



# NEWSLETTER

## September 2022

### Important Dates & Times

#### Message From Our President

**Becky Ford**

Hello CAC members!



Well, here we are, at the start of another school year and a new CAC year. I had plans to get many things done at home over the summer, a few things are accomplished but my list isn't near complete. How about you? How does summer always speed by so quickly? I did get a lot of time for one of my favorite things, spending time with my daughters and grandchildren. I never knew how much fun it would be, to be a grandmother. I hope you are getting to do some of your favorite things!

Our meetings will be resuming on September 13 with the Board meeting via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.

Hopefully you will be able to join us for the September General meeting at Laura Balistreri-Ahmed's home on September 20. This year we plan to have board meetings on Zoom, for our convenience, and then the General meetings will be in-person. Remember, if you cannot attend the General meeting, you need to let the Membership chair know ahead of time. This year's Membership chair is Caroline Courtney.



We have our annual Holiday Appeal to kick off and then as always, planning for Taste 'n' Tell. We may see an increase in requests this year due to inflation issues (everything seems to be more expensive) and we want to be able to help many children so let's get ready for a productive year! It's such a pleasure to work with all of you towards a common goal of helping the children in our community.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Becky



#### September Board Meeting

9:30 am on Tuesday, September 13th  
via Zoom.

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

#### September General Meeting

9:00 am on Tuesday, September 20th  
at Laura Balistreri-Ahmed's home

340 Lido Drive

Fort Lauderdale

Hostesses are:

Pam Ferrante

Fran English

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

# Getting to Know Us

2022 - 2023

CAC Executive Board



President  
Becky Ford



Vice President  
Pam Ferrante



Recording Secretary  
Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Corresponding Secretary  
Jenny Boyenga



Treasurer  
Barbara Hume



Membership  
Caroline Courtney



Ways & Means  
Linda Ianelli



Welfare  
Kristina Bryn



Parliamentarian  
Louise Proffer





CAC members gathered on September 1st at NSU Art Museum to participate in their Sunny Days/Starry Nights event.



FREE Museum admission and 2-for-1 All Day Happy Hour on the first Thursday of every month from 11 am to 7 pm during Free First Thursday Sunny Days/Starry Nights.



Pictured above are CAC members Caroline Courtney, Fran English, Lynda Stackhouse, Barbara Hume, Rebecca Solomon and Linda Ianelli with one of the NSU art installations. Members shared lunch afterwards from the onsite concession.



At right are CAC members Valerie Taylor, Caroline Courtney, Rebecca Solomon and Gail Jennings with another beautiful piece of art.



Pictured below are Linda Ianelli, Caroline Courtney, Rebecca Solomon, Valerie Taylor, Becky Ford, Gail Jennings and Fran English.



Thank you to all who attended and for those who couldn't be there, the next event is **Thursday, October 6, 2022, 11 am - 7 pm**



# Thank You from Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation

Candelaria is an 8-year-old fighting Rhabdomyosarcoma at Nicklaus Children's Hospital and Palm Beach Children's Hospital

We recently received Candelaria's referral for our Emergency Financial Assistance Program from her Social Worker. Candelaria's metastasized Rhabdomyosarcoma cancer

diagnosis has hit hard her humble family of (5). Although her father continues to work hard in landscaping, her mother had to stop working to provide necessary care for her medical needs. Her family lives in Okeechobee and must commute 2 ½ hours each way to hospitals in Miami-Dade County for cancer treatment and surgeries. Sadly, her last surgery this past May amputate her right hand to lessen the spread of aggressive cancerous cells.

We recently assisted the Diaz family with (2) loaded credit cards (each \$500) restricted for purchases of groceries, gasoline, and Uber/Taxi. Additionally, through the collaborative support of Children's Aid Club, we provided the family in kind Publix gift cards.

Having access to basic needs such as food and gas for transportation is essential during the family's arduous pediatric cancer journey. Families who qualify for our Emergency Financial Assistance Program also benefit from our Supportive Care Services Program which includes emotional/bereavement support, respite options, advocacy, collaboration, in-kind distribution and wish granting/matching.

Thanks to Children's Aid Club along with other contributors, this family received lifeline support during a critical time.

Your choice to support the children we serve is greatly appreciated.

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





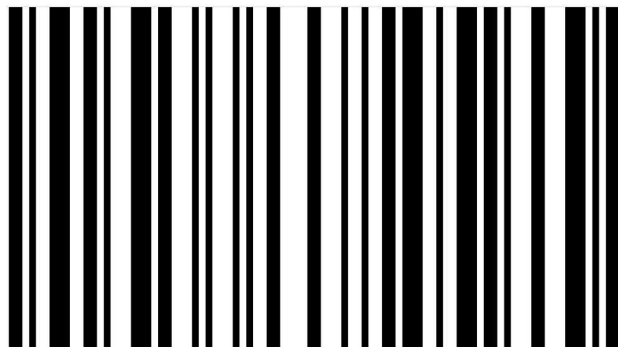
While some schools stocked up on school supplies, Pace School for Girls stocked their pantry on (much needed) food supplies for girls to take home. CAC includes this in their approved budgeted items as one of their requests.

-photo and information supplied by CAC member liaison Valerie Taylor



**DOLLAR TREE**

Thanks to CAC member Sandy Noonan, we can now purchase tax exempt orders for our organizations on line or in store from the Dollar Tree store using the code below !



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# Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 14th Annual  
**Horseshoe Hoedown**  
 A 40th Anniversary Celebration Benefiting  
**Equine-Assisted Therapies**  
 of South Florida, Inc.  
 Creating a path to emotional wellness. It starts with you.  
 Join Us  
 Saturday • November 5, 2022  
 6:00pm-10:30pm  
 Tradewinds Park North • Vegso Family Arena  
 EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$125 THRU SEPTEMBER 5TH

**LEST WE FORGET**  
*Diversity, a common word  
 Love one another, seldom heard*  
 Then tragedy strikes, bonds the races  
 Fear, grief, anger, tears on different colored faces  
 Time elapses, memories fade  
 Compassionate efforts no longer made  
 Forgotten and abandoned, left far behind  
 No longer love, compassion can we find  
 I do not ask you to relive the hours  
 When many loved ones perished in the twin towers  
 I only ask you remember the cause  
 And take a moment in silence to pause  
 If we forget those who died on that day  
 Then terrorism has won, we have lost our way

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Don't forget  
 September  
 11th  
 is  
 Patriot's Day



# Ways & Means



Hello Ladies,



I hope you enjoyed your summer break traveling, seeing friends and family, or just taking a restful break. I enjoyed seeing family and friends up north and getting out of the Florida heat for a while. Now here comes September, and we are all back to do our best to help our community!



Here is some important information to share with you.



1. I have updated the [Members Only](#) site on our Website in the following areas; [MEMBERS ONLY|Children's Aid Club](#)

\* [Welcome to Online Activities](#) > Making it easier for you to make online transactions for Member Dues. Donating to our Operating Fund. Piece of the Pie, and Gifts of Kindness!

\* [The Welfare Committee 2022-2023 - Three documents](#)



The Welcome document is a Powerpoint that introduces you to the Welfare committee. A word document explains the committee member's responsibilities.



Finally, a Powerpoint quickly explains the Check Request and Credit Card Charge procedures.

You will also find all our Welfare forms available and listed in alphabetical order, How To's, Our Year Book (Black Book) Awaiting the updated version for 2022-2023, and our Newsletter, both current and past.



[A reminder to liaisons to include the number of children and adults on the Check Requests and Credit Card Charges and enter that data on our Organizational Tracking spreadsheet for 2022-23. Barbara Hume will give you access to this spreadsheet on our Google drive. We share this essential information with our Donors, Sponsors, Underwriters, and Grant submittals.](#)

[Thank you!](#)



\* Started an area for our social events featuring us on the move.



[When sending photos, whether business or social activities, to Julie for our Newsletter, Please copy me at \[caclindaianelli@gmail.com\]\(mailto:caclindaianelli@gmail.com\) to share on our Website and Facebook. Thank you!](#)



2. The TNT Architect Planning Team will release emails over Labor Day weekend to members asking you to review your TNT-2023 Guestlist. You can find notes about no attendance or donations from your guest within the last three years. Please reach out to them. [A deadline will be given to respond. However, please get back to me as soon as possible once completed at \[caclindaianelli@gmail.com\]\(mailto:caclindaianelli@gmail.com\). Thank you!](#)



[In August, we received funds of \\$8,795.22.](#) It included Donations in memory of Brian Ingalls & Family, Amazon Smile, Gifts of Kindness for Walmart and Publix Food Cards for Broward Health, a General Donation (\$2,500), and Member Dues.



I look forward to seeing you all at our first General Meeting! Until then, Stay well and safe!



See you soon,  
Linda Ianelli  
CAC Ways & Means Chair



## Late Breaking News



[We received a check from the Construction Association of South Florida for our share of last May's golf tournament - \\$43,683.50!! The easiest \\$43,000 we ever made! Thanks, CASF!](#)



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# Congratulations to CAC Member

## *Dr. Maribel Del Rio*



### 2021- 2022 Professor of the Year

Dr. Maribel Del Rio-Roberts is the 2021-2022 recipient of the Professor of the Year Award for the Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice.

In addition, she is now nominated for the President's Distinguished Professor Award of Excellence.

Thank you, Maribel, for your commitment and dedication to the college and to NSU!



ATTENTION MEMBERS: if you would like someone to receive our **HOLIDAY APPEAL Letter** please send Pam Ferrante the person's name and address and she will gladly send one out to them. This letter tells people how CAC assembles holiday baskets for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and also gives them the chance to help us shop for Christmas for needy children in our community. The letter will be mailed out in September so please email the information to Pam ASAP.

[pam@ferrante.org](mailto:pam@ferrante.org)



## Happy SEPTEMBER Birthday



Gina Bono-Jenkins  
9/1



Angie Bizzarro  
9/11



Sara Rashti  
9/11



Daryl Miller  
9/15



Julie Newton  
9/24



Mary Mulder  
9/29



CAC member Teri Ingalls continues to welcome calls and visits from her CAC sisters as she convalesces at her home.

Please reach out to her at 954-907-2334

Pictured below are Teri and her recently departed husband, Brian



CAC member Sara Rashti requests continued prayers for strength, courage and steady progress as she undergoes Physical Therapy.

