



NEWSLETTER

November 2023

Message From Our President

Becky Ford



Dear CAC sisters,

We are approaching the time for giving thanks and the time for giving. Our members are busy working on the holiday appeal and baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have some give-back events coming up in November in which businesses have chosen to give to CAC so be sure and take part in these events and support those businesses. Mark your calendars as it kicks off on November 10 with the shopping day at the Lilly Pulitzer store on Las Olas from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Then we have the Our Social Bunch event on November 14 at Dangerous Minds Brewing Company, and on November 17 the Kendra Scott shopping day. Stay tuned for more information coming soon on those events.

We are thankful for our three new members, Carol Helms, Allision LaRocca and Kimberly Pietro. Orientation was held on October 25 at Kimberly's beautiful home.

CAC continues to help on Thursdays at the Back to Basics warehouse with wrapping Christmas gifts for needy school children. Please take some time to go up and help. Contact Kelle Enriquez or Pam Ferrante for more information.

Birthday parties are up and running this year at our organizations and those liaisons are always looking for helpers. There are so many ways we can all contribute as members of Children's Aid Club.

Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to keeping our mission alive.

Happy November!

Love,

Becky

THANKFUL

Important Dates & Times

November Board Meeting

9:30 am on Tuesday, November 7th
via Zoom.

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

November General Meeting

9:00 am on Tuesday, November 14th
at Equine Assited Therapies
3600 W. Sample Road

Coconut Creek

Hostesses are:

Linda Ianelli

Louise Proffer

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

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



Children's Aid Club Board Meeting

October 10, 2023 via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order 9:32am

2. Devotional – Linda Ianelli – Act like life is a blessing and it will start to feel like one. Time spent appreciating is time worth it.

3. Membership – Caroline Courtney

Last month we voted in 3 new members.

October 19th or 26th for New Member Orientation.

After this orientation, we will be out of pink bags. Caroline will look into ordering 36 totes for roughly \$311 but will do more research

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION -Linda Ianelli SECOND- Belinda McDonald

ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

5. Treasurer's report – Barbara Hume

Checking Account: \$11,109.85

Savings Account: \$183,979.89

Schwab Account: \$ 203,304.09

Total: \$ 398,393.83

Schwab has earned us roughly \$3,300 in interest in less than 5 months

Credit Card Payment was made October 3, so we are current

Publix Gift Cards - 3% discount when we get \$5,000+ in cards

We are noticing Publix grocery pricing going up so we should consider looking at another grocery store.

Linda Ianelli will look into buying Walmart gift cards in batches. They are restricted and do not include purchase of tobacco, alcohol and lottery tickets.

6. Welfare – Kristina Bryn

Total Organizations: \$ 7,336.97

Gift Cards on Hand: \$5,955.80

No special requests

1 individual request recorded in September and approved by the Board for \$3,000 (Sully?)

We have one request now that is extremely important as to why we have to go through our partner organizations. We received a couple calls from St. Vincent de Paul and will need to make sure all families or individuals are property vetted.

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October 10, 2023 via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.

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Hollywood Hills High School- A request was completed by the guidance counselor. The guidance counselor forwarded the applicant our CAC contacts and was harassing our members for funds from CAC. Beatriz completed her own form with all expenses included. She was texting Barb in desperation. Per the application, they are making about \$3,400 per month which is the same as their rent. They were also getting funds from family. We need to be sure our members are safe and not contacted directly.

If you need the application for Emergency Funding (up to \$200), you will have to reach out to Welfare. It was on the web site during Covid but was taken down due to board recommendation. It is being approved to be included again on the member- only website and the covid specific verbiage will be removed.

Joyce Virga - Put in a check request for Pompano Beach High School. Looking for feminine hygiene products. Joyce thinks she can get the products donated but can we help store them and do we have other organizations that may need them? We are happy to assist but prefer to distribute the products and not store them at the office.

7. Ways and Means - Belinda McDonald

September income - \$2,633.82 holiday appeal, gifts kindness,
\$5,031.91 for October so far

September general meeting collected \$105 from raffle

8. Unfinished Business

Holiday Baskets – Sandy Noonan/Louise Proffer

Christmas- November 1 is the deadline to turn in a family.

November 6th the families will be paired with the sponsor.

If you want to sponsor a family, please let Valerie Taylor know.

Holiday Appeal

Valerie Taylor - 3 check deposits have been made in the rough numbers of 9/27 \$700
10/2 \$900 10/4 \$3,600

We have a good number of sponsor cards coming in.

We have 11 so far!

TNT Update : Valerie Taylor and Pamela Markus - We have an idea of the stage and the supplies we will need for set up. We should be able to have 2 monitors in the back of the ballroom to watch the slideshow as people are entering. We will have the welcoming, blessing and then the production video played and finally the raffle will be presented on the screens.

There are 10 seats that will not have great views but will have a direct sight line to the monitors in the back.

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Children's Aid Club Board Meeting

October 10, 2023 via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.

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Jennifer Boyenga - Menu committee met Sept 15 to discuss recipes and tasting.

You must return your guest list with any changes asap so we can have all invitations at the printer by November 1, 2023. The printer has doubled their business and work load so we need to make sure we are ahead of the game to get the invitations in time.

Caroline Courtney did get approval for the Holland America cruise. Do we want to put it on the invitation? YES!

We are still waiting to hear back from the blimp.

We are working on doing a spread sheet with the raffle items and baskets etc.

We will also have one going for what team everyone is on. TNT Planning.

9. New Business

Consider Trudy Bieck as an Honorary Member- She is currently auxiliary but always available and involved when she can be. Member since 1997

Replacement for June on Sunshine Committee

November 14 Our Social Bunch @ Dangerous Minds Brewing

Black book comes out in September and new members need to be voted in just after that. We need to come up with some adjusted time lines to make sure we stay within our bylaws. We also have to have Honorary Members presented by April and voted in October.

BPHI Birthday party is at the location on Blount Rd in Pompano Beach. Friday 13th 6:30-8:30 Pompano Beach North Homeless Assistance Center. We have 35 kids at this location. 4 birthday kids. 3 are 10 years old and 1 is 14 years old.

June Felski - She is resigning from the Sunshine Committee due to health concerns. Candy Moore may be a good fit if she is interested.

We also need someone to replace Sheri Wilcox who manages the Facebook page.

November 14th, Our Social Bunch is honoring CAC. We are going to have diapers and wipes as our requested items. We need volunteers to attend, collect the diapers and transport them at the end of the event.

Angel the photographer was contacted by Jenny and we are waiting to get her confirmation for TNT 2024.

10. Adjournment 10:47am

MOTION: Louise Proffer SECOND: Caroline Courtney



Minutes submitted by
CAC Recording Secretary
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



October 17, 2023 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order 9:55am

Approval Of Minutes:

Changes: Linda Ianelli: TNT is in 2024 and not 2025

Spelling error "should"

MOTION: Approve the minutes with proposed changes: Laura Balistreri

SECOND: Pam Ferrante

2. Devotional – Linda Ianelli

3. Membership – Caroline Courtney

We voted in 3 new members last month. WELCOME Kimberly Pietro, Allison LaRocca and Carol Helms!

New Member Orientation will most likely be October 25th, 2023 at Kimberly Pietro "Owners Lounge" at her condo.

Active Members: 30

Total membership: 60

Ellie- CDTC- Director of Early Steps program. We help with Layettes and the clothing boutique. Been with the organization for 31 years! Birth until 36 months of age. They are the lead agency for children with disabilities. It is a state and federal program.

They provide individualized family support plan for any child with any needs. No income criteria, no out of pocket expenses. They provide early intervention services and work directly with the family to coordinate the services needed by the child. They assist 700 CINU babies a year, 4,000 referrals for children a year. Supporting more than 7,000 children a year. They have 47 service coordinators to help with early identification, stabilize the family, assist with other wrap-around services the family needs, teach them how to succeed with their little one.

Comprehensive Family Aid Program- Help children with AIDS. They have worked on stopping the transmission of Aids. They provide medical care, social care services and the wrap-around services. They also work with pregnant women to make sure the mom is receiving the proper care she needs and also doesn't transmit to the baby at birth.

The center cares for the whole family, not just the child with special needs.

One of the largest research programs that are not university based.

They have their own dental clinic.

They are dedicated to early intervention for any disability; behavioral, speech issues, not walking by the appropriate age, possible spectrum issues, etc

Annual Thanksgiving basket Brigade- Take care of their neediest 1,200 families with a turkey and a bag of food and deliver it to the families. This is the 31st year! They do Santa's Toy Shop at CDTC. Gifts are donated.

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October 17, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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4. Correspondence – Pamela Markus

We received \$200 but otherwise a bit quiet

5. Treasurer's report - Barb Hume

Checking Account: \$31,109.85

Savings Account: \$163,979,89

Schwab Account: \$203,304.09

Earned \$3,300 in the Schwab account in just 5 months

Credit Card payment was made October 3, 2023

6. Welfare – Kristina Bryn

\$7,336.90

Total Publix cards \$5,955.80

No Special Requests in September

1 Individual Request that was approved by the board for \$3,000 from Quiet Waters Elementary School. Needs to be ratified.

Beatriz from Hollywood Hills High School. A good example why we need those in need of aid to go through an organization that we work with. The applicant was given the personal contact of the CAC member through the guidance counselor. She was harassing for the money and making the member(s) feel uncomfortable. We go through our partner organizations to make sure they are properly vetted and the right chain of command and privacy is followed.

MOTION: Valerie Taylor: Motion to approve those ratified over the summer

SECOND: Linda Ianelli ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

7. Ways and Means - Belinda McDonald

TNT Updates

Belinda has identified 18 Walmart stores in Broward County that we can apply for Grants from. They range from \$250 - \$5,000. She is working on the applications!

8. Unfinished Business

Holiday Appeal – Valerie Taylor – Liaisons- please see if you can coordinate with your organization to stop by to get a short video or some photos for our TNT event video

Julie Newton would like an assistant who can work on Publisher to assist her.

Holiday Baskets – Sandy Noonan/Louise Proffer – Deadline for submissions are this Thursday. If you plan to sponsor a family, we need to know. We have 14 sponsors who will adopt a family for Christmas. We do about 140 baskets. We need more volunteers!

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Children's Aid Club General Meeting at CDTC

October 17, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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Thanksgiving Baskets: We need the forms by the 1st of November.

We need family sponsors for Christmas baskets/families.

Burlington Coat Drive- Ghislaine Martin will be leading the coat pick up. Six ladies have volunteered to assist with picking the coats up at different locations. All coats will be sorted at the warehouse and disbursed.

Brian's Bags- Give your bags to Lynda Stackhouse

Back to Basics wrapping – Each Thursday in October is our designated time– they still need help wrapping and getting together approximately 10,000 baskets for families. Kelle does 4-5,000 of those baskets. Shoes, socks, undergarments, a toy and a stocking stuffer.

TNT- Styling team- Menu is selected with 3 personal recipes from the group.

They have selected white tins with mints in them as a favor.

Sue Black will be the contact to the yacht club to avoid any mix-up or confusion.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE CLUB! We will have all communication go through Sue Black.

Angel is not available for photos. Courtney Ortiz will be the photographer.

Birthday Sign Up at the homeless shelter. We want you to sign up to volunteer to set up, serve cake and clean up. It is always in the evening when the parents get off from work. Carpooling is available (contact Pamela Markus)

9. New Business

Mrs. Feldman has gifts to pick up Monday October 23rd at 9:30am

November 10th 12-4pm Lilly Pulitzer on Las Olas.

Our Social Bunch November 14 at Dangerous Minds Brewing- We are the receiving charity. The guests will be bringing diapers and wipes.

Rena Udell volunteered to replace June Felski as Sunshine Committee chair

Becky and Rena want to know about any member that might be going through a hard time, who may need a prayer, flowers, a birthday card etc. You can contact either of them if you are aware of a "sister" in need.

Golf Tournament replacement needed for Joyce Virga - It can be a single person or group to help fill the gaps. We need a bit of help to build a CAC team for this event. We do NOT plan the event but assist and coordinate different portions of it.

Horseshoe Hoedown is November 4th. Equine Assisted Therapies- We check guests in/register them upon arrival. Volunteers needed.

10. Adjournment 11:26am

MOTION: Pamela Markus

SECOND: Linda Ianelli

Minutes submitted by
CAC Recording Secretary
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



9/1/2023 to 9/30/2023



Organizations:

BPHI	292.96
CDTC	938.38
Cypress Elementary	357.70
Donor's Choose (Teacher Requests)	1,611.23
God's Little Lambs	46.46
Hope Women's Center	299.90
Northside Elementary	380.00
Our Father's House	1,724.20
Pace Center for Girls	959.29
St Clement's Church	291.00
The Little Schoolhouse	<u>435.78</u>
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS	\$7,336.90



Gift Cards on hand at 9/30/2023:

Publix cards:	454 - \$10 cards @ \$9.70 each	\$4,403.80
	32 - \$50 cards @\$48.50 each	<u>1,552.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS		\$5,955.80



SPECIAL Requests:

TOTAL: \$0.00



INDIVIDUAL Requests:

Sully Caceres (Quiet Waters - Karina Porter, Social Worker)

Sully is a single mom with an 8 year old daughter and twin 4 yr old boys that were both diagnosed with autism. Sully was homeless in 2022 and JAFCO helped her on 2 different occasions including helping her get into an apt in Nov 2022. She was self sufficient until May when she suffered a stroke. She was out of work but returned intermittently in July. The twins are often sick, most recently Scarlet Fever, Giardia, Strep & ear infections so they were unable to start school in Aug. Sully had to take time off work and fell behind in rent. She owed \$1,150 for August and all of Sept \$1,850. As long as the kids aren't sick, she works multiple jobs.

Welfare recommended to board to pay \$3,000 for past due Aug rent and all of Sept rent. Board approved on 9/21/23

Total: \$3,000.00



Beatriz Guerra (Hollywood Hills H>S> Via St. Vincent de Paul, via Barb Hume

Beatriz lives with Grant Green and 2 daughters, 17 & 2. St. Vincent de Paul somehow got Barbara's phone # and Beatriz called her along with 2 other families in need. Beatriz went to her daughter's school and the GC (guid ance counselor) helped her fill out the app. GC knew very little about this family (probably nothing about CAC). Beatriz filled out another app and Louise receive it on 9/26. Paperwork was sent to Louise. The app was not complete and Louise only received pg 3 from GC. She emailed the GC and asked her to call her to discuss the app. The GC forwarded Louise's email to



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Beatriz which provided her with Louise's contact info. Beatriz emailed Louise & texted Barbara everyday pleading for help. Louise emailed Beatriz questions as the app was vague. Bottom line, only bill past due was FPL owing \$919.68. They were current on rent & all other bills. Turns out Beatriz neglected to state that Grant has a \$70K truck loan (2022 Ford with \$1200/month payment) Their rent is \$3,482/mo & live in Dania. Welfare Comm denied app on 9/28/23. Friday morning Louise received another email from Beatriz pleading for help. Louise informed her she did not meet our criteria for financial aid as Welfare did not feel the family could sustain themselves. Louise had to vet this family herself which is not what CAC agreed we would no longer be doing. Applicants should never have a members contact info and be able to contact them directly. It is imperative we work with social workers & guidance counselors who are familiar with CAC and who know the individual families that are seeking aid.

September Total: \$3,000.00

Submitted by
 Kristina Bryn
 CAC Welfare Chair

Quote below was read by
 CAC Vice President Linda
 Ianelli at the October Board
 meeting



A Beautiful Day

begins with a beautiful mindset.

When you wake up, take a second
 to think about what a privilege it is
 to simply be alive and healthy.

The moment you start acting like life
 is a blessing, I assure you it will start
 to feel like one. Time spent
 appreciating is time worth living."



Financial Statements



Children's Aid Club

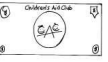
Profit and Loss

August - September, 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	577.10
Donations	1,098.80
Dues	4,625.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	950.00
Total Fundraising Income	950.00
Interest Inc	12.30
Misc. income	180.00
Total Income	\$7,443.20
GROSS PROFIT	\$7,443.20
Expenses	
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Blessed Sacrament	1,212.50
Broward Health	985.00
Broward Partnership for the Hom	292.96
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	1,651.38
Cypress Elementary	357.70
Donors Choose.org	4,399.11
God's Little Lambs	46.46
Henderson Behavioral Health	403.50
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	120.00
Total Holiday Baskets	120.00
Hope Women's Center	1,029.66
Individuals	
Charitable Contributions	1,349.00
Sully Caceres	3,000.00
Total Individuals	4,349.00
JJCF	1,940.00
Mary Ann's Closet	907.44
Northside Elementary	2,366.54
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	1,912.00
PACE	959.29
Pompano Beach Middle School	2,659.50
St Clements	291.00
The Little Schoolhouse	5,058.36
Total Charity	48,441.40

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Financial Statements



	TOTAL
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	700.00
Total Contract Services	700.00
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Supplies	314.91
Total Taste & Tell	314.91
Total Fundraising Expenses	314.91
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	60.00
Total Operations	60.00
Postage	13.20
Yearbook	118.00
Total Expenses	\$49,647.51
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -42,204.31
NET INCOME	\$ -42,204.31



Our 3 main sources of income are:

Taste'n'Tell

CASF Golf Tournament

Donations

Kendra gives back



KENDRA SCOTT

Please shop Kendra Scott on Friday Nov. 17th and CAC will receive a percentage of sales

Save the Date
Tuesday November 14th, 2023
from 5:30 - 8:30 pm
"Our Social Bunch" Event to Benefit CAC
at Dangerous Minds Brewing Company




OUR SOCIAL BUNCH
Sip & Shop Social
 BENEFITTING  Children's Aid Club




Please shop Kendra Scott on Friday Nov. 17th and CAC will receive a percentage of sales



Please shop Lilly Pulitzer on Las Olas on Friday Nov. 10th from Noon - 4 pm and CAC will receive a percentage of all sales

BACK TO BASICS WRAPPING PARTY



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.



Pictured at left is a group from CAC who wrapped at B2B. Real Martin, Kelle Enriquez, Ghislaine Martin, Becky Ford, Pamela Markus, Pam Ferrante, Vanessa Diaz-Font and Brad Ford.

THANK YOU

Pictured below is CAC member Kathy Mayhew with stocked shelves behind her ready for wrapping at B2B.



Our Christmas Angel Has Done It Again!

We met Irene Feldman at her condo in Coconut Creek on Monday, October 23rd, caravanned over to her warehouse and loaded up four SUVs full of toys (BTW, if you ever need a big SUV, Laura is the one to call!)



We unloaded 924 toys at our warehouse where they were placed on the shelves ready for holiday shopping by the liaisons. Thanks so much to Laura Balistreri, Linda lanelli and Lynda Stackhouse for doing the hauling.



Pictured above are Lynda Stackhouse, Mrs. Feldman, Barbara Hume, Linda lanelli and Laura Balistreri



And thank you also to Pam Ferrante and Sandy Noonan for meeting us at the warehouse to shelf the donations.



***We're so lucky
to have our
Christmas Angel
helping us
help the kids!***

Report submitted by
Barbara Hume





A Howling Fun Time at BPHI !

Everyone had a great time at North Homeless Assistance Center (HAC) Thank you CAC! On Friday, the 13th, CAC hosted the Halloween Birthday Party for 4 wonderful birthday boys and girls and 35 of their closest friends and family.



It was a big Monster Bash! Valerie Taylor welcomed the kids as a friendly, huggable ghost while they gathered around the room filled by games provided by Vanessa Diaz-Font. Janice Bloomfield and Pamela Markus flittered around the room helping with glue, cutting, sticking, and so forth. Then, there was cake! Fun-filled night! There was no better deserving group than these residents. We encourage all members to help out this year. It truly is a hard-working but sincerely rewarding experience!



CAC member Linda lanelli's neighbor, Marsha Tresky, was very interested in hearing that CAC provides layettes for new moms at CDTC. Marsha knitted several sweaters, hats, and blankets (some pictured at left) and donated them to CAC.

Thanks Marsha !



Thank You



Thanks Pat!

A friend of CAC member Angie Bizzarro's introduced her to Pat, who makes beautiful hand-knitted bears. Pat told Angie she wanted to donate the bears to CAC for the children in the organizations we work with. See some of the lucky recipients in the photo at the bottom of this page.



Thank you



Pictured at left are the table, chairs and 2 benches that Cypress Elementary School received with surplus money.



Ghislaine Martin sends a big thank you to her great team who made the October 18th birthday party at God's Little Lambs go smoothly. They had 8 birthday kids but only 2 old enough for the birthday song.



Pictured at right are Reba Amdur, Carole Falkanger, Jenny Boyenga, Ghislaine Martin, Janice Bloomfield and two of the GLL birthday kids. Janice took care of the cake, cookies and juice. Special today, each birthday child received a bear in addition to their regular hat and book. A lot of kids are looking forward to getting the beautiful homemade bears.





More thank you notes from teachers we funded through Donors Choose.



Dear Children's Aid Club,
 Thank you so much for these resources. They are being put to great use in a Title 1 school with a heavy ELL population. The reading materials were welcomed by students with excitement. These daily reading challenges are manageable for our students. It makes reading and answering text dependent questions less overwhelming for them. Thank you again for all of your support. You are making a difference in the lives of our youth. Now, more than ever do our students need the support to grow and be successful.

With gratitude,
 Ms. Sacco, Oakland Park Elementary School



Thank You for all you do!



HELP WANTED

Every kid loves a birthday party and you can help to make their's extra special by attending!

Little School House

Friday Nov. 10th at 10 am
Contact Linda Ianelli

God's Little Lambs

Wednesday Nov. 15th at 2:15 pm
Contact Janice or Ghislaine

Broward Partnership

Friday Nov. 17th at 6:30 pm
NEW LOCATION
Contact Vanessa or Valerie



Thank you to **Rena Udell** for taking over the position of Sunshine chair. Thank you to June Felski for having done this job for many years for CAC.

No School for Broward County!

Tuesday Nov. 7th
Friday Nov. 10th
Monday Nov. 20th -Friday Nov. 24th



Ways & Means



Hello Dear CAC Sisters,



Thank you to each and every one of you who make our mission possible. Our journey is one of love, compassion, and the unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of the youngest members of our community. Children are the future, and it is our collective responsibility to nurture their dreams and provide them with opportunities to thrive.



The TNT committees continue to meet and plan for the February event. An all-hands meeting will take place in November to make sure everything is being covered. At that time, we'll fill in any gaps and full steam ahead to another successful fundraiser.



I haven't been able to access CAC's bank account to pull the most current numbers (waiting for credentials), but it's been reported that income for the month to date is \$7,403.25, most coming from the Holiday appeal.



We are in the process of submitting grant applications to 18 different Walmart stores in Broward County. Each store is allowed to award grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. Fingers crossed we receive some of those monies, to help carry on our good work.



With gratitude,
Belinda McDonald
CAC Ways & Means Chair



Hello ladies,
Happy November!



Looking forward to seeing more of our members at our next General meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at Equine Assisted Therapies of South FL (3600 W, Sample Road, Coconut Creek). Join us at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments and socializing. The meeting begins at 9:30 sharp! Please get in touch with Caroline Courtney, our Membership Chair, or Jenny Boyenga, her assistant, if you will not be attending. Our hostesses are Louise Proffer and Linda Ianelli. We will have our regular member raffle following the meeting. The proceeds go directly into our administrative account.



Hopefully everyone has received the completed 2023-2024 Blackbook/Yearbook printed contents. If you did not receive it please contact Rena Udell at 646-508-2779. If you need a new black binder they will be available for you at our upcoming meeting.



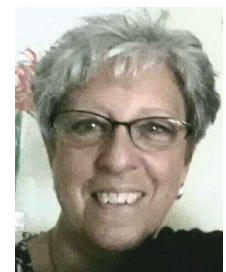
Thank you to all those that reviewed their 2024 TNT invitation list for any changes and responded with them by the October 16th deadline! The Architect team is working on the TNT invitations and getting them ready for the printer. Before we know it we will be addressing them at our December meeting.



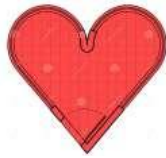
Thank you ladies for all you do to keep our sisterhood strong, caring, and constantly supportive to our mission!



Linda Ianelli
CAC Vice President



Taste 'N' Tell Planning Teams 2024



The Architect Team

Team leader [Laura Balistreri](#)

Compile guest list
[Linda Ianelli \(veteran\)](#)
with membership

Invitations/RSVP/Special raffle tickets - Design, print, assemble for mail
[Design Becky Ford & Linda Ianelli](#)
[Assemble Linda Ianelli & team](#)

Set-up Online RSVP
[Linda Ianelli](#)

Bake Sale Planning
[Jeanne Dixon, Ghislaine Martin, Monica Blackwood](#)

Reservations, make table assignments
[Pam Ferrante, Reba Amdur, Carole Falkanger, Linda Ianelli](#)

Nametags
[Laura Balistreri, Allison LaRocca](#)

Posters -Large signs and sponsor recognition, etc Directional Signs
[Becky Ford \(veteran\)](#)
[Linda Ianelli \(apprentice\)](#)

Compile program book and print (remember to add new member inquiry info)
[Becky Ford](#) -Program Book
[Linda Ianelli](#) - Print

The Stylin' Team

Team leader [Jenny Boyenga](#)
with [Sue Black](#)

Menu/Planning December tasting event, Welcome drink for VIP's/Welcome drink for others
[Sue Black](#)
[Lynda Stackhouse \(apprentice\)](#)

Plan after party
[Jenny Boyenga](#)

Presentation and/or Video plus hire Audio/visual professional
[Valerie Taylor, Suzzee Bailey, Pamela Markus \(apprentice\)](#)

Decoration planning for venue & tables, guest favors for tables
[Janice Bloomfield, Vanessa Diaz-Font, Fran English, Rebecca Solomon](#)

Publicity/Social Media
[Sheri Wilcox](#) - FB, Instagram, [Linda Ianelli](#) - website, [Belinda McDonald](#) - Save the Date email blast, photographer

Timeline and script
[Valerie Taylor \(veteran\)](#)
[Pamela Markus, Kathy Mayhew \(apprentices\)](#)

Warehouse Supplies
[Sandy Noonan](#)
Leaders and subcommittee members collect their bins one to two weeks prior to set-up date to insure all supplies are available

The Golden Goose Team

Team leader [Kristina Bryn](#)

Prepare underwriting packets and track asks
[Development Committee](#)

Send Thank You notes to Underwriters and in-kind donors
[Pamela Markus](#)

Cashiers/bank, raffle ticket sales, financial closeout
[Barb Hume, Kathy Mayhew, Kristina Bryn](#)

Acquire cruise or special raffle item, provide info to invitation designer to print with invitations
[Development Committee](#)

Live Auction
1. [Caroline Courtney](#)
2. [Carol Helms](#)
Silent Auction

Raffle Baskets
[Barbara Hume \(veteran\)](#)
[Louise Proffer \(apprentice\)](#)

Auction and Raffle printing
[Julie Newton \(veteran\)](#)
[_____ \(apprentice\)](#)



Save the Date **February 13th, 2024** at **Lauderdale Yacht Club** Save the Date





Taste'n'Tell Update

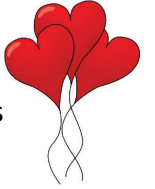
Styling Committee Report



Decorating Team: Vanessa Diaz-Font, Fran English, Rebecca Solomon and Janice Bloomfield met with a very gifted and talented friend of Becky's, Jackie, at LYC on October 7th to share ideas and photos of past events. The table favors have already been purchased, adorable white tin boxes with two red hearts on the lid and inside breath mints.



Presentation and A/V Team: Valerie Taylor, Pamela Markus and Suzee Bailey have met. The stage will be smaller this year perhaps leaving space for two additional tables, yet to be determined. Also, an additional TV will be placed on the opposite wall so those guests facing the wall will see the photos and short clips provided by CAC liaisons.



Please take photos and short video clips of all those happy faces and forward them to Pamela Markus.



Menu Team: Sue Black, Ghislaine Martin, Lynda Stackhouse and Jenny Boyenga met at Sue's home for the tasting. Our next meeting will be at the LYC with Chef Jason as soon as Sue is back from her trip.



Photographer: Courtney Ortiz will be with us again this year, the date is set on her calendar.

All The Best, Always,
-Respectfully submitted, Jenny Boyenga, Stylin' Teamleader



Raffle Baskets

Before we get into the busy holiday season, this is a great time to ask at your favorite eatery or store for a gift card for your basket for Taste 'n' Tell. On the next 2 pages are a solicitation letter and acquisition form you can use. Please complete the acquisition form as it is a great help to our thank you committee to recognize our donors.

-Barbara Hume and Louise Proffer, Raffle Co-Chairs



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!





3296 N. Federal Highway #11503, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339

Dear Friend of CAC,

Children's Aid Club has continued to be a beacon of light to thousands of underprivileged families in South Florida for 68 years! Our mission is to help close the gap for countless children whose needs are not always met by existing social service programs, by providing aid and support to children and their families suffering from medical, financial and social hardships.

Once a year, we have a unique "Taste and Tell" **fundraising luncheon**, where we select the menu and provide the recipes to our guests in the program. This year it is being held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on February 13, 2024. The theme will be Valentine's related and feature a live auction, silent auction, extravagant raffle baskets & member bake sale! We would very much appreciate it if you could provide **a donation from your business** for our fundraising.

This year we expanded our Holiday gift sponsorship to include 300 most vulnerable families. We paid utility and rent bills for families in short term crisis, and delivered thousands of dollars in Publix gift cards in addition to enriching programs at 24 local organizations by providing personal contact and support.

Children's Aid Club is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Our members make sure that **100% of our donated funds raised go directly back into the community**. Please learn more about us at our website: www.ChildrensAidClub.org.

We hope we can count on you for a donation to make our Taste and Tell Luncheon a success! We also have sponsorship and underwriting opportunities. Thank you for helping us help the children!

Sincerely,

Member of Children's Aid Club Contact # _____

"No goods or services have been provided in consideration of your gift to Children's Aid Club. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free (800-435-7352) within the State. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State. The registration number for Children's Aid Club is 59-6194364



**Children's Aid Club
Acquisition Form**

2- Part Form – **Top portion** is for your use to get information to the Auction Committee for an official thank you letter
Bottom portion should be left with the vendor making the donation

Member Name: _____

This donation is _____ Personal _____ Company

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Description of Donation (please include listing of all items and/or special instructions):

Estimated Value: \$ _____

Gift Certificate Attached: _____ Yes _____ No Value \$ _____

Any restrictions and/or expiration dates: _____

Thank you for your donation of _____

Value \$ _____ Date: _____

Signature of CAC Member: _____

Children's Aid Club

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CAC New Member Orientation

The 2023 New Member Orientation was conducted on Wednesday, October 25th. Kimberly Prieto, a new member, opened her home for the event. The Membership Chair, Caroline Courtney, and Vice President, Linda Ianelli, met with the new members and guests to share information with them to help prepare them as they join the CAC Sisterhood.



Pictured above are Marsha Tessler, Pam Ferrante, Allison LaRocca, Kimberly Pietro, Gail Jennings, Jenny Boyenga, Caroline Courtney, Becky Ford and Carol Helms.

Allison Larocca / Sponsor: Pam Ferrante

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Pompano Beach, FL 33060

(954) 608-2894

AllisonCAC2023@gmail.com

Please note Allison's new email address at right!



Carol Helms / Sponsor: Jeanne Dixon

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

(954) 994-9444

cbhelms@gmail.com

Kimberly Pietro / Sponsor: Marsha Tessler

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

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Children's Aid Club Timeline

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

Children's Aid Club

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SOUP KITCHEN**



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Foundation

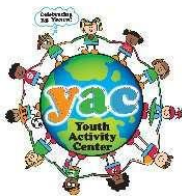
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11/4



Candy Moore
11/4



Linda Ianelli
11/10



Reba Amdur
11/15



Kristina Bryn
11/18



Thank you
to all who submitted articles and photos (especially Lynda, Ghislaine, Linda, Sandy, Vanessa, Valerie, Pamela M, Pam F, Laura and Caroline) 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



Please keep longtime CAC member Kitty Vagi in your thoughts and prayers. She is back home at Belmont Village with hospice care. Her daughter Anne is with her. Valerie has been to see her and relays our messages to Kitty.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to our CAC sister, Andra (Ferguson) Webb, on the passing of her daughter, Nancy Hudgins, due to a complication during surgery. Please keep her and her family in your prayers and I know she'd love to hear support from her CAC sisters during this time.

Andra Webb
 613 Beach Avenue
 Port St. Lucie, Fla. 34952



Saturday Nov. 11th