



NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Message From Our President

Becky Ford



Dear CAC Sisters,

We've had our first social and first meeting of this CAC year. It was great to see those of you that could join us.

A big Thank You to Jeanne Dixon for opening up her home for the social and to Jenny Boyenga for being co-hostess. There are big things coming up so check inside the newsletter for more information.

It's Holiday Appeal and Basket time. If you are a liaison, be sure to look for your basket forms and get them to and from your organization. At our October meeting we will be collecting items for the Brian's Bags project for Our Father's House. And it's gift-wrapping time at Back to Basics. Kelle needs our help to prepare all the packages for the many students helped by Back to Basics. Plan on helping on Thursdays starting October 12. Contact Kelle or Pam Ferrante for more information.

Our organization Equine Assisted Therapies is having their Horseshoe Hoedown on November 4th and are asking for volunteers.

TNT planning is underway, it's time to get underwriters and start figuring out our basket and silent auction items.

I'll be away when you get this newsletter, traveling to Portugal, Spain and France and will return on October 5th. Have a great fall and welcome back to our summer travelers.

Love,

Becky

Important Dates & Times

October Board Meeting

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

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

October General Meeting

9:30 am on Tuesday, October 17th
come earlier for refreshments
and social time
at CDTC

1401 South Federal Hwy
Fort Lauderdale
Hostesses are:
Vanessa Diaz-Font
Valerie Taylor

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



Children's Aid Club Board Meeting
September 12, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

1. Call to Order 9:32am

2. **Devotional** – Linda ianelli (sub-Becky Ford) Paraphrased: We can not all be famous but we all have important work to do. We don't know what greatness a little kindness can make.

3. **Membership/Roll call** – Caroline Courtney (sub-Jenny Boyenga)

We have 3 prospective members- We need to vote on them and then will arrange a new member orientation in October.

- 1- Carol Helms – Sponsor is Jeanne Dixon
- 2- Kimberly Pietro – Sponsor Marsha Tessler
- 3- Allison Larocca – Sponsor Pam Ferrante

MOTION: Jennifer Boyenga

SECOND- Louise Proffer

Auxiliary - Maribel DelRio

Resigned: Daryl Miller, Melissa Chambers

We have 3 people in the last couple years that have reached Lifetime status. We need to discuss any gift ideas for those upcoming. ie: piece of jewelry, plaque, holiday ornament, brick donation, orchid plant, etc.

4. **Treasurer** – Barb Hume & Kathy Mayhew

Checking Account:	\$22,723.89
Savings Account:	\$183,973.84
Schwab Invest. Account:	<u>\$202,379.05</u>
TOTAL	\$409,086.78

Credit Card payment has been paid and up to date for September.

Air Conditioning update at the warehouse: The Palmers each gave us \$25,000 for a total of \$50,000. They do want to see us stay in operation at the warehouse and we are in discussion to see if they would allocate a portion of the funds to our operating expenses.

Empire A/C Company- Waiting for a custom part to be fabricated for the roof.

5. **Welfare** – Kristina Bryn

Total Organizations Helped:	\$37,412.73
Publix Cards	\$7,798.80

We had a couple special requests but they were not approved by the Welfare Committee.

Individual Requests:

Came in through JAFCO- A woman who is a victim of domestic violence and has twin 3 year olds. We have approved rent but the rent is now \$49 more than originally quoted at \$1,349

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Special Request from Monica Blackwood- Charles Drew Elementary- They are not one of our organizations. Felt the request would use up too much of the budget we have allocated and was too broad.

Who does Children's Aid help with Special Request funds?

Discussion: The original intent was to help organizations that we became aware of that needed our assistance, other than our approved organizations. The annual budgets were established for each organization that we partner with. The Special Request funds were then used for non-budgeted assistance. Any worthy cause that we see that comes to our attention can qualify for our Special Request funds.

Our purpose is to help children and families. We try to send them through organizations that we partner with so the organization that we work with can use their professional and social worker abilities to determine what assistance we can provide to the family.

\$42,000 special requests budget
Spent _____ (ask Louise Poffer)

We certainly do not want to turn down qualified and needy families. We do need to better outline who we do assist.

Current request was for Charles Drew Foundation. Discussion on the request and feel the request is too broad and should be more specific. They were requesting a large dollar amount to cover anything of their choice from fast food, field trips, backpacks, clothing, a big travel trip and expenses, etc.

Quiet Waters- Carina- Requesting \$3,700 for a family. Back rent is owed as well as September rent, utilities, child care, etc. rent \$1,850 per month.

JAFCO family- May not be sustainable. Makes \$3,400 per month which is her living expenses minus phone, insurance, etc.

We need to consider taking the Emergency Funding form off the Web site as it was a form done specifically for Covid.

Chrysalis Health- Gomez Family- Incomplete package. Welfare will reach out for additional details.

6. Ways and Means – Belinda McDonald

Kenda Scott Event raised \$636, which was received
Holiday Appeal Team is working on assembling letters.

We are working on getting TNT sponsorships.

TNT Invitation list will be going out soon.

CASF Golf Tournament \$59,602.95

August Income \$3,988.68

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7. Corresponding Secretary – Pamela Markus

Summer is quiet but we did get matching donations from SBA Communications Group for a total of \$575

We received a thank you from Back to Basics for the \$17,000 we gave
Tomorrows Rainbow gave us a beautiful book with our custom name on it.

8. New Business –

- Social on Sept. 17 at Jeanne Dixon's
- Holiday Appeal
 - o Holiday Appeal Letters for those who contributed last year as a donor or a shopper. We have about 200 letters that will go out on Tuesday. There will also be an email blast to all members with a response card that we can forward to family and friends if others want to participate.
- Do we want to have Brian's Bags for an October Food Drive for Our Father's House? – We would love to do another drive for the organization. We will see what items they currently need.
- TNT updates
 - o We would like to have a screen to display raffle ticket numbers, videos about our organizations. Etc.
 - o We are looking into production costs etc. It may cost about \$1,000 this year which is still very reasonable.
 - o After looking at several venues, the Lauderdale Yacht Club will be the location for 2024 TNT. We are familiar with the floorplan, the club is INCREDIBLY cooperative, etc. It will be held Tuesday February 13th, 2024.
- Burlington Coat Drive – We need to complete the application soon if we intend to participate.
- Help Kelle at Back to Basics starting October 12th.
- Equine Assisted Therapy- Volunteers needed for the Horseshoe Hoedown on Nov 4th.
- We all need to start collecting video and photos at the events we attend. Etc. Send them to Pam Markus please.
- Kendra Scott would like to host another event for us.

9. Adjournment 11:17

Halloween/Birthday Party for BPHI
on Friday, October 13th.

Please meet us at 6:30 pm at the parking to
enter the center together to set up.

The party will be 7-8:30 pm.
New North Campus Location:
1700 Blount Rd.

Pompano Beach, FL 33069

For more information call Vanessa Font 954-592-2910

Minutes submitted by
CAC Recording Secretary
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Children's Aid Club General Meeting
September 19, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. at Becky Ford's Home

1. Call to Order

2. **Devotional** – Linda Ianelli: Ode to Children's Aid Club- (Paraphrase) We cannot all be famous but there is work to do. If everyone brightened up the spot they stand, this changing world would shine bright.

3. **Membership/Roll call** – Caroline Courtney (sub-Jenny Boyenga)

Welcome new members: Allison LaRocca, Carol Helms, Kimberly Pietro

Welcome to our guest - Karen Rogowski

The Black/Green Books- we are still making a few more adjustments but it will be mailed out this week!

Membership status changes:

Auxiliary - Maribel DelRio

Resigned: Daryl Miller, Melissa Chambers

4. **Treasurer** – Barb Hume & Kathy Mayhew

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5. **Welfare** – Kristina Bryn

We need to Ratify some Summer Approvals

JULY: JAFCO \$1,300 for a family's first month rent. It was approved.

MOTION: Linda Ianelli SECOND: Ghislaine Martin

ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

AUGUST: JAFCO: \$1,300 was originally approved but the tenant had to approve that she had a job prior to move in. By the time she was able to verify the job, the rent increased. We approved an additional \$49 that needed to be ratified for a total rent amount of \$1,349

MOTION: Barbara Hume SECOND: Belinda McDonald

ALL IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED

August: Total Organization: \$37,412.73

Gift Cards on Hand: \$7,798.80

No Special Requests

We have 1 application for September that the board is working on from Quiet Waters that they will bring up at the next meeting.

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

Give Back with Kendra Scott in July- We received \$636

Holiday Appeal Letter is going to go out soon

Development Team has been reaching out to organizations

TNT Guest List will be going around soon to confirm addresses

Income for July was \$59,916.49 which included the Golf Tournament check in the amount of \$59,602.95

August Income: \$3,988.68

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Children's Aid Club General Meeting
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7. Corresponding Secretary – Pamela Markus

Pam Markus has been very busy documenting all correspondence coming in and those that are sent in response.

Tomorrow's Rainbow sent us a book with photos of the kids with their Thank You's.

8. New Business –

-> Holiday Appeal

o Team Work Makes the Dream Work! The letter was written and a QR code was designed for donations. You can adopt a family or donate money towards a family.

o We have gone through the database of those who have contributed to mail a letter to them. The response cards will go to Valerie who will scan it and disburse it to the team to start to get the baskets together.

o Several members are also on the list! If you have anyone else you want to send one to, there are additional copies.

-> Brian's Bags for an October Food Drive for Our Father's House

o At the October meeting we will do a collection

o Doug's Specialties by the Festival Flea Market will help those at Our Father's House. It is a wholesale produce market. They also have dry goods.

-> TNT updates

STYLING TEAM

o We will be returning to the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club to host the event

o Tuesday February 13th , 2024

PRODUCTION

o We need lots and lots of photos and videos. Photos of you, the kids, the new playground, etc. Kids laughing, running, smiling, etc.

-> Help Kelle at Back to Basics

o Asking for help starting October 12th . Let Pam Ferrante or Pam Markus know if you would like to ride with them.

-> Horseshoe Hoedown Nov. 4th at Equine Assisted Therapies. They need volunteers if you are available to help register people when they arrive.

-> Birthday Parties: We have enough people for this month but October 5th Birthday Party they need assistance at Gods Little Lambs. BPHI Birthdays are on hold.

-> June Felski is having health issues so cards are appreciated

-> Linda Ianelli distributed copies of the letter from the IRS confirming our 501c3 status. They are good to use when asking for donations from vendors, etc. Ollies- We can use our tax ID there to get affordable books etc.

-> Warehouse A/C is still being fixed and has some repairs to go. But it is cool in the warehouse.

-> Jeanne Dixon has a bucket of nicer watches that need batteries if you are interested.

-> Sandy Noonan: Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket request forms: Forms are going out to each organization. We are asking for 4 families per organization for Thanksgiving Baskets and for 3 families for Christmas. Get the forms back by November 1, 2023 No more food, bags etc. They will get a gift card and book for Thanksgiving.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Pam Markus

SECOND: Missy Butt

Minutes submitted by
CAC Recording Secretary
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Welfare Report for September General Meeting
8/1/2023 to 8/31/2023



Organizations:

Back to Basics (shoes)	\$17,500.00
Blessed Sacrament (Publix GC)	\$1,212.50
Broward Health (Publix GC)	\$985.00
CDTC (Onesies)	\$713.00
Donor's Choose (Teacher Requests)	\$4,388.77
Hope Women's Center (car seats)	\$309.90
Jessica June Children's Ctr (Publix GC)	\$1,940.00
Mary Ann's Closet (highcharis, undergarments)	\$907.14
Northside Elementary (school supplies, uniforms)	\$1,986.54
Our Father's House (Diapers, GC)	\$187.80
Pompano Beach Middle School (GCs)	\$2,659.50
The Little Schoolhouse (School supplies)	\$4,622.58



TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS

\$37,412.73

Gift Cards on hand at 8/31/2023:

Publix cards: 594 \$10 cards @ \$9.70 each	\$5,761.80
42 \$50 cards @ \$48.50 each	<u>\$2,037.00</u>



TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS

\$7,798.80

SPECIAL Requests:

TOTAL: \$0.00



INDIVIDUAL Requests:

Jean Horly (JAFCO- Linda lanelli via website)
 Jean is a victim of domestic abuse who has 3 yr old twins
 and JAFCO asked in July if CAC could help with first month rent
 in the sum of \$1,300. The family could not move in until 8/12/23
 but the rent is \$49 more. All applications for this family filed with
 August 2023 paperwork

Total: \$1,349.00



Be the Sunshine

Submitted by
 Kristina Bryn
 CAC Welfare Chair



**Friday, October 6th is
 World SMILE Day**



September General Meeting



New CAC member Carol Helms (pictured at right with CAC President Becky Ford and CAC member Jenny Boyenga) was present at our September General meeting.



Hello ladies,

We had our first Membership General meeting on September 19th. There was a change of location. We were to have our meeting at MorningDay Solutions in Pompano. However, after visiting with them last Friday afternoon, I found their conference room unsuitable for having our meeting there. Becky, was gracious, and offered to have the meeting at her home. A special thank you to Becky, as she was preparing her family for an overseas trip next week.



Our next General Meeting is on October 17th. It will be held at the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center (CDTC) located at, 1401 South Federal Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale.

It's that time again. You will soon be receiving your TNT invitation list to review for changes.



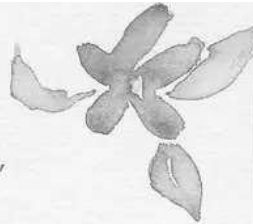
A couple of reminders:

-> The Holiday Appeal team mailed out the letters today, and by now, you have received an email to help remind your family and friends how to brighten the lives of those under-served in our community during the holidays by donating or adopting a family.

->Once we hear from Barbara Hume on the items Our Father's House needs, we can prepare Brian's Bags for an October Food Drive for Our Father's House.



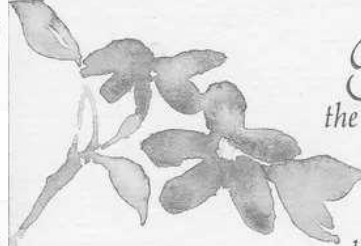
*We cannot all be famous
or listed in "Who's Who,"
But every person, great or small,
has important work to do ...*



->Equine Assisted Therapies is having its Horseshoe Hoedown, and they need volunteers on November 4th. Contact sarah@equineatsf.org to sign up. If you have questions, ask Julie Newton.



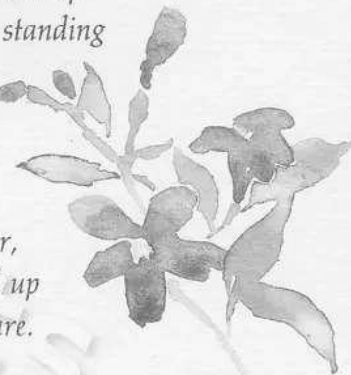
*For seldom do we realize
the importance of small deeds
Or to what degree
of greatness
unnoticed kindness leads ...*



->Kelle at Back to Basics needs our help getting Christmas packages wrapped. She would like CAC to come on Thursdays starting on October 12th. Her warehouse is at 2365 Vista Parkway #19, West Palm Beach. Questions to Pam Ferrante or Kelle.



*For if everybody brightened up
the spot on which they're standing
By being more considerate
and a little less demanding,
This changing world
would very soon
eclipse the evening star,
If everybody brightened up
the corner where they are.*



Here we go, on our way to a busy, heartwarming year!
Thank you for all you do!
Linda Ianelli
CAC Vice President



Helen Steiner Rice

Devotional at left was read by CAC Vice President Linda Ianelli at the CAC September General Meeting



Welcome New CAC Members

Congratulations to our 3 new CAC members



Carol Helms / Sponsor: Jeanne Dixon

1711 SE 7th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
(954) 994-9444
cbhelms@gmail.com



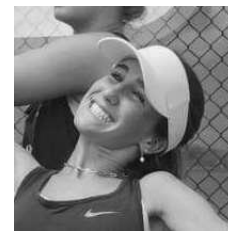
Kimberly Pietro / Sponsor: Marsha Tessler

1180 N. Federal Hwy. # 1102
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
(954) 673- 1512
pietrok@bellsouth.net



Allison Larocca / Sponsor: Pam Ferrante

705 SE 1st Ct.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
(954) 608-2894
Ablarocca2022@gmail.com



CAC Membership Report - Sept 2023

Member Status Changes:

Melissa Chambers is resigning due to too much conflict with work time. We hope she will come back when her work load becomes lighter.

Maribel Del Rio will become an auxiliary member this year due to her busy schedule also.

Daryl Miller has resigned.

Suzee Bailey is officially an Auxiliary member and has already been working on projects concerning our upcoming TNT.

The Board voted on 3 prospective members becoming active in September which were ratified at the general meeting:

Allison LaRocca, Carol Helms and Kimberly Prieto. We are very excited to have them join us!

I will be switching my email correspondence back to

caccarolinecourtney@gmail.com address

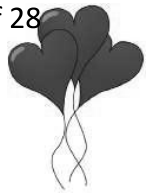
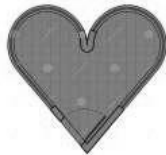
as my aol account has become unmanageable.

Submitted by Caroline Courtney

CAC Membership chair



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.
3.
Silent Auction ??????

Raffle Baskets
Barbara Hume (veteran)
Louise Proffer (apprentice)

Auction and Raffle printing
Julie Newton (veteran)
_____ (apprentice)



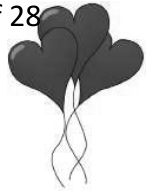
Save the Date **February 13th, 2024** *Save the Date*
at
Lauderdale Yacht Club





Taste'n'Tell Update

Styling Committee Report



Our event date is **February 13, 2024** and will be held again at Lauderdale Yacht Club.

Our theme this year is "**HEART TO HEART**", which does seem most appropriate. Our hearts touch each of our outreach ministries.



The set up date is Monday the 12th.

After visiting 5 different venues we chose LYC.
Some were cost prohibitive, Las Olas Hyatt, The Marriott
Crystal Palace was totally unacceptable
Signature Grand, no intimacy
Coral Ridge Yacht Club is closed Monday and Tuesdays.



LYC is the only venue that would allow us to bring in baked goods.
And the only one who would allow set up the day before.
Another feature is our guests are familiar with the club and they have free valet parking.



The decorating committee was given the theme in advance of this meeting, a very talented group of women who do an amazing job.



A new presentation/audio/video. Valerie Taylor with our newer member, Pamela Markus, are working on a video to present to our guests an overview of our outreach ministries to enlighten our donors as to where their donations are going. Truly a great idea.
The menu committee (Sue Black, Ghislaine Martin and Lynda Stackhouse) are meeting September 26th to recipe share.



-Respectfully submitted, Jenny Boyenga, Stylin' Teamleader

Menu



The TNT menu committee (Susan Black, Ghislaine Martin & Lynda Stackhouse) have been busy digging thru our favorite recipes to create the menu for our luncheon. We plan on meeting soon to sample & plan it out and will then meet with the Lauderdale Yacht Club Chef & Catering staff to present & finalize it.



-report presented by Sue Black

Raffle Baskets



It may seem like February 13th is months away, but it will be here before you know it! Start thinking about the theme of your basket and who you'd like to work with. Plan to work with one or two other members. We will be circulating a sign up sheet at the October meeting. We recommend that baskets be valued between \$250 and \$600. If you have any questions, please contact us.



-Barbara Hume and Louise Proffer, Raffle Co-Chairs



Smile for CAC!



This year TNT '24 will include multimedia to enhance the message of CAC's impact on our patrons. The idea is if they see all the good their donations do in the community and how hard we work, then they will continue to be generous or even give more. But we need your help for the video and slideshows.



We need all liaisons to take pictures and short videos and send them to Pam Markus (pammarkus5@gmail.com or text them to me 954-8161839) or Valerie Taylor (cacvalerie@gmail.com by Nov. 15th



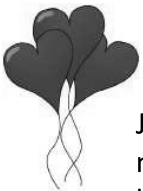
When you are at an event for your organization, please take some photos of the children and one or two short videos (less than 10 seconds). You may want to ask permission from your contact person first and let them know it will be shown at a fundraising event and possibly published on our CAC website.



If you feel like a director/choreographer, we would love to capture some of the following (but whatever you get we can edit to use).



- smiling or laughing
- waving
- blowing kisses at the camera
- holding hands
- jumping up and down at the same time
- walking/rushing towards the camera in a group
- eating cake or whatever your event is for



Just like on Youtube/Instagram/TikTok, we will edit a short 5 minute video that will be narrated with the goal of highlighting some of the organizations we work with. We will be including slideshows with some pictures we've gathered throughout the year working with our partners, including working on TNT set up.



The more videos and pictures we have, the better the video will be edited; keeping the best of the best. Please have fun with this. Be creative. Imagine they are your grandchildren.



Thanks,
Pam and Valerie



On the next 2 pages are copies of the donation letter and the acquisition form to be used when asking businesses to donate items/ gift cards, etc. to you for Taste 'n' Tell, a.k.a. TnT! Just print it out, and put your contact info on it, in case you have to leave it with the decision maker.





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

a 501c3 charity, Federal ID #59-6194364

Henderson Behavioral Health held their 70th anniversary party with a "Seven-Tea Party" on Tuesday September 5th.



Pictured at right are CAC members Monica Blackwood, Caroline Courtney, Becky Ford and Pamela Markus. Loving the beautiful hats ladies!



Donations of Bears for Children's Aid Club

A friend of mine introduced me to Pat, who makes these beautiful hand-knitted bears. See them in the photo. When speaking with her I learned she spends many hours knitting them and loves creating them. It's her hobby. I spoke with her about the Children's Aid Club and told her what we do. She then told me she wanted to donate the bears to CAC for the children in the organizations we work with, and I accepted.

-Angie Bizarro





3296 N. Federal Highway, # 11503 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-8422

September 2023

Dear CAC Supporter,

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and underprivileged children in Broward county need your help! Since 2011 the Children's Aid Club has distributed baskets with food gift cards and gifts to underserved children and their families during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Our partner schools and organizations refer their most needy families for participation in the basket program.

CAC is asking for you to "adopt" a family to shop for at Christmas. You select the size family you want to sponsor! It is a heart-warming project for a family, group of friends, or office workers who want to give-back. If you prefer, you may donate funds and CAC will do the shopping!

*** You will be contacted in early November with the children's names, genders, ages, sizes, and a wish list. (Return the Response Card by October 19th).**

*** CAC will supplement your gifts with holiday cookies, and gift certificates for food.**

*** You will be assigned a CAC "elf" who will be your contact and will ensure your gifts are delivered to the proper location.**

Our beloved Ann Powell began the gift basket program 12 years ago and we've been delighted to see its growth year over year, thanks to benefactors with giving hearts such as yourself. Just last year we provided baskets to families with over 800 children receiving gifts. **Please return the enclosed card by October 19th.**

To donate money you may use this link, [2023 Children's Aid Club Holiday Appeal](#) or QR Code or, enclose a check made out to CHILDREN'S AID CLUB.

If you have any questions **contact Valerie Taylor at 954-592-4327 or at cacvalerie@gmail.com.**

Thank you so much for caring and sharing,

Becky Ford, President
www.ChildrensAidClub.org



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Above is a copy of the Holiday Appeal Letter mailed out in September to select CAC supporters. The response card is at the top of the next page.

I would Like to Adopt a Family for Christmas

___ 1-3 children ___ 4-5 children ___ 6+ children

Please contact me with the details!

I would like to donate-\$ _____ toward gift certificates.

My check is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Ways & Means

Hello Dear CAC Sisters,

As your new Ways & Means chairperson, I realize I'm stepping into big shoes! Linda was so good at what she does, so I'm still being tutored by her to ensure I'm carrying on the good work.

As I learn what is required and what needs to be reported, this month's update is brief! I do know that the TNT committee is hard at work putting everything in place for the event that is still five months away. It's that kind of preparation that has made TNT excel year after year.

Linda recently emailed everyone's filed TNT guestlist for verification. Please be responsive with your updates as soon as possible. It's your friends, contacts, and colleagues who are invited to CAC fundraising events and who are an important part of the club's livelihood.

\$105 was collected in raffle money at September's meeting. This has been a great initiative in helping to prop up needed working capital, such as for the new a/c for the warehouse (see pictures). Remember to bring a little cash to the meetings, and possibly walk away with some cool raffle items!



I am researching grants that CAC may be eligible for. More on that later.

I am always open to fundraising suggestions and hearing about opportunities for gaining corporate sponsors, philanthropists, large donors, grants, and endowments, as well as other ways of generating funds for CAC.

Teamwork makes for dream work!

With gratitude,
BelindaMcDonald
CAC Ways & Means Chair





Please Contribute to Brian's Bags



**Bring to
October
General
Meeting**



It's time once again to remember our dear friend, Brian Ingalls, by bringing food and supplies for Our Father's House Soup Kitchen. For those of you who may not have known him, Brian was the husband of Lifetime member Teri Ingalls. He was on the board of OFH and suggested that they become one of our organizations. They serve a hot lunch five days a week, and everyone leaves with a brown bag meal for dinner. Since people were coming earlier and earlier every day, they also serve coffee and doughnuts in the morning. CAC has been supplying diapers and wipes for many years. Some of the items they are most in need of are:



- * Canned goods (with pop tops): Vienna suasages, Chef-boy-ar-dee
- * Spam
- * Peanut butter & jelly
- * Styrofoam "clam-shell" type to-go containers
- * Napkins
- * Paper towels
- * 8 oz and 12 oz styrofoam cups
- * Canisters of powdered drink mix (lemonade is a favorite)
- * #10 cans of vegetables
- * Coffee
- * Powdered creamer
- * Sugar



Thanks so much!
Barbara Hume, Liaison



If you would like to participate but cannot be at the meeting, please get your items to another member prior to the meeting.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets

Basket Chair Sandy Noonan has emailed Thanksgiving and Christmas Forms out to all liaisons.

The due date will be **November 1st, 2023**

Sooner is even better!



Thanksgiving - 4 families per organization

Please send: **Thanksgiving forms** to
Louise Proffer plproffer@aol.com and
Sandy Noonan Sandyknoonan@gmail.com



Christmas - 3 families per organization

Please send: **Christmas forms** to
Louise Proffer plproffer@aol.com and
Sandy Noonan Sandyknoonan@gmail.com

The basket forms can also be found on the next 2 pages of our newsletter.





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THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Please **print** and provide all information listed for the family receiving a Thanksgiving basket no later than: _____.

E-mail form to:

Name of Organization:

Name of Family: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Is either parent a veteran? YES NO

Individual names of children (18 years of age and younger) with their age (required) and sizes (optional). Many times during the course of the year we receive beautiful clothing that we could distribute to our families if we had their sizes.

Child's First Name	Gender	Age
1. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. _____	F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

CAC Members is:

Phone number is:

Thank You!

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Christmas Holiday Baskets

Please print clearly and provide all listed information on the family receiving a Christmas Holiday Basket no later than _____.

E-mail form to CAC Liaison at: _____

Name of Organization/School _____ Family Last Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Is either parent a Veteran? YES NO Number of Children _____ (18 years of age and younger) Race _____

Candy? Yes NO Please list any food allergies: here: _____

Child's First Name	Gender	Age	Clothing Size	Shoe Size	Gift Ideas
1.					**Please List Hobbies, sports, favorite teams, favorite characters, favorite colors**
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

May we contact the family if more information is needed regarding sizes? Yes No

Family's Phone number _____ and Name _____

CAC Member is: _____ Phone number: _____

Thank you!



Pictured at left and below are some students at Northside Elementary School enjoying the tables and umbrellas purchased for them with the surplus funds program from CAC.



Marisa Guerin



Pictured at left is CAC member Fran English helping the children with August and September birthdays at The Little School House celebrate on September 15th.





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Children's Aid Club
P.O. Box 11503
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339

Dear Children's Aid Club Members:

We are extremely grateful to the members of Children's Aid Club for generously providing a \$2,500.00 donation for our back to school, backpack drive for our Henderson families and children. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated.

Over the last couple of years, our Henderson team has worked even harder, every day, to provide evidence-based mental health and addiction services to our communities. Just this past year, we have helped more than 20,000 adults, children, and families. Mental health conditions are amazingly common, and one in four Americans have a diagnosable mental health disorder.

Please know that your support of Henderson and our mission is so incredibly meaningful. As Henderson Behavioral Health continues to celebrate its 70th anniversary, we remain steadfast in our commitment to our patients, families, and communities.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Respectfully,

Steven Ronik, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer

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Administration 4740 North State Road 7 Building C Suite 201 Lauderdale Lakes FL 33319 954-486-4005 www.hendersonbh.org

Please note that Monday, October 23rd is an early release day and Tuesday, October 24th is no school for Broward County School children.





Jeanne Dixon wanted to share this darling picture of her grandsons.

Here is big brother, Jack, age 3, enjoying the company of his little brother, Ken, 2 months



"Mama look, he's happy!"



Them bonding is priceless 🥰



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



5:30-8:30 AT



Invitation to Events supporting our Partner Organizations



Proud Partners

Mission:
Nurturing emotional wellness and resiliency for children, teens, and families, experiencing grief, loss, or trauma.

Vision:
Every child connected to joy.

Tomorrow's Rainbow, Inc
4341 NW 39th Avenue, Coconut Creek 33073
www.TomorrowsRainbow.org

TOMORROW'S RAINBOW PONY JAIL 'N BALE

Join us for a Western Outdoor Extravaganza!

VIP Invitation
Sunday, October 15, 2023
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Tomorrow's Rainbow Mini-Ranch

CAC received 10 complimentary Entrance Tickets (worth \$15) to Tomorrow's Rainbow Pony Jail 'N Bail on Sunday, October 15th, 2023 from 1-4pm at Tomorrow's Rainbow Mini-Ranch. Please RSVP 954-978-2390

JOIN US
15th Annual
Horseshoe Hoedown

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

Saturday
November 4, 2023
6:00pm-9:30pm

Featuring
The Tim Charron Band

About Us

For over 40 years, Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida has provided therapeutic riding and equine-assisted activities to children and adults with special needs so that they may improve physically, mentally and emotionally. We are a place where abilities are strengthened, where activities lead to self-confidence, and where individuals can experience life without limits.

During the event, you will have the opportunity to witness a short demonstration of horsemanship from a few of our participants. We know you will be inspired by their stories and achievements.

Attire: Western Chic
TICKETS
\$150 per person

To purchase tickets, please RSVP by October 30 using the enclosed card, online at www.equineatsf.org or by calling 954.974.2007

CAC volunteers wanted to help at the Horseshoe Hoedown at Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida on Saturday, Nov. 4th. email sarah@equineatsf.org to sign up.

CAC Bulletin Board

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Orientation for new Members and their Sponsors is being planned for October. Watch your email for details.

If you haven't yet verified, culled or added to your invite list for T'n'T PLEASE do so ASAP.

Send the changes to Linda Ianelli.

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



Thank you to all who have provided reports, pictures, thank yous and other information that gets combined to make this newsletter for all of you! Thanks also to my proofreaders who correct spelling and grammar. I couldn't do it without your help :)



If you have a moment please send Get Well wishes to CAC Sunshine chair

June Felski

**451 Lakeside Circle #217
Pompano Beach, FL 33060**



Our deepest sympathy goes out to our CAC sister, Valerie Taylor, on the passing of her sister, Vanna Kauffman,

(pictured left at TnT) on Sept 29th. Valerie asks us to turn our thoughts to gratitude towards Vanna. Valerie says Vanna is the one that nurtured in her the best ideals of Sisterhood, which Val in turn brings to CAC. What sisterly love!



Happy OCTOBER Birthday



Lynda Stackhouse
10/1



Sheri Wilcox
10/3



Caroline Courtney
10/12



Trudy Bieck
10/17



Kelle Enriquez
10/28



Pam Ferrante
10/29



Jeanne Dixon
10/30