboro Mile Apt 516  
Hillsboro Beach, FL 33062

[dmdeforge@gmail.com](mailto:dmdeforge@gmail.com)

Please share our thanks :)





Thanks  
so much

Thank you so much for  
everything my kids will  
love the Easter presents  
and the gift cards  
You are a blessing.

Blessing

Thank you  
for your kindness

love from the  
Dushomes family

love

A simple  
act of kindness  
has a beauty all its own



To: DONOR  
We appreciate all  
you help and  
generosity

BLONDYNE  
MARLY  
BIANCA

You reached out  
and gave  
of your  
GENEROUS HEART...

thanks for making a  
difference for our  
Family!

Children's Aid Club,  
Thank you for the very  
thoughtful and generous Easter  
gifts. The kids loved all the  
goodies and the gift cards will be  
used for clothes. Love the Aldermans

The notes on this page were received  
from BPHI in thanks for the Easter  
baskets provided by CAC.



**BROWARD  
PARTNERSHIP**

The road to health, jobs & homes for the homeless





Liaison Barbara Hume received this from a teacher at Floranada Elementary School who we helped through Donors Choose:

*Dear Children's Aid Club,*

*Thank you for all of these awesome, mathematically inspired stories. Each morning I have been reading them to a group of about 60 first and second-graders. They hustle off to class giggling about Tara, the triangle, and about how weird fractions are. They are developing their vocabulary and reading skills all while building their math knowledge. The byproduct of this before-school reading project has also been improved attendance and more students arriving at school on time.*

*The students love being read to and learning new things. Thank you for providing that opportunity.*

*With gratitude,  
Ms. Foresi*

Thank you to Gina Jenkins for connecting us with a shoe donation of 23 boxes with 12 pairs of shoes in each box!

Pictured below is Jenelle Gordon from Cypress Elementary School receiving some of those shoes to give to their students.



### Notes from the Treasurer

The question was raised at the May meeting as to how much money we have made on the meeting raffles. Can you believe, we've made

**\$1,210**

just this year?

Thanks Fran English for bringing this idea to our attention and then following up with it!

Pictured at right is CAC member Fran English. Not only was the idea Fran's, but she also runs it and finds the prizes for people to win.





# CONFRONTING A CRISIS

BROWARD PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS ITS PORTFOLIO OF HOUSING OPTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS WITH THE OPENING OF A MUCH-NEEDED AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT COMPLEX

*By Danielle Charbonneau*



**CEO OF BROWARD PARTNERSHIP:** Frances Esposito

**I**magine being one of the many households in South Florida walking a monthly tightrope when it comes to making ends meet. An unexpected period of financial hardship has led to the unthinkable—you no longer have a roof over your head.

You're desperate for help. Thankfully, you find it in downtown Fort Lauderdale through the services and emergency shelter at Broward Partnership's Central Homeless Assistance Center (CHAC). Before long, with your finances

stabilized, you're ready to rent an apartment.

The question becomes, where?

Broward County is one of the nation's most challenged regions when it comes to affordable housing. How can someone who's battled to reclaim their life take the final step and qualify to live on their own?

This is the roadblock many individuals and families hit when they are ready to transition from Broward Partnership's assistance programs. It's also the frustrating conundrum that Frances M. Esposito, CEO of Broward

Partnership, has been wrestling for years.

She hopes that the opening of a new affordable housing project adjacent to CHAC—Seven on Seventh—will begin to make a small dent in the large deficit of affordable housing options in the county. Broward Partnership largely spearheaded the Seven on Seventh project in collaboration with developer Green Mills Group, JWR Construction Services, Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Construction of the new 72-unit community is now complete, and the first round of tenants has been slated for move-in dates this spring.

Of the 72 units, half will be designated as workforce housing—for professionals like teachers, nurses and police officers who meet low-income requirements. The other half will be rented to individuals or families who have been referred to Seven on Seventh by the Broward County Continuum of Care (CoC), a collaborative network of organizations working to alleviate homelessness. Tenants referred to Seven on Seventh by the CoC likely will come from Broward Partnership's homeless assistance programs or from other county programs that serve the homeless and at-risk populations. A property management company, Royal American Management, will review the applications and handle the eligibility processes.

"It's such an exciting project because it's 50/50 [workforce housing vs. housing for formerly homeless]," Esposito says. "Seven on Seventh is also unique because, while there are definitely other affordable housing projects for low-income people, there are very few exclusive for people at 60 percent of AMI [Area Median Income] and below."

The need for housing in this sector is dire. Broward County ranks dead last in Florida for affordable housing options, with only 25 affordable homes available for every 100 families at 60 percent of AMI, according to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Fifteen percent of homeowners in the county are severely cost

burdened, meaning they spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing. Almost a third (32 percent) of renters are severely cost burdened, according to the Broward Housing Council's statistics dashboard. To meet the county's deficit of affordable housing options, 120,843 units would need to be made available, according to a 2019 report by the Housing Finance Authority of Broward County.

"Seven on Seventh couldn't come at a better time; housing affordability has become a serious socioeconomic concern for Broward," Esposito says.

## BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

**When:** Friday, May 19

**Time:** 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

**Where:** Signature Grand (6900 State Road 84, Davie)

**What:** The completion of Seven on Seventh will be celebrated at Broward Partnership's "Salute to Leadership: Building a Better Future" gala. The event will honor individuals and organizations that helped bring the Seven on Seventh vision to fruition, including: Dustin DuBois, JWR Construction Services; Mitch Rosenstein and Oscar Sol, Green Mills Group; Senator and Broward County Vice Mayor Nan H. Rich; and Fort Lauderdale's Mayor Dean Trantalis and City Manager Greg Chavarria. The event will be emceed by Kristin Sanchez of NBC 6 and serve as a fundraiser for Broward Partnership ([bphi.org](http://bphi.org)).

**Tickets:** [tinyurl.com/buildingabetterfuture2023](https://tinyurl.com/buildingabetterfuture2023)

Seven on Seventh is a logical extension of Broward Partnership's existing housing programs. The nonprofit organization is the largest comprehensive homeless services provider in Broward County. It operates the emergency beds at both the North Homeless Assistance Center in Pompano Beach and the Central Homeless Assistance Center (CHAC) in Fort Lauderdale, in addition to 168 scattered-site permanent housing units in Broward County. Combined, Broward Partnership houses a daily average

of 700 of the county's estimated 2,054 homeless people (according to the 2022 Point-in-Time results).

The development was first conceived in 2017 but gained momentum in 2019 when it was awarded approximately \$25 million of financing from Florida Housing Finance Corporation's tax credit and State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) programs, which were budgeted to address Florida's affordable housing crisis.

By virtue of the complex's location, residents of Seven on Seventh will easily be able to access Broward Partnership's resources.

"Affordable housing is not just an economic issue, it is a moral issue at the end of the day," says Senator and Broward County Vice Mayor Nan H. Rich, a vocal advocate for affordable housing initiatives, particularly public-private partnerships like Seven on Seventh. "It's the responsibility of policymakers, employers, government and nonprofit organizations to find solutions."

Seven on Seventh consists of an eight-story tower facing Seventh Avenue and a four-story wing facing northwest Ninth Street. The buildings house seven studio, one-bathroom apartments, 57 one-bedroom, one-bath apartments and eight two-bedroom, two-bath apartments. Broward Partnership case managers have offices onsite.

For those people moving into the 36 units designated for the formerly homeless, tenants will be provided furnished apartments thanks to a \$1 million donation from the Jim Moran Foundation.

There is an interactive library, fitness center, game room, rooftop observation deck, parking lot, community room and an e-learning classroom. Seven on Seventh has partnered with Broward College to bring residents their Promise Up Program, which offers a range of resources including life skills training, certificate programs, undergraduate degrees and internship opportunities.

"Our mission at Broward Partnership always has been to reduce homelessness," Esposito says. "Ultimately, housing is the solution to actually end homelessness."



Attention Members!  
 Valerie Taylor will be organizing  
 a summer birthday lunch  
 towards the end of June.  
 If you are available to participate,  
 please contact Valerie.

## Happy JUNE Birthday



Kathy Mitchell  
6/4

Ghislaine Martin  
6/5



June 18th



Thank you to all who have contributed to make  
 our CAC newsletter informative and fun to read.  
 Please continue to send pictures from your  
 summer break. We want to see how you are  
 recharging your batteries!  
 Pictured below are CAC members Julie Newton  
 and Sue Miller starting our vacation :)



Marsha Tessler  
6/17

Becky Ford  
6/21



The last day for  
 Broward County public  
 school students  
 is Thursday, June 8th



Vanessa Font  
6/22

June Felski  
6/24



Pink shirts  
 with the CAC logo  
 are available for  
 \$27.  
 Contact Barbara Hume.



Sharon Glavey  
6/29

Rebecca Solomon  
6/29

