



# NEWSLETTER



2023

## Message From Our President *Becky Ford*



Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well and getting ready for another year of CAC to get underway. School has again started, and our work continues. Really though, the work never stops. Thank you to those who helped keep things running during the summer!

The air conditioner at the warehouse was giving us problems all summer and after a repair and then continued problems, it was decided it was time for the A/C to be replaced. Since we are so thankful to Ann Powell's family for allowing us to continue to use the warehouse, the Board decided it was appropriate for CAC to cover the expense of replacing it. So hopefully as we get busy this fall, we will be comfortable.

Don't forget we have a Southern Comfort Social on September 17 at Jeanne Dixon's house to kick off our year. I hope to see you there, be sure to RSVP! See inside for more details.

The September Board meeting will be on 9/12 at 9:30 am via Zoom so watch for details in your email. And then on September 19 we have our General Meeting which will be held at Morning Day Solutions.

In Grandma news, we just found out we will have another granddaughter. She's coming in January. That will bring our total to five grandchildren!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and have a good Labor Day weekend. I will see you soon.

Love,

*Becky*

## Important Dates & Times

### September Board Meeting

9:30 am on Tuesday, September 12th  
via Zoom.

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

### September General Meeting

9:00 am on Tuesday, September 19th  
at MorningDay Community Solutions  
1410 SW 29th Avenue, #100  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Hostesses are:

Linda Ianelli

Missy Butt

Remember to contact Caroline Courtney  
if you can not attend the meeting.  
[caccarolinecourtney@gmail.com](mailto:caccarolinecourtney@gmail.com)



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Who When Your  
Feet Hit The Floor  
In The Morning  
The Devil Says

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**2023 - 2024**

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**Welfare Report for August**  
**7/1/2023 to 7/31/2023**



Organizations:

CDTC	\$ 97.23
Cypress Elementary School	40.00
Henderson Behavioral Health	2,117.69
Our Father's House	188.35
Seagull Alternative School	<u>1,326.69</u>
<b>TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$3,769.96</b>



Gift Cards on hand at 7/31/2023:

Publix cards: 129 \$10 cards @ \$9.70 each	\$1,251.30
82 \$50 cards @\$48.50 each	<u>3,977.00</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIX CARDS</b>	<b>\$5,228.30</b>



SPECIAL Requests:

Henderson Health	\$2,500.00
<b>Ratify at September Meeting</b>	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>



INDIVIDUAL Requests:

\*Rodriguez/Crespo (JAFCO-Linda Ianelli via website)

This family of 4 has been living in motel rooms and sometimes their car. The husband is in poor health and works as an independent mechanic when he can. The mom has been employed for several months as a cashier clerk. JAFCO has secured their \$2600 deposit and are asking CAC to pay their first month rent of \$1300. They feel if they can get the money up front to get into the apt they can make ends meet. Welfare Committee recommended to board to approve \$1300 request.

Board approved on 7/9/23

**Needs to be ratified at September Meeting**

Total:	\$1,300.00
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Surplus Funds:

Back to Basics	\$6,185.91
Seagull Alternative HS	2,569.21
Tomorrow's Rainbow	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$18,755.12</b>

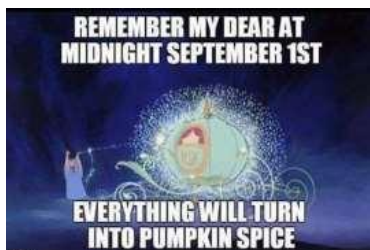


Emergency Funds:

Marcia Sutton, a mental health social worker at William King VA Clinic, is married and has two teenagers and has lost the entire contents of their house during the last heavy rains for the 2nd time. We helped them in November of 2020 from our emergency funds. A maximum amount of \$200 was approved to be used immediately at Morningday Community Solutions so that Marcia and her family could move back into their home.

**Ratify at September Meeting**

Total:	\$200.00
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Welfare report submitted by  
Kristina Bryn  
CAC Welfare Chair



# Prospective CAC Members

Here is the current list of prospective members and their sponsors:

## Carol Helms / Sponsor: Jeanne Dixon

1711 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
(954) 994-9444  
[cbhelms@gmail.com](mailto:cbhelms@gmail.com)



## Kimberly Pietro / Sponsor: Marsha Tessler

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



## Allison Larocca / Sponsor: Pam Ferrante

705 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Ct.  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
(954) 608-2894  
[Ablarocca2022@gmail.com](mailto:Ablarocca2022@gmail.com)



## A NEW BEGINNING

Helen Steiner Rice

How often we wish for another chance  
to have a fresh beginning.

A chance to blot out our mistakes  
and change failure into winning.

It does not take a new year  
to make a brand new start.

It only takes the deep desire  
to try with all your heart.

To live a little better  
and always be forgiving, to add a little sunshine  
to the world in which we are living.

So, never give up in despair  
and think that you are through,

For there's always a tomorrow  
and a chance to start anew.

***Our new member  
orientation will be  
planned in October.***

The next two pages are  
the holiday basket forms.  
Please tell your organizations  
that they can submit  
**4 families for Thanksgiving**  
and **3 families for Christmas**

Forms are due back by  
**October 31st**  
Email them to both  
Louise [Pproffer@aol.com](mailto:Pproffer@aol.com) and  
Sandy [sandyknoonan@gmail.com](mailto:sandyknoonan@gmail.com)



## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Please **print and provide all information** listed below 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).

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 Member is:**

**PHONE number is:**

Thank you!

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PLEASE USE BLACK INK

3296 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY #11503  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33339-1503

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name	Gender	Age	Clothing	Shoe	Gift Ideas
1. _____			Size	Size	**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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Congratulations to CAC Member Missy Butt!



Hello,  
I am now a flight attendant for JetBlue. I graduated on July 12 from JetBlue University in Orlando, Florida. So far it's been very exciting.



I have been flying for the last five weeks and have flown over 25,000 miles. I was fortunate to have a layover in Guayaquil, Ecuador. I absolutely love my new position, and I don't think of it as a job. I think of it as an adventure. I have met a lot of new people and I am enjoying my journey. I feel very blessed to have had this opportunity.



In November of last year I met a friend named Mervet, who was from New Jersey. We met underneath the Pompano Beach Pier while I was picking up trash on a Saturday morning. Mervet and I became good friends. In February, she came back down to visit and she knew I was going to an Allegiant interview to be a flight attendant. Unfortunately, I was not chosen. She also knew that I had interviewed with several other airlines. She also knew about what had happened with Spirit Airlines 2 years ago. I have



been removed after three weeks of training with Spirit because someone contracted COVID-19. I never contracted Covid-19. I only had one more week of training, and I would've been a flight attendant for Spirit Airlines.



Mervet had a friend named Hassan who is an engineer for JetBlue. Mervet called him and told him how much I wanted to be a flight attendant. Hassan told Mervet to have me apply for a position which was going to be in Orlando. This was at the end of February. On March 31st I went to Orlando and had an interview with JetBlue and I was chosen!



I was told I would be starting school June 7, 2023. It would be a 4 1/2 week course at JetBlue University. I am so thankful to God and to Mervet and to Hassan. It's funny how when you're out doing a good deed you are actually rewarded for it in an amazing way.



I hope to be able to continue being part of CAC and maybe I can get two flight tickets for Taste and Tell?



Thanks for asking me about my new adventure. Praying blessings for CAC for the following years to come.

Love,  
Missy



**Wishing you all of  
the fun and  
success possible  
in your new job!**



# SOUTHERN COMFORT



*Sunday, Sept. 17th  
5:30 pm  
28 Isla Bahia Dr.  
Fort Lauderdale*

*All CAC members and spouses are invited  
to a themed "pot luck" dinner  
on Sunday, September 17th, 2023.*

*Our host and hostess are  
Andy and Jeanne Dixon  
in their home at  
28 Isla Bahia Drive,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
at 5:30 p.m.*

*Jeanne asks that themed garments  
be considered for wear.*

*Please start thinking about  
what "comfort food"  
you will bring.*

*RSVP with who is coming  
and what you're bringing*



*Contact Jenny Boyenga by Sept. 12th  
at [Jennyboyenga10@gmail.com](mailto:Jennyboyenga10@gmail.com)*

# Thank You to Kaki Powell Gambardella Page 9 of 17



After several failed attempts to meet Kaki for lunch with some CAC members, Pam Ferrante dropped off Kaki's end of year gift to her house. (pictured at right) She was very appreciative and kept telling Pam that CAC did not have to do this. She loved the certificates to her Hair Salon, Lululemon and Ruth Chris Steakhouse! Thank you Pam for taking care of this...



Some good news to share regarding the Kendra Scott fundraiser!



Linda Ianelli heard from Zhanneta Albritton, Event Lead from Kendra Scott.



She thanked us for hosting an event at their store and was very pleased to let us know that we will receive a giveback amount



**for \$636.**



She would like to hold another event to benefit CAC in November so Linda confirmed with her to proceed with this.



Pictured at the August wedding in Virginia of Pam Ferrante's son are (left to right) CAC members Sue Miller, Linda Ianelli, Fran English, Pam Ferrante and Pat DeSanctis



Dear Members,



I hope you all enjoyed our group's summer hiatus. I was busy attending three weddings. What a blessing to share happy moments with family and friends.



We will soon kick off our 2023-2024 fiscal year at our General Membership meeting on September 19th. It will be held at MorningDay Community Solutions at, 1410 SW 29th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL. The hostesses are Missy Butts, and myself. We will greet everyone at 9:00 a.m., our meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. We haven't visited MorningDay in a while, so it will be a great opportunity for our newer members to become familiar with this organization. Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting!



Until then, stay well!  
Linda Ianelli  
CAC Vice President





1410 SW 29th Avenue, #100  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069



In 2010, business partners Greg Bales and Kasia Maslanka were flipping houses in South Florida. They shared a generous philanthropic philosophy as well as a keen business acumen, and made a commitment to give back 20% of every job to area nonprofits through in-kind donations and labor.



Providing home improvement work for group homes and other local nonprofit organizations led the duo to consult with the Home Depot Foundation and their partner, Good360, where they learned that they could create an even bigger opportunity to help more nonprofits. Good360, like them, wanted to use their resources to help charities better serve their missions. Later that year, Greg and Kasia opened Morningday Community Solutions: the first warehouse in Florida committed to redistributing donated retail merchandise solely to area nonprofits.



Greg and Kasia remain very involved in guiding and supporting MCS. Their vision and commitment, along with the dedication of their passionate staff and volunteers, have prevented millions of pounds of retail waste and saved millions of dollars for hundreds of nonprofit organizations.



With two locations in South Florida, MCS prevents 400+ tons of retail waste and helps hundreds of local nonprofit organizations spend less on goods and more on critical programs each year.



MCS partners with local retail stores to take new returned, discontinued, and displayed items to their warehouse. There, they check products, ensure that all parts are included in packaging, and stock their shelves. Items are typically available for 70% less than the market retail price.



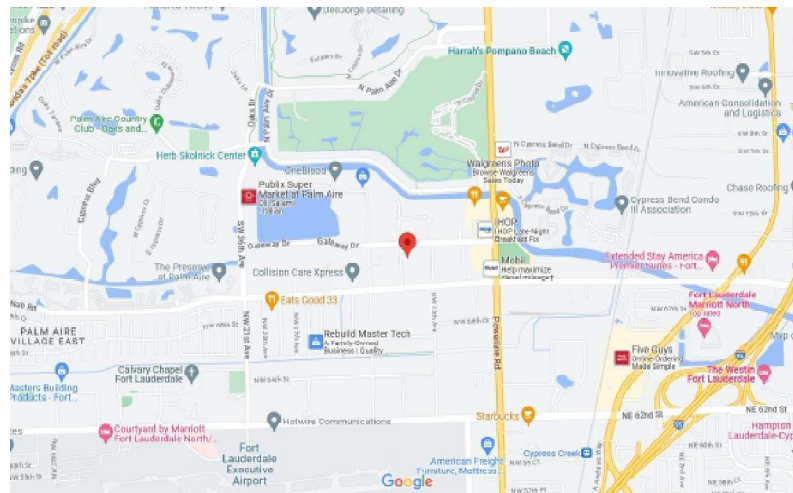
Through their membership program, MCS carefully screens those who wish to shop with them to ensure that they are purchasing on behalf of a legitimate 501c3 organization. To fulfill their mission with integrity, MCS only provides goods to qualified charities. Children's Aid Club is one of their members, which means we can shop there to get items for our families in need. Please check frequently to see what items are in their warehouse that your partner organization can use.



Veterans, at-risk youth, the homeless, people in recovery, those with disabilities, teachers, and more members of our community directly benefit from this program.



**CAC September meeting is at this location**





# Back to Basics



2365 Vista Parkway, Ste. 19  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411  
561-319-4277  
BackToBasicsInc.org

August 26, 2023,

Children's Aid Club  
Attn: Ms. Barbara Hume, Welfare Organization Chair  
3296 N Federal Hwy, #11503  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339-1503

Subject: Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Support – Impacting Young Lives

Dear Ms. Hume,

Hello from all of us at Back to Basics, Inc. We are truly grateful for your continued support and your incredibly generous grant of \$17,500.00 for our Angel Program.

Through your grant we were able to procure a variety of sneakers in support of our Angel Program. As we wrap up this year's school uniform initiative, our operation is seamlessly transitioning towards the Angel Program's preparations. An incredible array of essentials, including underwear, sneakers, socks, and toys, graciously donated by organizations such as the Children's Aid Club, have been meticulously sorted and prewrapped. These efforts are all part of our commitment to reach our goal of aiding over 10,000 students this year.

We acknowledge that no goods or services were exchanged for your generous contribution to Back to Basics. Instead, your support has provided the underprivileged children of Palm Beach County with the fundamental necessities that empower them to access education with dignity.

Your generosity supports our mission to create a future where every child steps into school with confidence and eagerness to learn, armed with new uniforms, sneakers, socks, and underwear. This seemingly simple yet profound act translates into a brighter future for both these students and our community at large.

As an entirely volunteer-driven nonprofit organization, Back-to Basics, Inc. is recognized by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3). To learn more about our efforts, we invite you to explore our website at <https://backtobasicsinc.org>.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude once again for your donation.

*Michael O'Dell*

Michael O'Dell, Director  
Back to Basics, Inc.

CC Beverly Perham  
Kelle Enriquez

This letter serves as your receipt. FOR TAX PURPOSES, no goods or services were provided in conjunction with this gift. Back to Basics, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization in the State of Florida. The agency's charitable identification number is 20-2880950. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE (800) 435-7352. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA





Many of the following thank you notes were from Henderson Behavioral families which benefitted from our Surplus Funds program.

To Henderson,

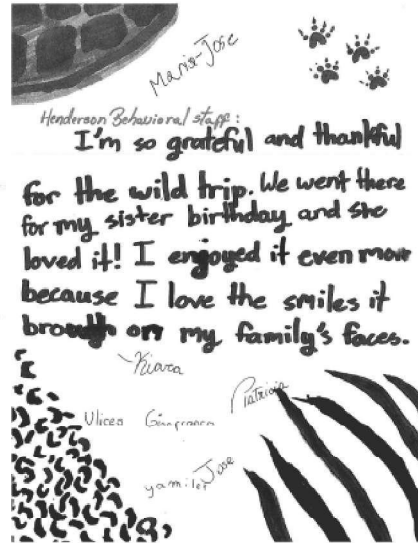
Thank you for the generous gift for the tickets to me zoo!

My children were delighted. ~~love~~

We truly appreciate your continuous support.

Sincerely,

Serina  
Haru  
Nhtfi



Hello Mrs. Pat,

I want to tell you and the other staff members thank you from Joshua, myself, and dad. We are extremely grateful for your support and for the gift that will allow him to enjoy his birthday on the 4th. Again, thanks for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Tresha Thompson.



Devonte and family wants to thank Henderson Behavioral Health for the pass to sky zone we had so much fun it was greatly appreciated, thanks to Ms, Patricia Moncrieffe for being with us throughout the years our family greatly appreciated your time doing such a great job thanks again

Devonte and family.

MR 1136268 7/18/23

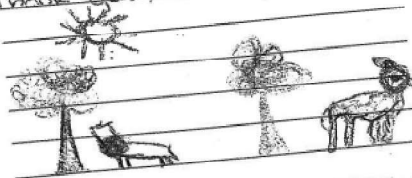
Thank you very much for the Dave and Buster gift cards. Looking forward to spend a fun family time.

Thank you!

Lucely ~~Smith~~  
Palden ~~Smith~~



Dear Henderson  
me and my family are  
most vibrantly thankful for  
the offer of the variety of tickets  
and we want to give a proper  
thank you to you, your  
staff, and several services  
you have to help the youth.  
You guys came with much  
gratitude and helped many people  
improve their futures and  
to feel revived so cute again.  
Thank you, -Duanas, ~~Smith~~



7/27/2023

I would like to thank Henderson for the tickets to Skyzone, Keydium had a great time. Thank you,

Sincerely, Cyathia ~~Smith~~



*Dears Ms. Pat M. Parent Advocate at Henderson Behavioral Health,*

*I want to write this letter as a thank to Henderson Behavioral Health and to share my family's experience with the putting program. For starts I want to you that we have not been on a family outing on the last 2 years*

*Usually it is some other priority or need that supersedes our ability to have an outing. This came at a time when our priority is preparation in the summer for purchasing school clothes and an unexpected car repair. The tickets to Rapids water park were completely unexpected and much appreciated, the heat wave this year is record breaking and I work outside everyday. When I announced to my family we were going to Rapids that morning they bounced out of bed and got ready faster than any day they have attending school. The water was so enjoyable, the atmosphere, environment. It's actually our first time out together amongst other young families post COVID. I know COVID was 3 years ago. But with inflation and just trying to survive it's truth. We are so thankful thank you Henderson, we had a blast and I genuinely enjoyed having fun with my family. Sorry I couldn't get pictures Didn't want to wet my phone.*

*Sincerely and with Great thanks, Brittney!*

*Dear Marcy,  
I hope this letter finds you in good health and spir-its. I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the thoughtful and kind gesture of gift-ing our family movie tickets. It was such a wonderful surprise, and we truly appreciate your generosity. The experience of going to the movies as a family was incredibly enjoyable and allowed us to create cherished memories together. It provided a much-needed break from our usual routine and allowed us to unwind and have some quality time together.*



*Your support and guidance have been invaluable in helping my daughter progress and thank you for your dedication and expertise. Your commitment to her well-being is truly commendable, and we feel fortunate to have you as her therapist.*

*The movie outing not only brought smiles to our faces but also reminded us of the importance of self-care and spending time as a family. Your thoughtful gesture touched our hearts, and we cannot thank you enough for your constant care and concern.*

*Once again, thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. You are not just a therapist but also a friend to our family, and we are immensely grate-ful for all that you do.*

*Warm Regards,  
Ms. Paula ,  
Destiny*





# Helping One of Our Partner Organizations *Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida*



Celebrating more than 40 years of serving the community.

**Saturday, November 4th**

6pm-9:30pm

Join us on November 4th as we return to our riding arena for the 15th Annual Horseshoe Hoedown. We've missed sharing this event with you in person, but this year is something special. We come together for an evening of fun to support equine assisted services to children and adults with special needs. We will once again enjoy a special evening, while raising money to support the four programs that have served more than 2,500 individuals throughout our history.

We hope you will join us for an evening of good food, games, and auctions. The Tim Charron Band will be our entertainment for the evening. This is one event you won't want to miss, so kick up your heels and purchase your tickets today.

BBQ Buffet

Music & Dancing

Live & Silent Auctions

Riding Demonstration

Early Bird Tickets

\$125 Per Person

Save \$25 through

September 8th



## Equine-Assisted Therapies

of South Florida, Inc.

*Creating a path to unbridled moments. Witness the magic.*



Our Father's House is in need of boys and girls clothes, sizes 6 to 10, as the kids are heading back to school.

Please let Barbara Hume know if you have any to donate.

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



Congratulations to CAC member Pam Ferrante and husband, Bill (pictured left) on the August marriage of their son, Chris, to Brielle (pictured right) in Virginia.



### HELP WANTED

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

#### Little School House

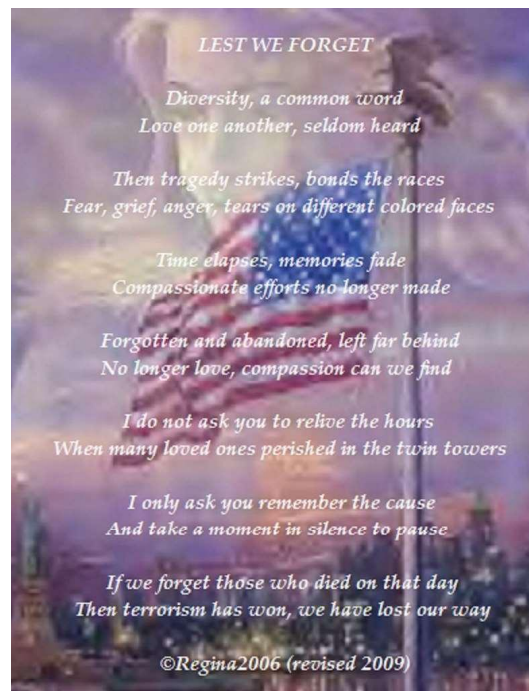
Friday Sept. 15th at 10 am  
Contact Linda lanelli

#### God's Little Lambs

Wednesday Sept. 20th at 2:15 pm  
Contact Janice or Ghislaine

#### Broward Partnership

Friday Sept. 29th at 6:30 pm  
Contact Vanessa or Valerie



**BROWARD COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
ARE CLOSED  
SEPTEMBER  
4TH AND 25TH**



ATTENTION MEMBERS: if you would like someone to receive our **HOLIDAY APPEAL Letter** please send Valerie Taylor 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 Valerie ASAP.

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



## Happy SEPTEMBER Birthday



Gina Bono-Jenkins  
9/1

Angie Bizzarro  
9/11



Sara Rashti  
9/11

Julie Newton  
9/24



On Thursday (8/24) evening, Kitty was admitted to Holy Cross with RSV and a UTI infection. She has since been released and is home, her daughter Ann is with her but she is still in isolation, resting and doing well.



She may welcome a card to let her know we are all thinking of her!



Her address is:

Kitty Vagi  
1031 Seminole Drive #933  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304



Mary Mulder  
9/29

