

November Newsletter 2025



Children's Aid Club

Our Mission is to positively impact the health, general welfare and education of underprivileged children in our community.



Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.
John F. Kennedy

President's Message:

Our Season of Giving is off to an incredible start, and I am filled with gratitude for your efforts as well as the generosity that continues to shine through our community. Our Welfare Committee worked with our Liaisons to complete the Feeding Families Campaign that provided additional food for 235 families (441 Adults and 684 children). With our Thanksgiving initiative underway we will be able to help provide nourishment for even more families this year. Each basket represents not just a meal, but hope,

comfort, and a reminder that no one is forgotten this season.

As we move into Christmas, we need to be mindful and understanding that we all have different needs during the holidays. Don't forget to focus on gifts (and quantity of gifts) that are practical for each family's situation. Remember that giving to a child in need is about meeting essential needs or bringing joy, comfort and happiness where there might otherwise be very little.

Lastly, as we go into the season of giving thanks, stop and look around. We are all surrounded by so many blessings as well as things and people we may take for granted. Be sure to take a moment to appreciate what you have, hug the people around you, and extend an extra smile or kind gesture to someone you don't know. You never know the impact your small gesture can make in their life.

Thank you for helping us make this season brighter for those in our community that need it. Together, we are spreading love, gratitude, and generosity—one family at a time.

With Heartfelt Thanks,
Laura A. Balistreri

In this newsletter you can expect:

- ◆ Spotlight Article
- ◆ Board Updates
- ◆ Minutes
- ◆ Financial Reports
- ◆ Welfare Report
- ◆ Community Impact Photos
- ◆ Member News & Birthdays
- ◆ Event Calendar

Save the Dates:

Board Meeting: TBA
Nov. 4th- Tuesday
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General Meeting
Nov 11th - Tuesday - 9:30am
Tomorrow's Rainbow
4341 NW 39th Ave.
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Hosting:
Ghislaine Martin
Kristina Bryn
*If you are unable to come:
Call Valerie Taylor

November Spotlight



Devotional (Board mtg.)

There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life - happiness, freedom, and peace of mind- are always attained by giving them to someone else.



Devotional (Gen. Mtg.)

There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer. With it beats the spirit of service, generosity and compassion and the health and well-being of our community, our country and our world. Kobi Yamada

Exciting Grant News!

CAC is proud to announce we have been awarded two grants totaling \$32,500! **The Gore Foundation**, impressed by CAC's ability to match the funds and our accountability, awarded a second grant of **\$22,500!** Plans are currently underway to determine the most impactful use of these funds.

A **\$10,000** grant from **The Episcopal Church of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Martin** in Coral Springs will launch the



Tiny Blessing Bundles Program, created by Jacalyn Murray, to support new mothers with essential items such as infant car seats, pack-and-play cribs, formula, diapers, and wipes.

As part of the grant requirements, only our North Broward partnerships are eligible. These include Hope

Women's Health Center, Henderson Behavioral Health Center, Mary Ann's Closet, and the Pompano Campus of Broward Partnership for the Homeless.

A huge thank you to our **Ways and Means Committee** for their dedication to serving our community!

TNT Luncheon Preparations

The theme of Taste 'n' Tell 2026 is Giving Hearts: our hearts with all we do for the less fortunate and our guests' hearts for their support and financial contributions to enable us to help so many. The **Save-the-Date** is ready to be emailed, and everyone will receive one from Linda Ianelli so you can email it directly to your guests. It's always more personal when the invitation comes from you! Also, our **Underwriting Packages** have been sent to businesses and supporters. If you'd like a package to share with your connections, please contact Linda Ianelli and we'll get one to you.

Menu Committee Update

Sue Black hosted a tasting for the Menu Committee, along with the TNT Co-Chairs Linda and Barbara. Then, on the 22nd of October, the Menu Committee met with Dan and Elaine to finalize the menu. We will be serving the three appetizers and one dessert that were selected at our Holiday Party in December. The chef has recommended a chicken pot pie in a puff pastry shell for our entrée. Elaine will ask permission for us to use the salad bar area for the Bake Sale. Each active member is required to bake \$40 worth of items to sell or donate \$40.



Invitations & Guest List

The invitations will be going to the printer in early November, and we will address them at our December meeting at the warehouse. A sign-up sheet for raffle baskets will be distributed at the November meeting. Remember that we work in teams of two or three to come up with the over-the-top baskets we're known for. As always, the success of Taste 'n' Tell depends on every member's participation.

Please review your TNT Guest List and send any updates to Linda Ianelli at caclindaianelli@gmail.com. Keeping our list accurate ensures smooth communication with our guests. We know we can count on you!

November General Meeting

Tomorrow's Rainbow

Tuesday, November 11th at 9:30. Come EARLY!!

4341 NW 39th Ave, Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Located west of Turnpike, east of Lyons Road, between Wiles Road and Sample Blvd. PLEASE enter from Wiles Rd only, and Turn South on NW 39th Ave. Turn Left at Green Gates.



News You Can Use



Holiday Shopping Timelines

Tuesday November 11th – at our general meeting the pairings between sponsors and families will be distributed to all liaisons. If it is done before this date it will be emailed to you at that time.

Friday November 14th – all liaisons should have contacted the sponsor with their family name and the family form wish list. If done on this date it will give sponsors 3 full weeks to return gifts to you.

Friday December 5th – all sponsors should have their family gifts returned to the liaison. You may want to give them an earlier date to make sure you get them by the 5th. Arrange for pick up or delivery.

Warehouse shopping days: **All Days from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM**

Monday November 17 – Sandy

Tuesday November 18 - Louise

Wednesday November 19 – Sandy



We will need wrappers for the above dates so please sign up with Sandy if you are available those days and times to help at the warehouse.



Please let Sandy know the day and time you'd like to shop to avoid too many members being at the warehouse at the same time.

Members with keys: You can shop at the warehouse after 1:00 pm on November 17, 18 and 19th. Please do not show up before 1:00 pm. From November 20th through December 2nd you may shop anytime, there are no time restrictions. If you need wrappers you will need to ask members to help you wrap on the day you are going to the warehouse or ask a friend to shop with you and help you wrap.

We will get the gc's to you as soon as we can, certainly no later than at the Dec. 11th general meeting .

Thank you, Sandy and Louise



Holiday Appeal and Shopping Tips

It's not too late to adopt a family for the holidays! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Sandy or Louise. If a family is available, you will receive information about the family's gender, age, clothing size, shoe size, and hobbies.

Members are welcome to shop in the warehouse for clothing, games, arts and crafts, dolls, and so much more. While we love to shower our adopted families with gifts, it's important to remember that many children are currently living in shelters or temporary housing, with relatives or guardians and may not have their own bedroom or a home.

Our empathy and compassion shine through in thoughtfulness, not in the quantity of gifts. A single gift chosen with heart can brighten a child's holiday more than many gifts given without thought. And gifts may come in all shapes and sizes, but the greatest gift we can give is the message that each child is seen, valued, and loved.

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Board Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)

October 14, 2025



Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Laura Balistreri

Devotional – Linda Ianelli read a quote about the three things we crave and how they mean more when we give them to someone else.

Approval of Minutes from September 2025 – Belinda McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes. Valerie Taylor seconded motion and minutes were approved.

Membership – Valerie asks if the inserts for the Black Books will be ready for the General Meeting. Sandy Noonan reports that they are ready and she has them to distribute at the meeting next week. There are three prospective members: Michelle Holtzhauser, Randa Flinn and Angie G. Bizzarro. They have been active in club activities thus far and Valerie asks the board about inducting early. According to the By-laws the prospects name, contact information and sponsors name needs to be published in the monthly newsletter for three consecutive months. Julie Newton suggests each new member submit a short Bio for the next newsletter and that will start their 3 months to be mentioned. That way, they will be mentioned Nov/Dec/Jan and can be voted in as members in January before Taste 'n' Tell. Valerie will notify each prospect to do this.

Ways and Means – Belinda shares it is all about grants right now. CAC has received the Gore Family Grant for the 2nd year and it is not quite as restrictive this time. The Episcopal Church of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Martin approved CAC for \$10,000. Now we need to roll out the “Blessing Bundles” program.

Treasurer – Barbs report

Checking Account	\$ 44,444.56	Schwab Account	<u>\$346,159.31</u>
Total	\$390,603.87.		

This balance includes \$22,500 just deposited from the Gore Family Grant.

We had to transfer \$30,000 from Schwab to checking to pay for the Walmart cards for the Feeding Families campaign which cost \$42,400.

Our credit card bill was paid on October 2nd in the amount of \$9,843.50.

Welfare – Kristina (see report) Organizations have received \$32,083.13, there were no special requests. Gift Cards on Hand at 8/31/2025: \$ 6,165.00. There was one emergency request and no individual requests.

Corresponding Secretary – Janice B. thanks monthly donors Gabriele Conrad and Peter Stramiglia. No new thank yous were received.

Unfinished Business –

- Feeding Families campaign- Gift Cards for food only will be ready by Wednesday
- Thanksgiving forms are due October 29th, Christmas forms are due Oct. 31st. Shopping at warehouse will be November 17, 18, 19.
- Holiday Appeal response cards are due October 16
- Back to Basics- Volunteers are needed for Thursdays in October for wrapping, see newsletter for dates and directions.
- Equine Assisted Therapy fundraiser- Nov 1, Caroline has enough volunteers.
- TNT-There was a meeting for the Committee Chairs on 10/7/25. There will not be a December tasting as in the past due to the Yacht club having issues with this. The menu will be served for the CAC Holiday party and recipes will be given out ahead of time. A date and place for the Holiday party is still being determined. The Bake Sale will be inside and each member is expected to contribute \$40 worth of baked goods or cash. Linda I. will be handling the reservations for Pam Ferrante. The Holland America Cruise was again obtained for the raffle. There was a discussion about using dues for the After-Party. It was suggested that maybe the monthly meeting raffles could cover it. Also discussed was the \$25,000 earned in interest and whether some of that could be used to cover it. Barb will speak with the accountant regarding using some of the interest for operating costs and being able to direct a portion of the dues to help defray member costs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Minutes recorded by Becky Ford, recording secretary.

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General Meeting Minutes at Henderson Behavioral Health
October 14, 2025



Meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by President Laura Balistreri

Devotional – Linda Ianelli read a quote by Kobi Yamada, “*There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer. With it beats the spirit of service, generosity and compassion....*”

Approval of Minutes from September 2025 – Valerie Taylor mentioned in the minutes it says Suzee Bailey was leaving CAC but Valerie reports she will now be staying as an auxiliary member. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Heather Knight, second by Valerie Taylor and minutes were approved by membership.

Membership – Valerie took roll call, then reported that the three prospective members: Michelle Holtzhauser, Randa Flinn and Angie G. Bizzarro will be submitting information for the next newsletter and then publishing it for the next three months so these ladies can be officially inducted as members.

Ways and Means – Belinda McDonald shared news that two grants have been received. CAC has received the Gore Family Grant of \$22,500 for the 2nd year and it is not quite as restrictive this time. The Episcopal Church of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Martin approved CAC for \$10,000. Now we need to roll out the “Blessing Bundles” program, each bundle will contain a carseat, Pack’n’Play, diapers and wipes. Four of our organizations will be receiving these bundles. Pam Markus will inform these organizations of the opportunity for them to receive these packages. Belinda and Jacalyn Murray will be attending a gala on Friday to receive this grant. A grant application will be submitted to JM Family Foundation soon. CAC has received over \$70,000 in Grants the past two years.

Regarding organizations, Pam M. suggests all liaisons ask their organizations what their critical needs are now to ascertain where CAC can be of help to them (is it lunch programs, are teachers talking about certain students needs, etc.).

Treasurer – Barb Hume’s report (given per Jacalyn Murray)

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Welfare – Kristina Bryn- (see report) Organizations have received \$32,083.13, there were no special requests. Gift Cards on Hand at 8/31/2025: \$ 6,165.00. There was one emergency request (which was presented for Noah <\$500) and no individual requests. The Feeding Families Campaign has been completed with 441 adults, 684 children and 235 families being served through this program. Broward Schools are having a huge attendance problem and trying to provide families incentives for attendance. Some schools are interested in doing a “crockpot program” which can be done by a Special Request. Laura thanked the liaisons for all they do for the CAC organizations.

Corresponding Secretary – Janice Bloomfield thanks monthly donor Peter Stramiglia. Gabriele Conrad was thanked for her \$500 Gift of Kindness donation. Received a \$5000 gift from the Angela Whitman Foundation for the Holiday Appeal. Forty-four checks have been received for the Holiday Appeal so far.

Unfinished Business –

- Feeding Families campaign- Gift Cards for food only and are ready to be distributed by the liaisons.
- Thanksgiving forms are due October 29th, Christmas forms are due Oct. 31st. Shopping at warehouse will be November 17, 18, 19 a sign-up sheet went around for shopping and wrapping volunteers. Those with warehouse keys can begin shopping on 11/17 after 1:00 pm.
- Back to Basics- Volunteers are needed for Thursdays in October for wrapping, see newsletter for dates and directions. Help from CAC has had low attendance, and an appeal was made for help this week. Members are to contact Pam Markus if they can help.
- Equine Assisted Therapy fundraiser- Nov 1, Caroline has enough volunteers.
- TNT-There was a meeting for the Committee Chairs on 10/7/25. The invitation and Save the Date are being worked on. Underwriting packages are available, let Linda Ianelli know if you need one. It is a kit that can be sent electronically. If you need the letters to solicit donations, they are available on the website. There will not be a December tasting as in the past due to the Yacht club having issues with this. The menu will be served for the CAC Holiday party and recipes will be given out ahead of time. Jeanne Dixon is working on a date and place for the Holiday party. The Bake Sale will be held inside and each member is expected to contribute \$40 worth of baked goods or cash. Linda I. will be handling the reservations for Pam Ferrante. The Holland America Cruise was again obtained for the raffle. Members are encouraged to start working now on their raffle baskets and silent auction items. Please use the grid so others can see what you are working on. The menu committee will be meeting at LYC on 10/22.
- Holiday Mingle Jingle and Shop is Dec. 12 at LYC Jeanne asks for signage for event and Laura said she will make some. Members are asked to provide baked items. Doors will open at 8:30 am to deliver your items or you can deliver prior to Laura at her house. There will be an AM shift 09:00-12:30 and a PM shift 12:30-4:00.

Caroline Courtney made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Louise Proffer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Minutes recorded by Becky Ford, recording secretary.



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Profit and Loss

August - September, 2025



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	287.14
Donations	5,404.15
Memorial	130.00
Total Donations	5,534.15
Dues	3,375.00
Total Income	\$9,196.29
GROSS PROFIT	\$9,196.29
Expenses	
Charity	
Back to Basics	20,000.00
Bennett Elementary	1,380.97
Blessed Sacrament	1,680.00
BPHI	578.32
Broward Health	1,250.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	2,636.72
Croissant Park Elementary	500.00
Cross Creek School	309.05
Cypress Elementary	294.53
Donors Choose.org	1,319.02
God's Little Lambs	4,748.57
Henderson Behavioral Health	907.51
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	112.99
Total Holiday Baskets	112.99
Hope Women's Center	2,065.00
Individuals	
Curiel Family	429.00
Florence Louis Family	2,355.00
Foux Family	512.95
Santiago Family	2,540.00
Total Individuals	5,836.95
JJCF	2,250.00
Light of the World Clinic	5,725.00
Northside Elementary	2,110.98
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	1,649.85
PACE	788.69
Pompano Beach Middle School	2,490.00
The Little Schoolhouse	5,028.12
Tomorrow's Rainbow	1,650.00
Total Charity	65,312.27
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	700.00
Total Contract Services	700.00
Office Supplies	57.84
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	76.00
Total Operations	76.00
Sunshine	105.00
Warehouse Expenses	66.34
Total Expenses	\$66,317.45
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -57,121.16
NET INCOME	\$ -57,121.16



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Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2025



	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	34,720.58
Schwab Investment Fund	373,705.89
Total Bank Accounts	\$408,426.47
Other Current Assets	
Publix Food Cards	4,500.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	1,800.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$6,300.00
Total Current Assets	\$414,726.47
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-7,056.95
Total Leasehold Improvements	1,111.27
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,111.27
TOTAL ASSETS	\$415,837.74
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	13,185.62
Total Credit Cards	\$13,185.62
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Funds - Megan's Fund	381.72
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$381.72
Total Current Liabilities	\$13,567.34
Total Liabilities	\$13,567.34
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	291,550.35
Net Income	-57,121.16
Total Equity	\$402,270.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$415,837.74

Hot off the Press!!!

From Louise and Sandy

The Thanksgiving Basket

Numbers are just in for this year!

25 organizations

102 families

202 adults

307 children

We Spent a Total of
\$23,800 in Walmart
Food Gift Certificates!

Way to Go CAC!!!

WELFARE REPORT for October's Board & General Meeting. 9/1/2025 to 9/30/2025

Organizations:		Gift Cards on Hand at 8/31/2025:	
Back to Basics	\$ 20,000.00	Publix Cards:	
BPHI	\$ 505.71	450 \$10 cards at \$9.70 each	\$4,365.00
CDTC	\$ 2,608.10	Walmart Cards:	
Croissant Park Elementary	\$ 500.00	36 \$50 cards	\$1,800.00
Cross Creek Elementary	\$ 309.05	Aldi cards:	
Cypress Elementary	\$ 294.53	0 \$25 cards	\$0.00
God's Little Lambs	\$ 3,452.97	Total on Hand:	\$6,165.00
Henderson Behavioral Health	\$ 460.32	Special Request Fund:	None
Hope Women's Center	\$ 590.00		
Our Father's House	\$ 59.85		
Pace Center	\$ 788.69		
Pompano Beach Middle	\$ 2,490.00		
The Little Schoolhouse	\$ 23.91		
Total:	\$ 32,083.13		

Emergency Requests:

Noal Curiel: Gina Bono Jenkins – On September 23 our honorary member Gina Bono Jenkins wrote the welfare committee asking if we could possibly help a 17 year old boy named Noah. Her dear friend Tammy and her husband Jay took Noah in when his mother abandoned him. Noah was a classmate and friend of their son. He lived with them and attended school for a couple years (off and on) until his dad took him to North Carolina. Fast forward: Noah's dad was killed by a drunk driver. After this, a family member stepped up to take Noah. He was bounced around from relative to relative and on Sunday September 21 Noah's uncle dropped him off at Tammy and Jay's house. He said there was an emergency and he would come back for him. Noah's mother is homeless and does not have contact with him. Noah's immediate need was to have a dental check-up as he had a molar that was infected. Welfare committee asked Vanessa to check with Light of the World, our new organization, to see if they had contacts with dental offices. On September 26 Noah had an appointment with Wave Dental in Pompano Beach. They did a thorough check up and indeed his molar needed to be extracted. The extraction was done the same day. Welfare approved the dental check up for \$99 and the extraction for \$330.00. The amount of \$429.00 needs to be ratified at the October meeting.

September Total: \$429.00

(The board approved and addition \$300 in Walmart Food cards and further dental work in the sum of \$1,605.00 that will be due in November.)

Individual Requests: None



Our Save the Date! Designed by Suzee Bailey



Our 'Heartfelt' Invitation designed by Becky Ford

**Notes from Taste 'n' Tell
Chairs Committee Meeting
October 7, 2025
Theme "Giving Hearts"**

Attending: Janice Bloomfield, Caroline Courtney, Vanessa Diaz-Font, Belinda McDonald, Rebecca Solomon and Barbara Hume (in person). Laura Balistreri-Ahmed, Kristina Bryn, Jacalyn Murray, Julie Newton and Sandy Noonan (on Google Meet).

Stylin' Team:

Menu – The committee has been reviewing recipes all summer. The Team Leaders were invited to a tasting last Thursday and couldn't decide from the five appetizers served. Sue Black has arranged to meet with her committee and the chef, Dan and Elaine on October 22nd. The chef will make the final decision as to which three appetizers we will serve. There will be no tasting luncheon after the December meeting. Instead, we will serve the TnT menu at our Holiday Social in December with members making the recipes.

Program – Abby Mosher from Tomorrow's Rainbow will be our speaker, highlighting how CAC has impacted TR.

Decorations -Vanessa displayed pictures of several possible centerpieces. She has a wholesale florist on Dixie near Commercial who can make the centerpieces for about \$20 each plus the cost of a vase. The centerpieces will have a heart made out of palm fronds. She also is looking at purchasing a backdrop for the photo area and making a backdrop for the stage area.

After Party – Rebecca and Janice have procured the Pam Markus's clubhouse for the party on February 26, 2026 at 11:30 and arranged for a caterer. Cost would be \$37 to \$39 per person, and they wish to invite some of our major donors (Irene Feldman, Georgie Wright, etc.). Jacalyn asked if we could use our accumulated

interest on the Schwab account to cover the cost rather than having members pay. Barbara will check with our accountant.

Architect Team:

Invitations – Linda is working on the draft of the invitation. We are using the style we used in 2023.

Reservations/Table Assignments – Linda will work with Tara on responses for the luncheon and is having the response cards come to her house.

Timeline and Script – Valerie and Belinda will develop the timeline and script.

Golden Goose Team:

Underwriting – Linda has the underwriting packet ready.

Bake Sale - Will be moved inside so our guests will be walking through the Silent Auction to get to the bake sale. Every active member is required to bake \$40 worth of items or pay \$40; Gail is the apprentice under Jeanne. We will have someone checking off as baked goods are delivered so we can be sure everyone is participating.

Raffle/Silent and Live Auctions – We are always looking for new items for the Live Auction. Julie has provided information on weekend and one-week trips that are quite reasonable. We will not have Gordon solicit donations for Gifts from the Heart. Several people mentioned it was very awkward. We will have cards on the table for "Giving Hearts" donations. Caroline will check with Gordon Latz to be sure he is physically able to be our auctioneer.

Thank You Notes – Janice and Sheri will write thank yous. We may want to find one more member to help after the luncheon for those who didn't attend.

Prayer – It was discussed that we will have Laura give the grace before lunch.

2025
October

Feeding Families

Children's Aid Club's Feeding Families Campaign Feeds Hundreds!



God's Little Lambs
Assistant Director, Denise, receives the envelope of food cards to help 10 families!

Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center

Director Dr. Anna Calderon Randazzo and Sandy Noonan, longtime liaison and friend.

24 Grateful Organizations!

- Bennett Elementary School
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- Broadview Elementary School
- Broward Health Medical Center
- Broward Partnership for the Homeless
- Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center
- Cross Creek School
- Croissant Park Elementary School
- Cypress Elementary school
- Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida
- God's Little Lambs
- Henderson Behavioral Health
- Hope Women's Center
- Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation
- Light of the World Clinic
- The Little Schoolhouse
- Mary Ann's Closet
- Northside Elementary School
- Our Father's House Family Services
- PACE Center for Girls
- Pompano Beach Middle School
- Seagull Alternative School
- Tomorrow's Rainbow
- Whispering Pines Center



Together We Made A Difference!

In August, the idea blossomed. By September, it had become a full campaign. And in October, it came to life—hundreds of families received food cards to help offset rising grocery costs, limited assistance, and food insecurity.

Through the *Feeding Families Campaign*, the Children's Aid Club recognized an immediate community need as families faced increasing food costs and limited assistance. Partnering with 24 local organizations, the campaign reached **235 families—supporting 441 adults and 684 children**. This effort addressed a critical gap in food security and demonstrated CAC's ongoing commitment to providing practical, timely support to those most in need.

The Children's Aid Club's efforts are a shining example of compassion in action. What began as a simple idea became a powerful movement—proof that even a small group of determined women can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of many!



Tomorrow's Rainbow

Director Abby Mosher accepts the 10 envelopes, each addressed to a specific family with the amount based on the size of the family from her supportive liaison, Ghislaine Martin. Happy 25th Anniversary Tomorrow's Rainbow!!! Congratulations!



Little Schoolhouse (Right)

Each month during the school year, these little ones can't wait for their CAC birthday party—complete with presents, cake, and apple juice! The moment they spot those bright pink shirts, the cheers and smiles say it all!



God's Little Lambs (Left)
From Ghislaine Martin, Liaison: "Two very happy birthday girls. With a great team with Janice Bloomfield, Carole Falkanger, Heather Knight, and our new prospective member, Randa Flinn, it was a great party! Thank you to all!"

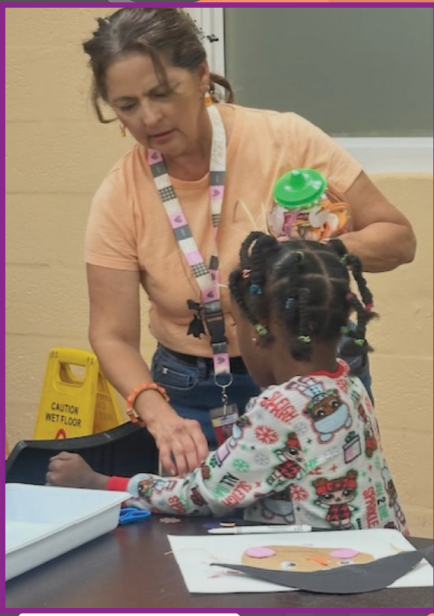
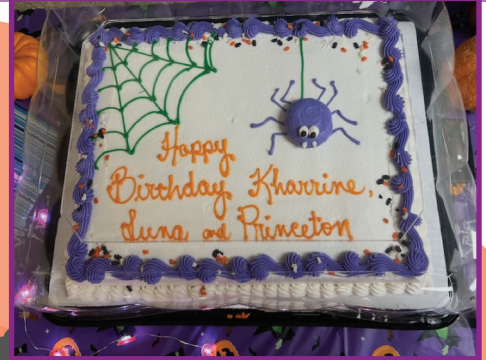
BROWARD PARTNERSHIPS

CAC Community Impact

FOR THE HOMELESS HALLOWEEN &

BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Liaisons Vanessa Diaz-Font & Valerie Taylor had some Halloween help from Blondie's Heather Knight and M&M's Randa Flinn!





Did You
Know?

Programs and Financial Distribution

Fiscal Year: August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025

Founded in 1955

CAC consists of:

26 Active Members

24 Auxiliary Members

2 Honorary Members

5 Lifetime Members

Total of 57 Members

26 Organization Partnerships



CAC provided programs and services that benefited 16,040 children last year!

Immediate Response Fund for Families

CAC assisted 16 individual families with 50 children, spending \$22,52.69.

CAC paid rent to avoid eviction, over due utilities, car insurance, car repair, or gas cards for work transportation; provided clothing, coats, uniforms, and shoes; and gave food gift cards to relieve food scarcity.

CAC spent a total charity of \$287,704.18 during the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year

Our Partnerships

CAC partnered with 26 schools, churches, and community organizations serving disadvantaged individuals by providing funds totaling \$165,599.32 to support 15,163 children!

Food Gift Certificates

CAC distributed food gift certificates totaling \$63,525.00 in holiday Baskets to families in need.

Holiday Baskets

CAC assembled baskets for **272 families**, consisting of **827 children** and spent \$66,036.29

Baskets are distributed to needy families yearly at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Recipients are referred to CAC by social workers, partner organizations, and individual members. Baskets combine donated goods, purchased goods, and food gift certificates.

Our CAC Prospective Members!
WELCOME! WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU!

Randa Flinn



I have been married to my dear and hilarious husband, Doug for 41 years. We have two lovely daughters (Carly and Alli), two awesome sons-in-law (Jordan and Nicolas), and three precious grandchildren (JJ, 7, Claire, 5, and Cara, 3). I'm blessed with incredible family and friends. I've just recently retired from Broward County Schools after 42 years in science education, and while I loved my career, I am enjoying retirement. My hobbies include birding, nature, cooking, reading, and now pickleball! Connection to children and doing for others are my motivations to join the Children's Aid Club (CAC). The exceptional organization of CAC, the impeccable clarity and allegiance to goals, the hard work of its members, the deep impact on the community, and pure intentions of helping children all combined to truly touch my heart and impress me; the kindness and genuinity of the members is the extra cherry on top! I feel privileged and humbled to get to serve alongside you all. I'm excited for the year ahead!

Michelle Holtzheuser



I am a professional realtor with Florida Luxurious Properties, licensed since 1997. I specialize in residential real estate in southeast Florida with an in-depth knowledge of waterfront homes featuring dockage for yachts.

I am a local Fort Lauderdale girl, married to my husband for 38 years and have three beautiful daughters.

I'm so excited to be a part of the CAC community!!!
So happy to help in any way I can.

Angie Graziano



I recently moved to the Fort Lauderdale area from upstate New York with my husband John, our two boys Joey (8) and Luca (7), and our half human half dog- Bernedoodle, Sonny. Before becoming "momager" to my kids and their many sports and activities, I worked as the Executive Director of several trade organizations with a specialty in event planning and public relations. These days, my schedule looks a little different; filled with school runs, practices, and lots of coffee, but I wouldn't trade it for anything!

In my free time, I love reading, writing, hiking, and getting outside for long walks with Sonny or beach days with my boys. I was first introduced to Children's Aid Club by my Aunt Annie (Angie Bizzaro) and was so impressed by the Taste and Tell event I attended. The dedication and heart of this group truly inspired me, and I'm so excited to now be part of it and help make a difference in our community together.

CAC Bulletin Board

BACK to BASICS

THANKS TO ALL THE WELVES IN THE ANGEL WORKSHOP! Barbara Hume, Caroline Courtney, Heather Knight, Becky and Brad Ford, and Pam M.



LYC BAKE SALE

Don't forget to plan to BAKE for the Mingle Jingle at Lauderdale Yacht Club on December 12th!

Best Sellers are:
Cookies, cupcakes, holiday breads & cakes!



Make sure to Mark if it has NUTS!!!!
Please use a CLEAR Tin so that

RAFFLES & LIVE AUCTION

The request letter for a donation is attached to this newsletter. Please print off several copies and keep in your car or purse. When you are shopping or dining out, compliment the manager by offering free advertisement in our TNT program if they donate a good or service for a charitable cause.
"It's for the Children!"



How to View the Vendors & Merchandise on the Google Grid?

Google Grid is the nine dots on the top right of your google browser. Click on Drive, shown below. Then look for the TNT 2026 Raffles file.
OR Our President sent a copy in her 10/29 email to everyone, but you may not be able to edit it.



MUSEUM ON THE MOVE 25/26 NSU ART MUSEUM IS HOSTING FREE FIELD TRIP 1.5 HOUR TOUR + ART ACTIVITY FREE TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM THE MUSEUM!

DON'T WAIT TO TELL YOUR SCHOOL OR GROUP ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

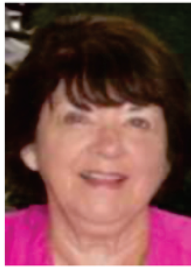
FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT REBECCA SOLOMAN!





Announcements

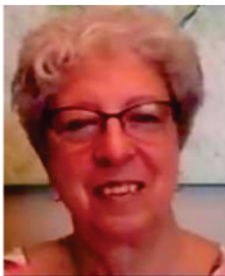
Happy NOVEMBER Birthday



Barbara Hume
11/4



Candy Moore
11/4



Linda Ianelli
11/10



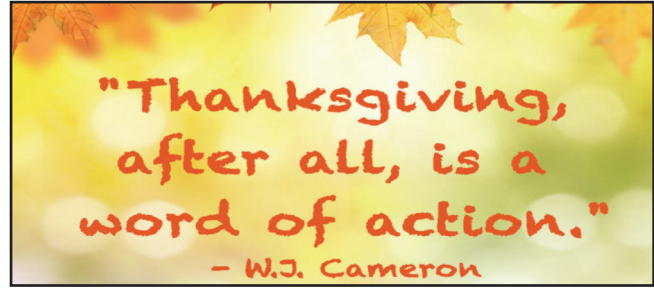
Reba Amdur
11/15



Kristina Bryn
11/18



Happy Birthday



Our Thoughts and Prayers
Ladies,
We are deeply saddened with the lost of William Ferrante, Pam's loving husband. There will be the wake on Monday, Mass with a Reception on Tuesday and burial in North Carolina on Friday. CAC will be "hosting" the reception at Pam's house after the church service on Tuesday. We are working with Pam on arrangements and will be in touch to let you know how you can help.



Wake:
Monday November 3rd
Viewing times: 2-4pm & 6-8pm
Wake Service: 7pm
Location: Baird-Case Jordan-Fannin
4343 N Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
954-492-4000
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/uACzcv8bA1iQ1RTZ7>

Funeral Mass:
Tuesday November 4th
Noon Mass
Location: St. Coleman Catholic Church
1200 S. Federal Hwy, Pompano Beach, FL
954-942-3533
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Gv22YUobR6xXJpbdA>

Reception to immediately follow Funeral Mass.
The Ferrante Home
3220 Spanish River Drive, Pompano Beach
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jjup2mtjVdwJowG29>

Burial:
Friday November 7th
10am
Location: Belmont Abbey
100 Belmont-Mt. Holly Rd, Belmont, NC
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZkEDRqRhQBABV4pFA>
Reception to immediately follow burial, on site.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to:
Children's Aid Club: <https://childrensaidclub.org>
MD Anderson Cancer Center: <https://gifts.mdanderson.org>



November Calendar 2025 *Children's Aid Club*

Saturday, November 1st

Horseshoe Hoedown

6 - 9:30pm Contact Caroline Courtney!
Equine Assisted Therapies
(Tradewinds Park North)
3600 W. Sample Rd.,
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Friday, November 14th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)

Birthday Party 10 - 11:30 am
Contact: Linda Ianello & Fran English

Tuesday, November 4th

Board Mtg TBA

Funeral Announcement on page 17

For November and December, the meetings are one week early

Wednesday, November 19th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)

Birthday Party 2:15 - 3:30 pm
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

Tuesday, November 11th

General Meeting: 9:30 am

Tomorrow's Rainbow
4341 NW 39th Ave
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

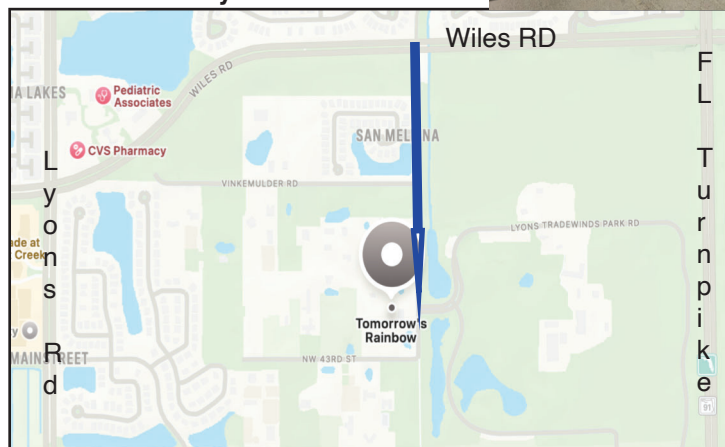
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Water provided but not coffee.

Directions From Director ABBY:

Please enter from Wiles Road only. Go South on NW 39th Ave until you reach the Green Gate. (only one on the street)! Do NOT go any other route Please! (Not like last year.)

Thank you!!!



Warehouse shopping days:
Dates shown below
from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Monday November 17th
Tuesday November 18th
Wednesday November 19th

Remember, those without a key will shop during these days and times. Those with a key should not. Thank you!





3296 N, Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339-8422

The Children's Aid Club (CAC) is a local charity celebrating 70 years of dedicated service to children and families in the South Florida community. Partnerships with businesses have always been vital to the success of fundraising efforts, and support is needed to make this milestone year truly memorable.

On February 3, 2026, CAC will host the annual "Taste 'n Tell" fundraising luncheon at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. This event will feature beautiful raffle baskets, a cruise raffle drawing, and both live and silent auctions. **Contributions are essential** to continue providing critical assistance to those in need.

In the past year, CAC provided emergency assistance to 54 individual families, impacting 138 children. A total of \$98,755.94 was allocated through the Welfare Committee to prevent evictions, avoid utility shut-offs, and provide essential needs such as transportation support (e.g., car repairs, insurance, and fuel cards), food gift certificates, school uniforms, clothing, shoes, hygiene items, childcare assistance, and after-school programming. In 2024, our Holiday Basket program, administered three times a year – Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter – served 281 families comprising 860 children. We are unable to do any of this without our community support. That means YOU!

As an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, CAC ensures that **100% of funds** raised go directly back into the community. More details about this mission can be found on our website, www.ChildrensAidClub.org.

A donation will make a significant impact on the success of this fundraiser. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are also available. Thank you for supporting local children and families in need.

Member of Children's Aid Club Contact # _____

This letter serves as your receipt. FOR TAX PURPOSES, no goods or services were provided in conjunction with this gift. Children's Aid Club is a 501(c)(3) organization in the State of Florida. The agency's state charitable identification number is SC-03868 and tax id number is 59-6194364. 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.



**Children's Aid Club
Acquisition Form**

2- Part Form – **Top portion** is for your use to get information to the Auction Committee for an offic 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: _____

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