



CAC Newsletter

2024

Message from our President

Hello Ladies!

It will be so wonderful to see you all at the September meeting. I am sure everyone has enjoyed a nice break, some vacation time, time with family and visits with friends. It is time to get back to business! I am excited for what this year will bring us and all of the children and families we will have the opportunity to help.

Although on break, several ladies have worked on the Holiday Appeal letter, getting it written, printed, envelopes stuffed and ready to label! Be sure to keep a look out for the invite list to make sure all of your contacts are on there! There was a Round Table discussion in June for idea sharing, and so much more! We were even able to get furniture donated and delivered to an apartment for a family in need.

Although Becky has turned the books over to me, rest assured she is not off the hook. I have some very big shoes to fill and will be reaching out for guidance along the way. I look forward to an incredible year ahead with all of you!

Thank you,

Laura A. Balistreri-Ahmed



Meeting Dates & Times:

September 10th at 9:30 am
Board Meeting (Zoom)
Link will be email the night before.

September 17th at 9:30 am
General Meeting at
Children's Diagnostic &
Treatment Center
(1401 S. Federal Hwy)
Come early for nibbles & giggles

Hosting: Candance Moore
Rebecca Solomon

Remember to contact Valerie
Taylor if you cannot attend.





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Summer News

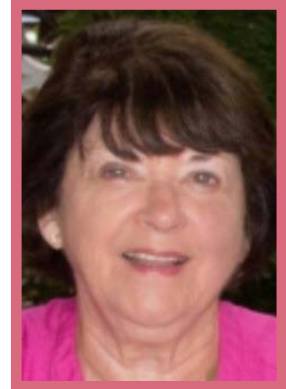
Treasurer's Note

In addition to the check for \$46,757.15 from the Construction Association of South Florida for our work on their golf tournament, I'm pleased to announce that we received a grant of \$21,335 from the Gore Family Memorial Foundation Trust. There are substantial restrictions on how we can spend these funds, but our Welfare Committee is working on a campaign to put this money to use in the community. If any members know any of the beneficiaries of this Trust, please reach out to thank them for the confidence they've shown in CAC.

Also, we received \$2,780 in donations in memory of our dear friend and former member, Marilyn Markus. Pam has matched those funds and will be suggesting a special project on which to use those funds.

See you soon! Barbara

Barbara Hume



Linda Ianelli

Vice President's Corner

Members will soon receive their **TNT Invitation Guestlist for verification**—time to review your guestlist for changes, deletions, and additions. The deadline to return your verified guestlist is **September 23**. It is to be returned to me, caclindaianelli@gmail.com

Now is the time to start thinking about where you would like to be assigned to assist in our TNT setup day and our TNT Luncheon. TNT assignment signup sheet is passed out at the October meeting.

Our Members Only site allows us to pay our Member Dues or make donations online. See how you can pay your Member Dues or donate to Gifts of Kindness, Piece of the Pie (TNT), or General Charity.

Just Click this link: [MEMBERS ONLY|Children's Aid Club](#)

I represented CAC at the Kendra Scott Giveback at her Mizner Park store on Friday, Aug 23rd, Noon - 2:00 pm. There wasn't much walk-in traffic due to the rain, but the Giveback also included online business both on the 23rd & 24th. Hopefully, we will have more online traffic between our members, friends, and family on both days. Thank you to all those who supported this event! Every dollar we can pull in from any event helps us continue our Mission!

As we enter our 70th year, let us all do whatever we can to honor all those who have given their time and service to make this incredible organization what it is today!!

Thanks for ALL that you do!!
Linda





Children's Aid Club



Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2024



	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	95,241.26
BOA Savings	114,021.42
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	211,951.81
Total Bank Accounts	\$421,214.49
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	300.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Publix Food Cards	2,231.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	3,200.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$5,731.00
Total Current Assets	\$426,945.49
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
Total Fixed Assets	\$8,168.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$435,113.71
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	10,042.70
Total Credit Cards	\$10,042.70
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	21,335.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$21,335.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$31,377.70
Total Liabilities	\$31,377.70
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	281,197.04
Net Income	-45,302.24
Total Equity	\$403,736.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$435,113.71



Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss
August 2023 - July 2024



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	2,963.51
Donations	49,954.80
Memorial	2,755.00
Total Donations	52,709.80
Dues	7,375.00
Fundraising Income	2,276.23
Golf Tournament	46,757.15
Holiday Letter	22,925.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
All Heart	1,350.00
Bake Sale	2,090.00
Cruise Raffle	5,475.00
Donations	12,992.20
Gifts From the Heart	8,200.00
Live Auction	25,450.00
Raffle Basket	12,525.00
Reservations	23,250.00
Silent Auction	10,520.00
Underwriting	74,000.00
Total Taste 'n' Tell	175,852.20
Total Fundraising Income	247,810.58
Interest Inc	11,267.90
Misc. income	3,472.90
Other Types of Income	
Miscellaneous Revenue	415.00
Total Other Types of Income	415.00
Total Income	\$326,014.69
GROSS PROFIT	\$326,014.69
Expenses	
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	200.00
Total Business Expenses	200.00
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	2,762.74
Blessed Sacrament	4,995.50
BPHI	4,363.65
Broadview Elementary	375.88
Broward Health	3,967.50
Broward Partnership for the Hom	292.96



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Profit and Loss
August 2023 - July 2024



	TOTAL
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	9,115.98
Croissant Park Elementary	1,495.41
Cross Creek School	2,387.89
Cypress Elementary	5,063.67
Donors Choose.org	6,041.47
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	4,500.00
God's Little Lambs	8,695.81
Hand Up Campaign	194.00
Henderson Behavioral Health	6,489.76
Holiday Baskets	65.50
Christmas	21,391.22
Easter	25,597.28
Thanksgiving	19,058.23
Total Holiday Baskets	66,112.23
Hope Women's Center	3,174.62
Individuals	
A. Johnson Family	2,000.00
Bell Family	2,500.00
Bisbau Family	6,844.56
Castellanos Family	1,600.00
Cooper/Gumb Family	2,800.00
Curzio/Peoples Family	387.92
Edwards/Nagler	198.71
Fasulo Family	2,256.81
Figueroa Family	2,050.00
Harris Family	1,900.00
Henderson Family	194.00
Hernandez Family	1,500.00
Isham Family	1,785.00
J. Johnson Family	1,800.00
James Family	2,400.00
Jean Family	1,349.00
Jean Louis Family	4,875.00
Lawson Family	3,528.67
Lima Family	1,800.00
Lloyd Family	4,000.00
Matieu Family	1,800.00
McFadden Family	1,552.00
McKeever Family	2,981.00
Mendoza Family	2,450.00
Mogollon Family	1,611.50
Morley Family	2,400.00



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Profit and Loss

August 2023 - July 2024



	TOTAL
Morrison Family	1,926.90
Navedo Family	1,850.00
Neagle Family	1,800.00
Parrish Family	1,800.00
Peddell Family	2,100.00
Perez Family	1,750.00
Philpart Family	1,216.00
Pierce Family	500.00
Richardson Family	4,394.95
Roberts Family	2,500.00
Robinson Family	50.00
Salinas Family	1,870.00
Sanders Family	2,184.59
Scott Family	388.00
Shepard Family	2,159.00
Spardello Family	2,042.50
Sully Caceres	3,000.00
Ulloa Family	1,800.00
Vasquez Family	2,447.00
Williams Family	1,600.00
Wright Family	3,986.00
Total Individuals	99,929.11
JJCF	8,681.50
Mary Ann's Closet	5,087.42
Northside Elementary	4,889.29
Nova Middle School	1,000.00
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	4,916.86
PACE	6,645.52
Pompano Beach Middle School	3,485.59
Seagull Alternative School	3,003.45
Special Requests	
Men & Ladies of Class	2,500.00
Total Special Requests	2,500.00
St Clements	873.00
St. Thomas	194.00
The Little Schoolhouse	6,292.08
Tomorrow's Rainbow	24,900.00
Total Charity	319,926.89
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	4,501.00
Total Contract Services	4,501.00



Children's Aid Club



Profit and Loss

August 2023 - July 2024



	TOTAL
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Invitations	711.00
Live Auction	12,350.00
Main Course and Food expense	18,503.80
Miscellaneous	456.66
PayPal fees	1,099.10
Postage	188.11
Program	1,255.00
Raffles	1,000.00
Silent Auction	2,500.00
Sound System	995.00
Supplies	1,499.84
Total Taste & Tell	40,558.51
Total Fundraising Expenses	40,558.51
Misc	2,869.27
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	360.00
Total Operations	360.00
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	508.03
Memberships and Dues	25.90
Total Other Types of Expenses	533.93
Post Office Box	226.00
Postage	115.60
Socials	1,156.53
Sunshine	419.80
WebsiteURL fees	33.48
Yearbook	415.92
Total Expenses	\$371,316.93
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -45,302.24
NET INCOME	\$ -45,302.24



Ways and Means

In Service,



Belinda McDonald



Photo: My family vacationing together on Ana Maria Island, FL

Dear CAC Sisters,

I hope you all had a summer filled with relaxation, laughter, and a dash of adventure. The CAC Ways and Means team also took some well-deserved time to recharge, but don't let that fool you—there was plenty of behind-the-scenes action gearing up for an exciting 2024-2025 season!

Here's a glimpse of what's been brewing:



- Taste-n-Tell Committee: They didn't miss a beat! Even during the summer lull, the team was hard at work laying the groundwork for what promises to be another spectacular event this February.



- Linda I. has been doing an incredible job keeping our partnership with Kendra Scott (Designer Jewelry) alive and thriving. Thanks to her efforts, we secured another Giveback opportunity on August 23rd. We're eagerly awaiting the final numbers to see how much we raised for the Children's Aid Club!



- We're thrilled to announce that CAC was awarded a generous \$21,000 from the Gore Family Memorial Foundation Trust! Barb will share more details about this fantastic bestowment at our next meeting.



- While the \$250K grant we were pursuing didn't come through, it was a valuable learning experience. We've identified the areas we need to strengthen, and we're already gathering the necessary documents and stories to enhance our chances for future opportunities. We'll also be on the lookout for a skilled grant writer to join our team.

- We've submitted applications for another round of grants from Walmart and Aldi, keeping our fingers crossed for positive results!

- We'll be discussing fresh fundraising ideas at the next meeting. Bring your creativity and enthusiasm—we need your input to explore new avenues for supporting our mission!

As we look ahead, it's more important than ever for us to innovate and expand our fundraising efforts. The Ways and Means committee plays a vital role in ensuring we have the resources to continue our work, but we can't do it alone. Together, let's brainstorm and explore new opportunities to strengthen our impact and reach even greater heights.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!



SAVE THE DATES:
TNT SETUP is Monday February 10th, 2025
TNT Luncheon is Tuesday, February 11th, 2025
Mandatory for ALL Active Members!



Membership News

Membership Desk



Valerie Taylor

Hello CAC Sisters!

On **September 26th at 10 am**, we will host a **Sponsor/Liaison Meeting at the Warehouse**. If you are sponsoring a member or if you're a liaison, we expect you to attend. At our Round Table Meeting in June, the need for a refresher came up several times. Also, please welcome our newest soon-to-be members, Tara, Jacalyn and Shari at our Sept. general meeting. They will become 'official' members after the October Orientation.

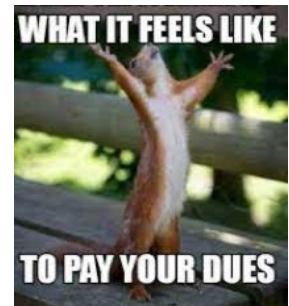
The **Holiday Appeal letter** is ready to go, so please double check your Holiday Appeal addressee information, and contact me with any changes or additions! A copy of the Holiday Appeal letter is included in this Newsletter.

Thank you to those that have paid **Membership Dues**. I thought you may like to know what your dues pay for. Here's a few I can name. We pay an accountant, liability insurance, a Post Office box and postage, website, Sunshine gifts, printing, such as our Black Yearbook; and when the need arises, repairs to the warehouse. A few years ago we were forced to raise the annual dues to \$125.00 because we didn't have enough to cover our growing expenses. At that meeting, Fran suggested having a raffle at our general meetings to supplement our administrative fees. I don't know where she comes up with those items for raffles but she makes it fun for all. So again, Thank You! Dues ARE a vital need for CAC.

Just Click this link:

[MEMBERS ONLY|Children's Aid Club](#)

Mail check made payable to: Children's Aid Club
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2615 NE 17 Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33305

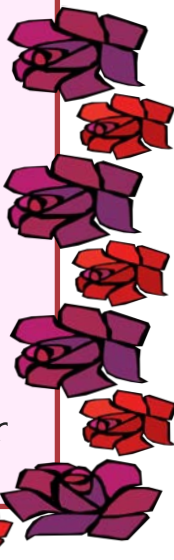
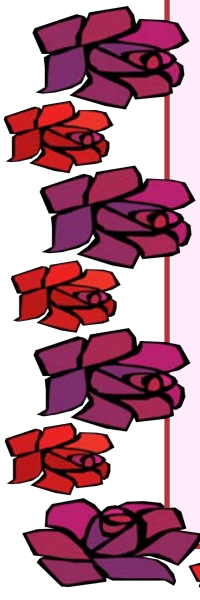


Stylin' Team Update

After going through many years of TNT recipes, the menu team had a tasting at Ghislaine's home in August. Several appetizer and dessert recipes were brought to this meeting for a tasting. The menu committee has a meeting scheduled on September 18th with the LYC staff to discuss the recipes. Menu committee will be making and bringing to the meeting a taste of every item so LYC can see what each recipe looks and tastes like. This will be a good way to get the chef's opinion of flavors and presentation. At this meeting we will be hearing what the chef has in mind for the main luncheon plate. Sue B and I will be in touch with all other Stylin' committee members in September to learn of the progress they are making with their committees. Thank you!



Louise Proffer



TNT UPDATED Sign Up Sheet
If you don't see your name.....WHY?

Taste 'N' Tell Planning Teams for 2025

The Architect Team Team leader	The Stylin' Team Team leader	The Golden Goose Team Team leader
Valerie Taylor & [redacted]	Louise Proffer & Sue Black	Becky Ford & [redacted]
Early duties (Spring/Summer)		
Compile guest list & distribution to membership (1 or 2): Linda I.	Start in the summer: Menu including Champagne for VIP's/Welcome drink Plan December tasting event: Fran E, Kimberly P. Ghislaine, Vanessa	Prepare underwriting packets and track asks (Start early so packets are ready for September): Development team, Belinda M, Linda I.
Invitation Design- Becky RSVP/Special raffle tickets – Linda I Assemble for mail: Vanessa	Plan after party: (1 or 2) Rebecca Solomon Janice Bloomfield	Send Thank You notes to Underwriters and in-kind donors [redacted]
Set-up online RSVP Linda I.	Presentation and/or Video plus hire Audio/visual professional/Get Emcee: Pam Markus Emcees: Belinda, Laura	Cashiers/bank, raffle ticket sales, financial closeout Janice Bloomfield, Barb Hume
Acquire cruise or special raffle item, provide info to Invitation designer to print with invitations - Caroline	Decorations: (Discuss plans with each other & Team leader) Dining room centerpieces & stage: Jenny Boyenga	Bake Sale Planning (1 or 2) Jeanne
Design Save the Date: Suzee Bailey	Reservation/bake sale/bathroom/hallway areas: Carol Helms	Raffle Baskets Caroline with
Send Save the Date email blast: Linda I.	Pavillion/raffle basket areas: Table Favors or Swag bags: Vanessa Photo Op area: Vanessa (need a 2nd photographer)	understudies: [redacted] [redacted]
Late Duties (Fall – Feb event)		
Reservations, Make table assignments: Pam F. Carole F, Reba, Linda I. Nametags: Laura B.	Publicity/Social Media Sheri W. – Social media, Suzee B. – 70th Anniversary magazine article?, Sue B. – Lauderdale magazine article Pam M.-Press release	Live Auction Caroline, Kristina B, Kimberly Silent Auction Barb with Caroline, Kristina, Kimberly
Posters - Large signs and sponsor recognition, etc. Directional Signs Sheri	Timeline and script Valerie, Pam M, Belinda, Laura	Auction and Raffle printing (1 or 2) Julie N.
Compile program book and print (remember to add new member inquiry info) Becky	Make member assignments for day before and day of Kathy M., Sue B.	Warehouse Supplies: Sandy Noonan

Team Leader Duties (ALL THREE WORK ON TOGETHER OR DIVIDE DUTIES BETWEEN THE 3 LEADERS):

- Select Venue and date: LYC on February 11, 2025
- Assemble and lead committee(team) members
- Hold monthly “huddles” to keep each other updated
- Create Venue floor plan, seating and skirting
- Acquire VIP Gifts, Hire photographer and other vendors, arrange for blessing
- Set deadlines for tasks to be completed.
- Work on timeline for day of event with Stylin’ team
- Acquire gifts for Chef, Catering manager and Event manager
- Work with Team member assigned to making assignments for day before and day of





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September 17, 2024

Dear CAC Supporter,

This year is a remarkable year! Children's Aid Club (CAC) marks its 70th Anniversary doing work for underserved children in South Florida, in addition to providing gifts and food gift cards to needy families through our Holiday Baskets for over a quarter of a century. We are so proud we have been able to make such an impact on families in crisis.

Share with us the warmth of the season by "adopting" a family. You can choose the size of the family you wish to sponsor. It's a heartwarming project for families, friends, or office groups. Another option would be to donate funds directly to the Holiday Appeal, and CAC will do the shopping.

- In early November, you will be contacted with the children's details and wish list.
- On top of your gifts, CAC will supplement the family with holiday cookies and food gift certificates.
- A CAC "elf" will assist you and ensure your gifts are delivered to the right place.

Our beloved Ann Powell started the **Holiday Appeal** program 13 years ago, and thanks to generous supporters like you, it has grown every year. Last year, we provided baskets to over 860 children.

Please return the enclosed card by October 19th. To donate money, use this link: [Children's Aid Club Holiday Appeal](#) , or QR Code, or send a check to CHILDREN'S AID CLUB in the envelope provided.

For questions, contact Valerie Taylor at 954-592-4327 or email her at cacvalerie@gmail.com

Thank you for caring and sharing,

Laura A Balistreri

Laura Balistreri-Ahmed
President
www.ChildrensAidClub.org



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2024-2025

CAC GENERAL MEETINGS

All meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month except November and December. They will be on the 2nd Tuesday.

Sept. 17, 2024

Host **CHILDREN'S DIAGNOSTIC TREATMENT CENTER (CDTC)**

Hostess Candace Moore

Hostess Rebecca Solomon

Oct. 15, 2024

Host **BROWARD PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS**

Hostess Valerie Taylor

Hostess Vanessa Diaz-Font

Nov. 12, 2024 - This meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Host **TOMORROW'S RAINBOW**

Hostess Ghislaine

Hostess Jenny Boyenga

Dec. 10, 2023: This meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Host **POWELL WAREHOUSE**

Hostess Fran English

Hostess Pam Ferrante

Jan. 14, 2025

Host **PAM MARKUS - Hawthorne Village Clubhouse**

Hostess Janice Bloomfield

Hostess Pam Markus

Feb. 18, 2025

Host **LAURA BALLISTRERI-AHMED**

Hostess Linda Ianelli

Hostess Belinda McDonald

Mar. 18, 2025

Host **PAM FERRANTE**

Hostess Sara Rashti

Hostess Kristina Bryn

Apr. 15, 2025

Host **HENDERSON BEHAVIORAL**

Hostess Monica Blackwood

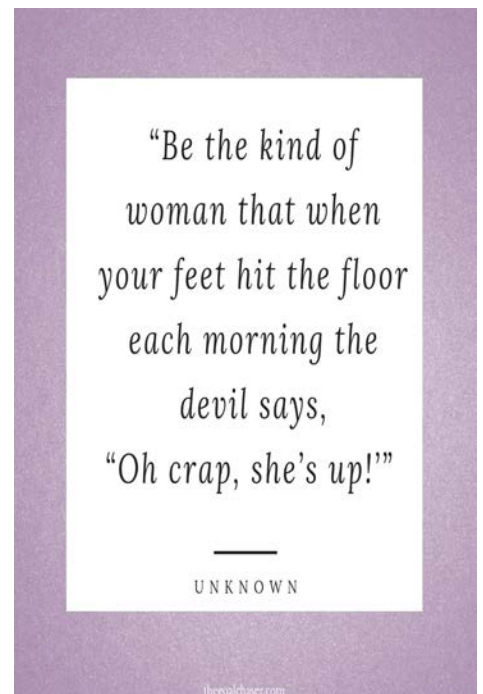
Hostess Jenny Boyenga

May 20, 2025

Host **BLS WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Hostess Jacalyn Murray

Hostess Linda Ianelli



Birthday Parties

Think of all the happy birthday memories when you were a child, and now think if you could not remember even one of those memories. Homeless families don't have a kitchen to bake a cake or a house to throw a party, but they DO have Children's Aid Club! Every month, the liaisons for BPHI (picture below), LSH and GLL provide cake, ice cream, activities, smiles, and joy for not only the birthday boys and girls but for all the children presently displaced by poverty. Real positive impact begins with hope, and there's no better day to instill hope in a child than on their birthday! If you'd like to experience *real impact*, come and be a part of LSH, GLL & BPHI Birthday Parties.

Photo: Valerie, Gail & Vanessa at BPHI August Ice Cream Birthday Party



Birthday Party Schedule

Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI): Friday, Sept 6th 6:30-8:30pm

Liaisons: Valerie Taylor & Vanessa Diaz-Font

Little SchoolHouse (LSH): Friday, Sept 6th 10 -11:30 am

Liaisons: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

God's Little Lambs (GLL): Wednesday, Sept 18th 2:15 - 3:30 pm

Liaisons: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

Hearts in Action



HAND UP CAMPAIGN



The Richardson family came to us from Northside Elementary as part of the Hand Up Campaign last year. The mom is a social worker with Broward County and has two children, an 18-year old daughter and a 7-year old son. With her income of \$800 a week, she was told by landlords that she didn't make enough money to rent a two-bedroom apartment. The family was sleeping in their car and at an extended stay hotel for a week or two when funds allowed. As part of Hand Up, we paid for the hotel for the month of June but felt a need to help this family get into permanent housing. How can it be that a Broward County employee can't afford to live in the county she serves?

Ms. Richardson found an apartment in July that would allow her to pay first month's rent and a security deposit. She had the security deposit saved, and Children's Aid Club paid the first month's rent. Our Individual Chair, Louise Proffer, made an email appeal for items to set up the household, and the response was immediate. To everyone who shopped, donated and moved this family, she is eternally grateful. Thanks so much to Jenny Boyenga, Mary Ellen Coen, the Patsy Hawkes family, Barbara Hume, Allison Larocca, Belinda MacDonald, Pam Markus, Louise Proffer, Rebecca Solomon and Lynda Stackhouse. Ms. Richardson was beaming as she sat on her "new" sofa, knowing that she and her children finally have a roof over their heads. CAC rocks!

Kristina Bryn, Welfare Chair



Barb Hume as Truck driver



Ms. R. was overwhelmed by a Gift basket made by Rebecca Solomon



Pam M's car was filled with everything the young mother could need for household goods! Thanks to everyone who shopped!



Allison Larocca and her daughter with boyfriend donated and helped loading a bedroom set in the Uhaul with Barb, Lynda and Pam M.



Announcements

Great Cultural Engagement Opportunities for your Organizations!

CAC's mission is to help fill the gaps for children whose needs are not always met by social service programs, and a cultural education is an integral part of a child's creative well-being.

Did you know Rebecca Solomon, (member since 2020) is not only a CAC liaison for Northside Elementary but also a 'Friend' for the NSU Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale? "As a Friend, I gather information about programs that would benefit CAC partner organizations, such as MOTM, Museum On The Move. This program buses Broward County elementary school students to the MOA to visit the current exhibits and enjoy a "hands on" session. As a board member, I organize field trips for our members to visit other museums and cultural entities in Broward and Palm Beach counties."

There's no better place for hope to take root than nourishing a child's imagination for a better tomorrow.

Please contact Rebecca for more information about the FREE MOTM program.



Hello Ladies,
Prayers are needed for Teri Ingalls. Teri joined CAC in 1991 and is currently a Lifetime member. She was President 1995-1997 and served on many other committees over the years. Her daughter called Sue Miller to let us (her friends) know that she is currently at Holy Cross Hospital. She had not been eating or drinking and collapsed before her caregiver arrived to the house. She would love cards to brighten her day! She will be at Holy Cross for a little while so feel free to reach out to her and bring her some joy!

Thanks, *Laura A. Balistreri-Ahmed*

Holy Cross Hospital
4725 N Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale FL 33308
Room 678, Teri Ingalls



BAMM

Broward Attractions & Museums Month
September 2024 **BOGO OR FREE ADMISSIONS!**

Discover Cultural Treasures... in Your Back Yard!

Adventures await you, right outside your door! Discover new artists or ancient artifacts, ride on a riverboat or an airboat, explore a botanical garden or a historic house, roller skate around the rink or feed a flamingo... and so much more!

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE ADMISSION!*

*Visitors may buy one regular price admission and get a second admission of equal or lesser value for free. Participating organizations may have additional restrictions or blackout dates, as well as additional show times available. Please check attraction's website, or call for details 5 hours of operation before visiting. 9-1 to 9-30, 2024

MORE INFORMATION AT: www.facebook.com/BAMMsfl

Use code "BAMM" at checkout for BOGO Admission to Stranahan House all September long!

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

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Back to Basics



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

August 6, 2024,

Children's Aid Club
Attn: Ms. Barbara Hume, Welfare Organization Chair
3296 N Federal Hwy, Unit 1503
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339-8422



Subject: Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Support – Impacting Young Lives

Dear Ms. Hume,

Greetings from all of us at Back to Basics. We are truly grateful for your continued support and the generous donation of \$17,500.00 to our uniform program this August 1, 2024, check # 4255.

This donation will contribute to the expansion of our Uniform program. This year we completed the Uniform program with 23,000 bottoms and 30,000 tops delivered to students who attend one of the 60 schools we serve here in Palm Beach County. The uniform program expansion for 2024 provided additional uniform tops and bottoms to seven elementary schools: Belle Glade, Canal Point, Glade View, Govc, Pahokee, Pioneer Park, Rosenwald, and Lake Shore Middle School. The children attending these schools have the greatest need within our county.

As we approach September, we are seeking the community's support for our Angel program. This year we will serve over 10,000 children, making our 40th year of operations a banner year for over 20,000 local children in need.


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.

The generous support aids us in meeting 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.

The IRS recognizes Back-to Basics, Inc. under Section 501(c)(3) as an entirely volunteer-driven nonprofit organization. We invite you to explore our website at <https://backtobasicsinc.org> to learn more about our efforts.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude once again for your donation.

Sincerely,


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

CC Beverly Perham
Kelle Enriquez



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Thank You!

June 10, 2024

Dear Childrens Aid Club,

On behalf of North Side Elementary, I am writing to extend our heartfelt and sincere thank you for the generous donations that Childrens Aid Club has made to our school. Your support means the world to us! Without it, we would not be able to have the impact we do on our community.

Your generosity has allowed us to provide supplies, incentives, and rewards to motivate students, resulting in increased student achievement across all grades. Please trust that our students, our student's parents, and school staff are successful because of conscientious partners, such as Childrens Aid Club, who continuously provide the assistance and support needed. It is with the support of caring individuals and organizations like yours that our school continues to thrive and create a positive learning environment for our students.

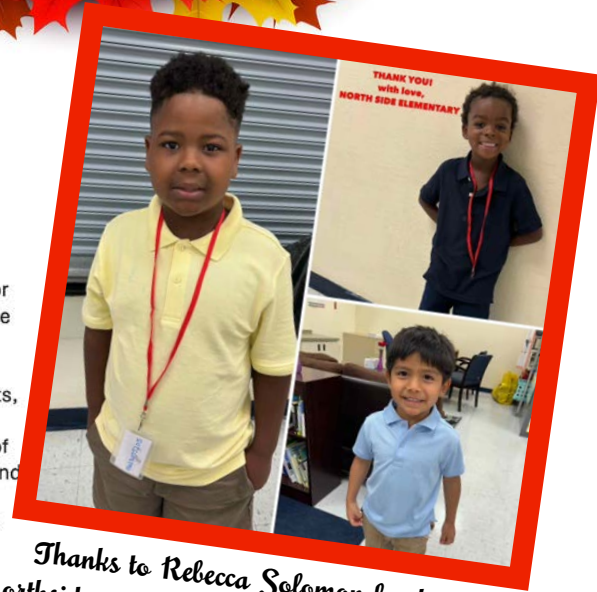
We are truly grateful for your partnership and hope you know how much we appreciate your commitment to our community. Thank you once again for your valuable contributions.

Sincerely,



Heilange Porcena
Principal

Educating Today's Students to Succeed in Tomorrow
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Thanks to Rebecca Solomon for helping Northside receive 200 headsets and 120 pieces of uniforms for the beginning of school!



Thank you so much for all who contributed to the Marilyn Markus Fund. Marilyn's daughter, Pam, is overwhelmed by the support. The fund raised \$5,560! "Mom would be so moved to know she will continue to help children in need even posthumously!"

Thank You CAC!

HAND UP CAMPAIGN



With Love
from Equine-Assisted Therapies!

Thank you so very much for your support and the support of the CAC. Our families are always so grateful and surprised to receive your amazing gifts. We hosted a “barn bash” for our families at the beginning of the month, and I was able to capture photos of the families that were supported through the “Hands Up” Campaign. They were over the moon!

Molly



Molly Murphy, MPA – Executive Director
Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida
www.equineatsf.org – office 954-974-2007



Happy Birthday



Janice Bloomfield surrounded by all five grandchildren on her birthday, July 23rd!



Sandy Noonan's view of Lake Tahoe!

Happy SEPTEMBER Birthday



Gina Bono-Jenkins
9/1



Angie Bizzarro
9/11



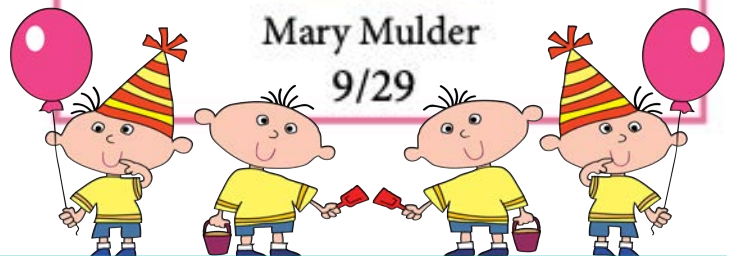
Sara Rashti
9/11



Julie Newton
9/24



Mary Mulder
9/29



Hi Ladies

I know we are a little early, but it will be here before we know it!
Thanksgiving and Holiday Forms will be due **Thursday, Oct 31st**
4 Families for **Thanksgiving per organization**
3 Families for **Christmas per organization**

Please use **BLACK PEN** and **PRINT CLEARLY** (FORMS are attached)

Please send forms to sandyknoonan@gmail.com and CC to Louise Proffer plproffer@aol.com
Please use the forms attached. (Yes I will be sending reminders.) 😊

Sandy Noonan





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

Size Size **Please List Hobbies, sports, favorite teams, favorite characters, favorite colors**

1. _____
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: _____



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 M

2. _____ F M

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4. _____ F M

5. _____ F M

6. _____ F M

CAC Member is:

PHONE number is:

Thank you!

For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar.

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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Severe Weather Make-up Days: TBD