



NEWSLETTER

November 2022

Important Dates & Times

Message From Our President **Becky Ford**



Hello CAC Sisters,

I hope you are having a nice fall season. We are happy to welcome back all who have been traveling. Did October go by fast for you? It sure did for me! Now we are approaching the Thanksgiving season and that reminds us to slow down a minute and give thanks. We have a lot to be thankful for at CAC. Generous friends who support us financially so we can do our work. The friendships of all our fellow members and much more!

Pam Ferrante and Caroline Courtney recently hosted the New Member orientation, and we had a nice group in attendance. We are thankful for our new and returning members.

Many of you are helping to wrap Christmas gifts at Back to Basics for the many school children in need. Pam sent out a list of dates. Help is still needed, consider coming to help, it's a fun project!

Our own Holiday appeal is underway. Sandy Noonan and Louise Proffer are busy organizing baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. More information to come on assembling the baskets.

Our next board meeting will be on November 8 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. I must miss this one as I travel north to see my parents and other family, so Pam will conduct the meeting and Caroline will run the Zoom. I will send out the information on Monday before I leave. I will be back for the General Meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at CDTC. Looking forward to seeing you there!

I'm so thankful to be a part of CAC and to know all of you!

THANK YOU!

Love,
Becky

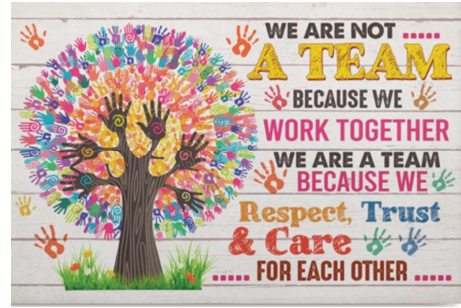
November Board Meeting
9:30 am on Tuesday, November 8th
via Zoom.
Meeting link and password will be
emailed to you the night before.

November General Meeting
9:00 am on Tuesday, November 15th
at Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center
1401 S. Federal Hwy.
Fort Lauderdale
Hostesses are:
Valerie Taylor
Rebecca Solomon

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

Children's Aid Club Board Meeting

October 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom



1. Call to order 9:31am

2. **Devotional** – Pam (see picture at right)

3. **Membership** – Caroline

We have planned the New Member Orientation for Janice Bloomfield and Missy Butt October 27th at 2pm. General members are not required to attend but are welcome to do so.

Allison LaRocca will be joining as a guest at the General Meeting next week.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

5. **Treasurer's report** - Barb

Checking \$24,517.94

Savings \$403,850.52

Total \$428,368.46

Credit Card Due \$4,528.50

Looking good financially and our liaisons are spending money!

6. **Welfare** – Kristina

We have gift cards on hand for \$5,723

1 special request for Donors Choose which was approved at the previous General Meeting

4 new requests:

BPHI referral

Barned family – Broward Health

Northside Elementary for kids clothing

Francis Family from BPHI

\$3,892.62 total requests

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MOTION to approve: Barbara Hume

SECOND: Linda Ianelli

All in favor

None opposed

There is a woman who is a domestic violence survivor, she is alone with 2 small kids and we are unable to assist overall. We are happy to connect her to the right organizations to assist her. There is a request to pay her water bill and electric and also provide some Publix gift Cards. She is located in North Miami.

MOTION: Barbara: Recommend providing the family \$300 in Publix gift cards over the next 2 months, pay electric bill of about \$200, water bill of about \$200 and provide shoes and clothing from the warehouse.

SECOND: Laura Balistreri

All in Favor

None opposed

7. Ways and Means - Linda

Discuss GiveButter

Holly Warren Presented the GiveButter presentation and sent out a follow up email with the recording and other FAQs. There is no cost to the platform, there is no limit on donors or database, there is a small fee for donations but that is all. It is an east CSV spreadsheet upload to transfer our data, history and content.

We can filter our information, draw our own reports, etc. It seems like it will be easier than Network For Good. You can even use it as an event check-in.

MOTION: Linda Ianelli- Make a motion to move from Network to Good over to GiveButter

SECOND: Barbara and Caroline

ALL IN FAVOR

NONE OPPOSED

8. Unfinished Business

Holiday Baskets – Sandy/Louise



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Holiday Appeal – Pam – there is a slow response for the letters for requests but we are hoping for a good financial turnout.

TNT Update – Club has requested us to move luncheon inside and silent auction to the outside area. To increase the service we will be moving into the ballroom that holds 200-220 people. We have increased the price, the bake sale will still be inside in the same place it was last year. The silent auction, welcome drinks, appetizers, raffle etc will be under the Veranda.

The program will be 2 or 3 brief presentations from organizations we work with.

We will NOT have separate cashiers for the bake sale. We will have just 1 group.

The tasting luncheon will be December 13th.

Christmas toys were picked up from Mrs. Feldman. She purchase 459 toys with a \$5,500 plus value. In February we picked up an initial 381 toys from her.

Hurricane Ian- Does anyone know someone who is making a trip to the west coast to deliver diapers, wipes etc.

Burlington Coats: We had 8 or 10 coats last year that were way too heavy for the climate here in South Florida. There is now a Ukranian refugee group that will also take heavy winter coats. Are we good sending heavy coats to this other group to disburse? Board Member response was in favor of doing so.

9. New Business

Wrap day Wednesday the 19th at 9:30am. Please let Pam know if you want to carpool. She would take as many as 20 people and is open to any amount of people any day! Bring your own lunch. She has so much and more coming in so she will take any and all help!

10. Adjournment 10:33am



Minutes submitted by
CAC Recording Secretary
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Welfare Report for October Board Meeting 9/1/2022 to 9/30/2022



Organizations:

Back to Basics (Sneakers)	\$17,500.00
CDTC (Gerber Sleepwear)	265.15
Donor's Choose (Teacher's request)	47.51
Henderson Behavioral Health (Car seats)	299.90
Hope Women's Center (Car seats)	119.96
Northside Elementary School (Dollar Tree Supplies)	228.75
Our Father's House Family Services (Diapers & Wipes)	124.25
Pompano Beach Middle School (\$5 GCs)	1,000.00
The Little Schoolhouse (bday cake, IMAC computers)	<u>2,622.99</u>
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS	\$22,208.51



Gift Cards on hand at 9/30/2022:

Publix cards: 140 - \$10 cards @\$9.70	\$1,358.00
90 - \$50 cards @ \$48.50	<u>4,365.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS	\$5,723.00



SPECIAL Requests:

We have one Organization special request for the month
Donor's Choose - Teachers request

(Approved at Gen Meeting 9/13/22)	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,000.00



INDIVIDUAL Requests:

*Santos Family (BPHI) request for rent and Publix GC	
Rent	399
Publix GC	<u>291</u>
9/5/22 Board approved by email	\$690.00
*Barnes/Williams Family (Broward Health) request for	
2 months car ins	658.52
1 month car payment	284.55
Publix GC	194
1 month car paymt still owed pay when due	<u>284.55</u>
9/14/22 Board approved by email	\$1,421.62
*Northside Elementary for clothes for three children	
9/26/22 Board approved by email	\$200.00
*Arthalene Francis Family (BPPHI) request for rent	
9/27/22 Board approved by email	<u>\$1,581.00</u>



TOTAL: **\$3,892.62**



Submitted by
Kristina Bryn
CAC Welfare Chair



BACK TO BASICS WRAPPING PARTY



Kathy Mayhew, Kelle Enriquez, Barb Hume, Pam Ferrante, Becky Ford and her son Brad Ford, Lynda Stackhouse and Vanessa Diaz-Font at the Oct. 18th wrapping party. At right are Pam Ferrante (above) and Becky & Brad Ford (below).

Imagine being told that you have 10,000 needy children who won't receive Christmas presents unless you provide them?

That's the task facing Back to Basics again this year. Kelle Enriquez was a very active member of Children's Aid Club for a number of years and still spearheads the CASF golf tournament for us. She has taken Back to Basics to the next level with her organizational skills and her ability to find bargains when shopping for sneakers, underwear, socks and a toy for needy children.

Six thousand of those children have been "adopted" by churches and organizations for Christmas, but that still leaves 4,000 more who have not been adopted and for whom they are providing gifts.

Six of our members helped with shopping and wrapping at B2B's new warehouse space on October 19th and four went on the 26th.

There is still lots more to do!

Additional dates available are November 7, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 22 from 9:30 am until 2:00 (or earlier). Bring your lunch as there is no place close by to eat, and car pool with other members. This is a fun way to get to know some of our newer members.

***Please call Kelle to let her know when you plan to help
561-702-4527.***

Our Christmas Angel has done it again!

We picked up 459 toys worth \$5,577 from Mrs. Feldman's warehouse in October which means we'll have a lot of smiling faces on Christmas morning. This is in addition to the 381 toys we picked up in February of this year because her storage unit was full!

For those who don't know, Mrs. Feldman saw a notice at her doctor's office 13 years ago asking patients to bring in toys for a children's charity that was collecting toys for the holidays. That charity was Children's Aid Club. Lori Leonhardt, now one of our former members, was a pharmaceutical rep and had asked if she could put notices up in some of the offices that she visited.

Mrs. Feldman saw the notice and felt inspired to answer the call. She started buying toys throughout the year. Every year she calls us to pick up the toys she has purchased. We had four SUVs packed to the roof with beautiful toys. Now you know why we call her our Christmas Angel!



Pictured at left are volunteers Pam Markus, Lynda Stackhouse, Barbara Hume, Mrs. Feldman, Fran English and Vanessa Diaz-Font picking up the many toys collected from Mrs. Feldman's warehouse





Birthday Party on October 25th at God's Little Lambs



On October 25, Children's Aid Club was able to resume the monthly birthday parties at God's Little Lambs after a long 2 years.



Birthday cake and juice was served for 89 children at the preschool.



Thank you to our team!

Pictured below are some volunteers who made it happen. Ghislaine Martin coordinated the effort. Rena Udell went shopping for the juice, cake and birthday books. Also pictured are Vanessa Diaz-Font, Kristina Bryn, Lynda Stackhouse and Jenny Boyenga.



A fun afternoon for all participants!

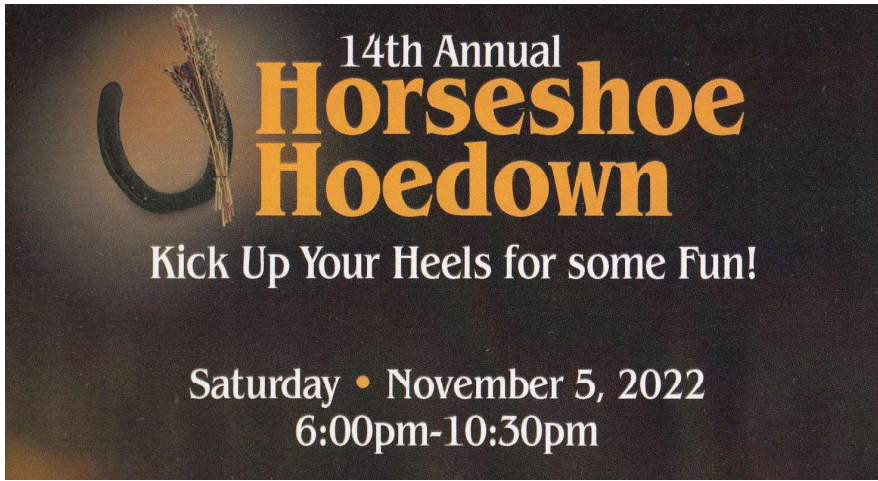


A note from Mrs. Claus:

Our holiday appeal responses are slowly coming in. In addition to cash donations we have 8 responses willing to sponsor one of our families (shopping and wrapping). That is not a lot since we will most likely have around 75 families for Christmas. If you are willing to sponsor a family or know of someone who would like to be a sponsor please let us know asap. Please state how many children you are willing to sponsor.



Email to - Sandy Noonan and Louise Proffer



Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida needs volunteers to help man the check-in desk at their Hoedown, their annual fundraiser for the organization. We have had 4-5 volunteers from CAC in the past and they really need our help. We currently have 5 volunteers but don't hesitate to join us! If you are interested in assisting on Saturday November 5th, late afternoon to evening, please please reach out to Maribel Del Rio and let her know. There is a training session for volunteers on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at 5:30 pm at EATSF.



*You Make a Difference
Thank You for all you do!*

Dear Children's Aid Club,

I have students that have stated "I hate reading, TV is better." Now I have students saying I, "This book is better than a movie!" Because of your generous donation, my classroom is truly magical with every page that a child turns.

I have been able to revise my whole classroom and make it fun, engaging, and magical. The students have grown in such a short time. Parents are thrilled to see that their children are thriving in their ELA studies and have a passion for reading now.

My class will forever be grateful.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Mason
Bennett Elementary School



Thank You!



Dear Children's Aid Club,

My students will be overjoyed to know they will be getting headphones for the computers. I really appreciate your generous gifts especially during economic times such as these. You have made it possible for my students to complete individualized assignments without distractions. I can't wait to see them succeed and excel this year and the next.



With gratitude,
Ms. Young
ESOL teacher at Northeast High School



Everything that you do makes a difference in somebody's life. Thank you so much for that!



I wanted to send a huge thank you in appreciation for the bags of Anne's clothes that were given to me last week. I brought them to Ft. Myers, and gave them to my daughter-in-law's mother who plans to take them to her mother who lost everything in the hurricane. When she saw them the first thing she said is that these are exactly what she would wear. Thanks again for the donation.

>
> Sincerely,
> Janice Bloomfield



No matter what's going on in your life, there is ALWAYS something to be



Ways & Means



It was good seeing all of you ladies at the October General Meeting. We had a couple of prospective guests, and a special guest Mrs. Feldman join us. For those unfamiliar with Mrs. Feldman, she has donated toys to CAC for over sixteen years for our Christmas Baskets. Earlier this month, a group of us met her to load up toys from her two storage lockers valued at \$5,577. Earlier this year, we helped her load up toys from two storage lockers valued at over \$3,000. Members had an opportunity to meet her and thank her for her generosity. The toys are all waiting for us at the warehouse as we will soon be getting ready to prepare the Christmas Baskets for the families our partnering organizations have selected to receive. Please look for the Footnote at the end.

We received our first TNT Presenting Sponsor check for \$10,000 this month. Thank you to Kristina Bryn for your generous client. At our General Meeting, Sara Rashti mentioned that she had contacted the Mangurian Foundation. Once again, she received their commitment for a \$10,000 check as a TNT Presenting Sponsor. She also reached out to Gordon Latz, the Auctioneer who volunteered to be last year's Auctioneer for our TNT's Live Auction, and said he has graciously committed to be this year's Auctioneer. Hats off to Sara! This month's other funds received were \$6,076.93, including funds for the Holiday Appeal (\$5,500), Member dues, Bank of America Cash Rewards, Gifts of Kindness (Immediate Response for Families), and raffle tickets.

Becky had heard about a Fundraising Platform called Givebutter that specializes in working with nonprofits for little or no cost. I checked them out. They have an excellent rating and then arranged for a demo on October 7th for our Board. We attended and learned that Givebutter's platform offers the same elements that our current Network for Good (NFG) Fundraising Platform, which costs us \$2,700 annually based on the number of donors we have. As the number increases, so do the charges. NFG is now starting to breakout its platform to begin charging for each feature. Givebutter has no limits on the number of donors, the features offered, or a database for tracking and reporting. There is no cost other than the charge card transaction cost for online transactions, which is generally picked up by the donor and happens to be less than NFG. Givebutter's mission is to help nonprofits make as much as possible through donations. They ask if they can place a tips page so donors may leave a tip to help defray the operating costs. The tip is at the discretion of the donor. We discussed the demo at our Board Meeting, and the Board decided unanimously to move to Givebutter. During our October General Meeting, I explained this process to our members and made the motion to move from NFG to Givebutter. Caroline Courtney seconded the motion, and the members attending all agreed! I have begun to move our data to Givebutter.

The TNT Architect team is in the second stage of planning. The member guest lists have been returned with the appropriate updates. I contacted the printer two weeks ago to ensure the materials would be available for the print job. I

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Ways & Means (continued)



will meet with the printer on Friday the 28th to review the proofs to move to the Chairs for approval and printing. We are still waiting for confirmation from Holland America, and if that does not happen by the time we go to print, the Cruise Tickets can be printed afterward and slipped in the invitation like last year. On to our next steps!



I look forward to seeing you all again at our next General Meeting at CDTC on November 16th. Ladies, thank you all for your support,

Stay well and safe,
Linda Ianelli
CAC Ways & Means Chair



FOOTNOTE:



We were out shopping the other day, and guess who we saw? Why it was Mrs. Feldman! She had a full cart with so many gifts. At the General Meeting, it was mentioned that fewer items are available for teenagers up to 19.



Mrs. Feldman noted those conversations and purchased many things, such as cologne, perfume, make-up, manicure sets, and nail polish sets for CAC. She's amazing!



Devotional read at the October General Meeting by
CAC Vice President Pam Ferrante.

Life is like a
BICYCLE
You won't fall off
UNLESS YOU STOP PEDDLING
it is all about balance.
Challenge your limits
BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER LIFE
is not a race, but a journey.



Children's Aid Club Timeline

August	Start of the fiscal Year. Liaisons can fulfill obligations to their organizations, as budgeted. Member Dues are expected.
September	General Meetings & Board mtgs. run from September through May on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month with exception of December (sometimes November) Holiday Appeal letters prepared and mailed.
October	Forms for Holiday baskets are distributed and due by the end of the month. Taste and Tell Chairpersons distribute information to their teams. Taste and Tell (TNT) guests lists finalized for invitations. Members work on raffle baskets and silent auction items.
November	Thanksgiving Baskets are delivered. Families receiving Holiday (Christmas) Baskets are assigned sponsors and items are "shopped" at the warehouse.
December	CAC Holiday Social Taste and Tell invitations addressed & member menu tasting. Holiday Baskets delivered. Miscellaneous items brought to the general meeting for final additions to raffle baskets, & Live and Silent Auctions.
January	Final assignments and instructions for TNT; TNT invites mailed. Organizations receive their funding requests for the following year.
February	Taste 'n Tell Luncheon Budget committee reviews funding requests & prepares new budget and new organization requests for March board meeting. Preparation for the May CASF Charity Golf Tournament begins.
March	Spring/Easter basket forms distributed New budget presented to the Board by Welfare Committee. Nominating committee appointed to propose new board.
April	Spring/Easter Baskets are worked on and delivered. Easter parties at nursery schools. Auction and raffle items brought to meeting for CASF golf tournament. New Executive Board Elected CAC Spring Social
May	CASF Golf Tournament. Mother's Day parties at nursery and BPHI. Installation of new Board. All budgeted monies must be spent by the end of the month. Accounting and closing of financials by mid-June. Summer Hiatus

Children's Aid Club

Partner Organizations

**DONORS
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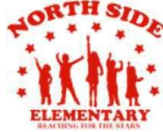
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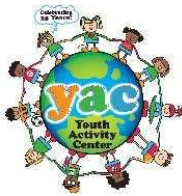
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Children's Cancer
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St. Clement
Catholic
Church



The Little
Schoolhouse



Back to Basics



Equine-Assisted Therapies
of South Florida, Inc.
Creating a path to unrivaled moments. Witness the magic.



Happy NOVEMBER Birthday



Barbara Hume
11/4



Candy Moore
11/4



O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen."

SAMUEL F. PUGH



Linda Ianelli
11/10



Reba Amdur
11/15



Kristina Bryn
11/18



DON'T FORGET TO



Sunshine News

Please say some prayers for healing and a quick recovery for Sara Rashti's special friend, Phil Hopkins.



Please make the following correction to your black book
Dr. Daryl Miller's address is incomplete.
It is 1390 S. Ocean Blvd. 6A
Pompano Beach, FL 33062



Friday Nov. 11th

