



CAC Newsletter

February 2025

Message from our President



OK team, gather around!

The countdown is on—our 70th Anniversary Luncheon is just around the corner, and together, we have the incredible opportunity to make this event something special. As we gather on Monday, February 10th, for set-up, let's remember that everything we do matters. Every ounce of effort, every task we complete, brings us closer to our goal.

Our hard work isn't just about the event; it's about purpose. The heart of a volunteer is one dedicated to serving others, and we are here to help those in need—especially the children. We're working together to create something that will impact their lives in ways we may never fully see, but we know it will make a difference.

From baking those delicious treats for the bake sale to showing up on time, from setting up the venue to accomplishing our tasks—every detail counts. And let's not forget to wear our red or pink on Tuesday, to show that we're united in this mission!

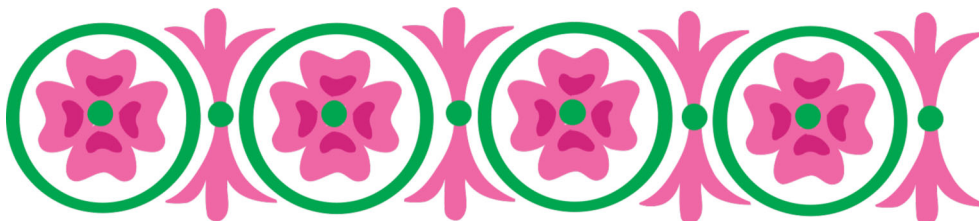
Each of us brings something unique to the table, but it's our teamwork that will make this day unforgettable. We're not just organizing a luncheon—we're dedicating ourselves to the children and giving them a gift that truly matters.

Let's make this 70th Anniversary Luncheon a huge success, one that reflects the love and dedication we've poured into it. Thank you for your commitment, your hard work, and your heart. And to our Team Leaders, you are truly INCREDIBLE!

Here's to a great fundraising luncheon and to making a lasting impact on the lives of children!

With great excitement,

Laura A. Balistreri



Meeting Dates & Times:

**Board Mtg Via
Google Meet**

No Board Meeting in February

TNT SET UP:

**Monday Feb. 10th
12:30pm - 3:30pm**

Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th St.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

**TNT 70th Luncheon!
TUESDAY, FEB. 11TH
9am - 4pm**

General Meeting:
Tuesday, 2/18/2025
at 9:30am

Laura Balistreri's Home
340 Lido Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Please try to carpool if possible.

Hosting:

Linda Ianelli
Belinda McDonald

Vice President's Corner



Board Meeting's Devotional Message

Your life's journey is a special one. Cherish every single day of your life. Because if you won't, who will? Time flies so quickly and every day is a blessing. Don't take it for granted. As you wake up every day, put your heart into every breath of yours. Be grateful to be able to dream, love, and have fun.

Morgan Freeman



General Meeting's Devotion

This message emphasizes living life to the fullest and taking risks.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails!

Explore, Dream and Discover!"
Mark Twain

This Month: Taste 'n' Tell! Celebrating 70 years of Dedicating Our Hearts to Children 1955-2025

Here we are! It's almost that time, just ten days away from our big event! We will be busy baking and wrapping up our gift baskets to showcase during that time. I know it will all look fantastic.

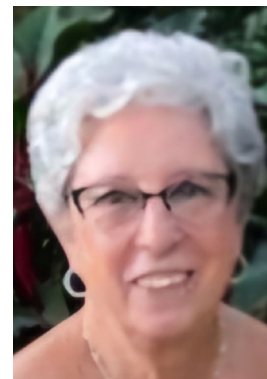
This event is the major fundraiser we present annually, but this year, it is exceptional. It celebrates the 70 years that this organization has grown to meet the needs of our underserved community. Last year, we reached more than 10,740 children. Hats off to every single one of you!!

Looking back, January was a month of saying goodbye to two very special members, Teri Ingalls and Linda Lynch. Several of us went to Teri's Funeral Mass and Linda Lynch's Celebration of Life. They say friends are the family we choose. We will miss you, our CAC sisters.

Our next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, at the home of Laura Ballistreri-Ahmed, located at 340 Lido Drive, Fort Lauderdale, 33301. If you cannot attend, contact Valerie Taylor, our Membership Chair.

Thank you for all you do!!

Linda D. Tanelli



Breaking News

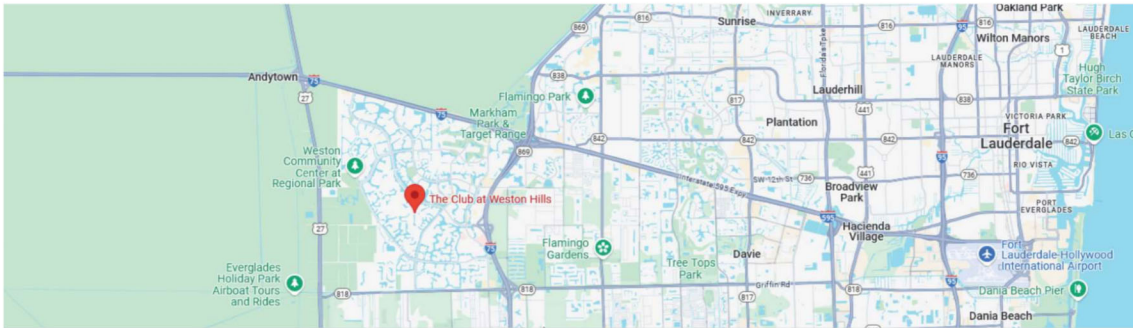
CASF GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC for 2025

Date changed to: **Monday, May 5th, 2025**

Time changed to: **noon tee off**

Location: **The Club at Weston Hills**

2600 Country Club Way, Weston, FL



This is a beautiful new location for us. It will be our first time holding the tournament on a Monday BUT....
it's Cinco de Mayo



Please mark the date on your calendar!
This is a fun, "all hands on deck" event that provides a significant portion of our yearly budget.

REMEMBER:

Donation Request & Acquisition letters are attached to this nesletter!!!

**5 RAFFLE ITEMS + 1 SILENT AUCTION
(from each CAC member) = \$50,000**

Children's Aid Club
Board Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)

January 14, 2025



1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:31 am by Laura B.
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
" **MOTION to Approve Minutes** - Approve December Minutes without corrections: Barb H. SECOND: Linda I. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
3. **Membership** – Valerie T.
Board members present: All but Kristina Bryn. Members present: Julie N., Louise P., and Vanessa D.
4. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.
A) Showker Donation of \$10,000 received a thank you on 12/16
B) Belinda is compiling a list for grant applications (including Leesburg family foundation).
5. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.
Checking: \$120,584.49
Schwab: \$266,820.73
Total: \$387,405.22
A) Credit card payment of \$21,702.64 was paid on Jan. 2nd, 2025; \$10,814.66 will be paid on Feb. 6th.
B) Received \$49,000 in TNT underwriting so far.
C) Working with Walmart to allow members tax exempt status when purchasing online.
D) An Operation Budget is in progress to help identify costs, i.e., social budget.
E) Gore Grant report is due May 31st, 2025. All \$21,335 of the Gore Grant has been spent, so the report can be sent. Next time, extend deadline to maximum timeframe.
F) GoDaddy requires renewal of our website's email. One year for about \$100.
" **MOTION to Approve the renewal of website's email (about \$100)**: Linda I. SECOND: Laura B. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
6. **Welfare** – Laura B. (Kristina B. absent)
December
Total Organizations: \$24,217.74
Total Special Request: \$338.00 (CDTC Car Seat)/Remaining total is \$13,012.00
Total Gift Cards: \$6,035.00.
A) No Individual Requests
B) Emergency Requests: Bisbau Family - \$153.99 for MS OFFICE & Laptop
" **MOTION to approve Bisbau's request for laptop** -.Pam Markus SECOND: Linda I. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
C) Gore Grant Complete. Out of the allotted funds, two schools did not complete the Grant's requirements for funding, thus, approximately \$8,771.35 remains. Discussion to give the money to Donor's Choose or hold on to the money to a later time and allocate the funds to our organizations that didn't originally benefit from the Grant.
" **MOTION to hold on to the funds for a later date**: Pam M. SECOND: Barb H. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
D) SweetDreamMakers.org provides beds to children who need one and is a good source for us.

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7. Corresponding Secretary – Janice B.

- A) Holiday Appeal received \$6,250 from Car Dealerships in connection with Laura B. THANKS Laura!
- B) Received Memorial donations for Linda Lynch and thank yous sent.
- C) Whispering Pines gives their heartfelt thanks to be a Gore grant recipient and would be happy to come to a meeting.

8. Unfinished Business -

- A) **TNT Architect** – Valerie T.– Thanks to everyone, esp. Linda I., Pam F. and Julie N. for getting the invitations out and reservations in. Father Bob will come with Bird prop, and Gordon Latz will be the Auctioneer. We will print one poster with sponsors to thank. No changes to the program.
- A. **TNT – Stylin’ Team** – Louise P. – Menu is set, and pictures will be taken for the program. Video and After party are complete. Assignments are nearly done. TNT packets will be distributed at the general meeting.
- B. **TNT - Golden Goose** – Raffle baskets/Silent Auction deadline is January 22! Bring items unwanted to meeting for others to use. Need to check Bake Sale cards, and remind all to Bake.

9. New Business –

- A) Laura B. will look into getting a new phone number for CAC that can be relayed to a member’s phone number. The present number is a 1-800 number tied to a gov’t agency.
- B) GoDaddy Issue for those wanting to buy TNT tickets. The link is lost on the website the second time you log on. Linda I. will sort it.

10. Adjournment: 11:10 am MOTION to Adjourn: Pam M. SECOND: Linda I.

Minutes were taken by Recording Secretary Pamela Markus

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Children's Aid Club
General Meeting Minutes at Hawthorne Village Clubhouse
January 21, 2025



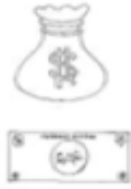
1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:31 am by Linda I for President Laura B. was absent
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
3. **Correction for the Minutes:** Remove “credit card will be paid on Dec 3rd,” to “credit card was paid on Dec 3rd,”
- “ **MOTION to Approve Minutes** - Approve December Minutes with correction: Barb H. SECOND: Jeanne D. ALL in Favor/NONE opposed
4. **Membership** – Valerie T.
Board members present: ALL but Laura B. (Belinda M. on Google Meet) and 21 members present.
Welcome to Stephanie Franio from Whispering Pines Center, a social/emotional behavior center.
5. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.
 - A) Appleseed Foundation/Showker Donation of \$10,000 received; a thank you sent on 12/16.
 - B) Belinda is compiling a list for grant applications. Still waiting for responses from Walmart, Publix and Aldi for gift card donations.
 - C) All liaisons who ordered Gore Grant items, please check with your orgs to make sure all items were received.
6. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.
Checking: \$161,852.05
Schwab: \$266,820.73
Total: \$428,672.78
 - A) Credit card payment of \$21,702.64 was paid on Jan. 2nd, 2025
 - B) Credit card payment of \$10,814.66 will be paid on Feb. 6th.
 - C) Received \$67,000 in TNT underwriting.
 - D) Received \$325 donations for Linda Lynch
 - E) Publix cards on hand are those ordered in August for Blessed Sacrament.
7. **Welfare** – Kristina B.
December
Total Organizations: \$24,217.74
Total Special Request: \$338.00 (CDTC Car Seat)/Remaining total is \$13,012.00
Total Gift Cards: \$6,035.00
 - A) No Individual Requests
 - B) Emergency Requests: Bisbau Family - \$153.99 for MS OFFICE & Laptop

- .. **MOTION to approve Bisbau's request for laptop** – Linda I. **SECOND:** Lynda S. **ALL** in Favor/**NONE** opposed
- C) Gore Grant Complete. Two schools did not complete the Grant's requirements for funding. Remaining funds are approximately \$8,771.35 and Board decided to hold on to the funds for a later date. The preliminary report has been submitted to Gore Foundation, but more receipts are still coming in and will do an audit for final report in the coming weeks. The final report is due May 31, 2025.
- 8. Corresponding Secretary** – Janice B.
- A) Holiday Appeal received \$6,250 from Car Dealerships in connection with Laura B. THANKS Laura!
- B) Received Memorial donations for Linda Lynch and thank you notes sent.
- C) Received beautiful thank from Blessed Sacrament, Northside Elementary, and the Johnson Family
- 9. Unfinished Business** -
- A) **TNT Architect** – Valerie T.– Thanks to everyone, esp. Linda I., Pam F., Becky F. and Julie N. for getting the invitations out and reservations in. Received 139 reservations so far.
- B) **TNT – Stylin' Team** – Louise P. –TNT packets were handed out to those with work assignments including information on Bake Sale. Afterparty will be at Laura B on March 6 at 11:30 and will be a high tea. Invitations are only to those who work at TNT. 40 people max. Cost \$35 each.
- C) **TNT - Golden Goose** – Raffle baskets/Silent Auction deadline is Jan. 22! Julie N is team leader for raffles, please label Baskets. All baked goods and raffle baskets delivered to LYC on Monday, Feb 10. Bake Sale is outside this year. All silent auction items need full description on grid.
- 10. New Business** –
- A) Recommendation to expand our reach to organizations by providing more gift cards, possibly as a budget item.
- B) Julie discussed the Construction Association of South Florida Golf Tournament which will be held at the Club at Weston Hills on Monday, April 21st with a tee time of 8:30 am. Each active member is responsible for bringing in 5 raffle items (value \$40 to \$50) and a silent auction item. The committee will be visiting the course this Thursday and will have more information at the next meeting.
- 11. Adjournment:** 10:59 am **MOTION** to Adjourn: Rena U. **SECOND:** Louise P.

Minutes were taken by Recording Secretary Pamela Markus

DRAFT 1/21/25. Signature: *Pamela Markus.* (electronic signature)

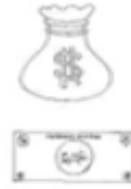




Children's Aid Club

Balance Sheet

As of January 16, 2025



	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	92,206.98
Schwab Investment Fund	265,865.59
Total Bank Accounts	\$358,072.57
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	225.00
Publix Food Cards	2,910.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	3,300.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$6,435.00
Total Current Assets	\$364,507.57
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	8,168.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-6,534.00
Total Leasehold Improvements	1,634.22
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,634.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$366,141.79
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	30,843.82
Total Credit Cards	\$30,843.82
Total Current Liabilities	\$30,843.82
Total Liabilities	\$30,843.82
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	237,456.46
Net Income	-69,999.70
Total Equity	\$335,297.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$366,141.79





Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss

August 1, 2024 - January 16, 2025



	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	1,177.07
Donations	58,776.75
Memorial	3,090.00
Total Donations	61,866.75
Dues	4,500.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	10,768.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
Cruise Raffle	700.00
Underwriting	6,000.00
Total Taste 'n' Tell	6,700.00
Total Fundraising Income	17,468.00
Interest Inc	3,927.48
Misc. income	1,846.66
Unrestricted Grant Funds - Gore Family Foundation	21,335.00
Total Income	\$112,120.96
GROSS PROFIT	\$112,120.96
Expenses	
Bank Charge	6.00
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	5,148.00
Blessed Sacrament	3,060.82
BPHI	585.40
Broadview Elementary	3,420.55
Broward Health	2,455.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	3,654.34
Croissant Park Elementary	500.00
Cross Creek School	4,094.45
Cypress Elementary	5,321.30
Donors Choose.org	7,025.36
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	6,000.00
God's Little Lambs	5,898.10
Henderson Behavioral Health	5,382.28
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	20,024.79
Thanksgiving	20,869.05
Total Holiday Baskets	40,893.84



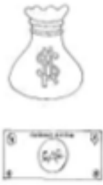
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Profit and Loss

August 1, 2024 - January 16, 2025



	TOTAL
Hope Women's Center	1,679.80
Individuals	
Bisbau Family	3,193.99
Curzio/Peoples Family	888.48
Ford Family	895.85
Germain Family	436.33
Joseph Family	400.00
Lawson Family	53.72
McCarthy Family	500.00
Morales Family	1,316.70
Richardson Family	355.62
Rolle Family	1,399.29
Total Individuals	9,439.98
JJCF	3,976.00
Mary Ann's Closet	1,346.48
Northside Elementary	5,839.66
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	2,277.07
PACE	5,613.97
Pompano Beach Middle School	1,990.00
Seagull Alternative School	4,099.35
The Little Schoolhouse	6,680.39
Tomorrow's Rainbow	16,000.00
Whispering Pines School	5,658.27
Total Charity	175,540.41
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	1,400.00
Total Contract Services	1,400.00
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Bake Sale	149.01
Decorations	122.83
Live Auction	1,000.00
Printing	966.00
Supplies	95.63
Total Taste & Tell	2,333.47
Total Fundraising Expenses	2,333.47
Misc	771.18
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	135.00
Total Operations	135.00



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Profit and Loss

August 1, 2024 - January 16, 2025



	TOTAL
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	508.03
Total Other Types of Expenses	508.03
Post Office Box	232.00
Postage	29.20
Socials	667.37
Sunshine	255.00
Warehouse Expenses	243.00
Total Expenses	\$182,120.66
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -69,999.70
NET INCOME	\$ -69,999.70

Gore Grant Totals

Organization	Awarded	Spent	Remaining	Notes
Bennett Elementary	\$3,500.00	\$3,384.88	\$115.12	
Broadview Elementary	\$3,500.00	\$3,245.00	\$255.00	
Croissant Park Elementary	\$3,500.00	-	\$3,500.00	Did not submit an application
Cross Creek School	\$3,500.00	\$3,437.90	\$62.10	
Cypress Elementary	\$3,500.00	\$3,466.78	\$33.22	
God's Little Lambs	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	
Northside Elementary	\$3,500.00	\$3,466.58	\$33.42	
Pace Center for Girls	\$3,500.00	\$3,479.16	\$20.84	
Pompano Beach Middle	\$3,500.00	-	\$3,500.00	Did not submit receipts or paperwork. Award forfeited.
Seagull Alternative School	\$3,500.00	\$2,624.35	\$875.65	
The Little Schoolhouse	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	
Whispering Pines Center	\$3,500.00	\$3,369.00	\$131.00	
TOTALS	\$42,000.00	\$32,973.65	\$9,026.35	

Organizations:

BPHI	\$	41.54
CDTC	\$	223.63
Croissant Park	\$	300.00
Cross Creek School	\$	269.00
Cypress Elementary	\$	458.83
God's Little Lambs	\$	37.48
Henderson Behavioral	\$	854.86
Hope Women's Center	\$	473.00
Mary Ann's Closet	\$	1,346.48
Pace Center for Girls	\$	881.40
Seagull Alternative	\$	875.00
Little Schoolhouse	\$	167.25
Tomorrow's Rainbow	\$	16,000.00
Whispering Pines Center	\$	2,289.27
Total:		\$24,217.74

Gift Cards on Hand at 12/31/2024:

Publix Cards:	
300 \$10 cards at \$9.70 each	\$2,910.00
Walmart Cards:	
4 \$100 cards	\$ 400.00
58 \$50 cards	\$2,900.00
Aldi cards:	
9 \$25 cards	\$ 225.00
Total on Hand:	\$6,035.00

Special Requests:

CDTC – Infant car seats \$338.00
 Remaining Special Fund \$13,012.00

Emergency Requests

Bisbau Family: Our Father's House-Barbara Hume, Liaison.

Barbara submitted an application for Isabelle's son, Felix. He started high school in the fall and because he does not have a computer, he has been falling behind in his grades. Isabelle would take him to the library on weekends to do his work, but his assignments were still not being handed in on time. We regarded it as an emergency since we wanted Felix to have a computer his last week of Christmas vacation so he could catch up before going back to school on January 6th. Welfare approved the application. Pam Markus found a great deal at the Best Buy near her home. She was able to purchase the Computer and a 15-month Microsoft Office subscription.

Total: \$153.99

A Day at the Races!

March 16th, 2025

Benefitting Equine-Assisted Therapies!

**at
Gulfstream Park**

For Tickets and more information!

Call 954-974-2007

or

www.equineatsf.org

The composite image contains three main sections:

- Map:** A map of Gulfstream Park showing the track layout and entrance points. Text: "Take I-95 South to Hallandale Beach Boulevard. Head East to the corner of US-1 and Hallandale Beach Boulevard. Gulfstream Park entrance points are located on Hallandale Beach Boulevard and US-1. Parking is available on the North and South sides of the track. Valet parking is available for a fee."
- Poster:** A green poster for "A Day at the Races" benefiting Equine-Assisted Therapies. Text: "JOIN US FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL A DAY AT THE RACES BENEFITTING Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida, Inc. SUNDAY MARCH 16TH, 2025 12:30-4:00PM Come when you can, leave when you must AT GULFSTREAM PARK"
- Form:** A donation form titled "YES I would like to support A Day at the Races by making a pledge at the following level:". It includes checkboxes for \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$750. Below are fields for Name, Address, Phone, Email, and Method of Payment (American Express, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or Check enclosed). It also has fields for Card Number, Exp. Date, and Cardholder Name.



BAKE SALE

Calling all our CAC Bakers!!!!

This is the time to show off your creative skills by providing your goodies for our annual bake sale! Bestsellers are always cakes, cookies, candies, fudge, breads, brownies, snack mixes and just about anything that does not need refrigeration!

We ask that you bake enough to bring at least \$30 into the coffers. Wrap it up pretty but visible and tightly sealed using Valentine's Day as the theme. List the name of the item on the "From the kitchen of" label (provided in this packet). Please make sure to note on the label if the recipe contains nuts or sugar-free or gluten-free. Recipes are not necessary.

Please bring your beautifully wrapped and ready to go Homemade Goodies to the Lauderdale Yacht Club in the morning of set up on **Monday, February 10, 12:30 to 2:00PM.** We will price them, so let us know if your item is particularly expensive to make.

Members will be allowed to purchase items at full price after the entire luncheon is over to make sure our guests are given a chance to purchase.

Please don't ask us to hold something for you or let you break the rules.....!
It's really very hard to say "NO" to such hard-working ladies.

PLEASE CARPOOL



**Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL**

Children's Aid Club Presents

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Dedicating Our Hearts
to Children

1955-2025

Years

Taste 'n' Tell 2025



Cut on Dotted line if in need!



MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENTION ALL CAC HELPERS!

Our 2025 Taste 'N' Tell luncheon is fast approaching and we need all hands on deck. Our event will take place at Lauderdale Yacht Club on Tuesday, February 11th. Set-up will be happening the day prior on Monday, February 10 beginning at **12:30**, so please mark your calendar now.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 12:30 - 3:30

On Monday come to the club with full stomachs! The club is officially closed and we will not have access to any food or drinks all day. **PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP EARLY** - give the yacht club time to set up the tables without interruptions or people getting in their way. If you are dropping off a raffle basket or baked goods **please do it between 12:30 - 2:00**. The club is allowing us to work from 12:30 to 3:30.

BAKE SALE - We ask that you bake enough to bring \$30.00 in sales. Best sellers are always cookies, fudge, breads, brownies and just about anything that **does NOT require refrigeration**. Bring your beautifully wrapped (in red, white, or pink) & ready to sell homemade goodies to the club on **Monday** between **12:30 - 2:00** so we can price them. Please be sure to note on the card "From the kitchen of Children's Aid Club" the name of your item and if the recipe contains **nuts**, is sugar free or gluten free. Baked goods will be collected and priced inside by the clubs salad bar.

BASKETS/SILENT AUCTION ITEMS - Please bring your raffle baskets and silent auction item to the club on **Monday** between **12:30 - 3:00**. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR BASKET MARKED WITH THE NAME OF THE BASKET AND DROP IT IN THE PAVILION AREA. IF YOU GIVE YOUR BASKET TO SOMEONE ELSE TO DELIVER PLEASE IDENTIFY IT WITH THE NAME.** If you have a cart that can be used, please bring it as it will help get the bigger baskets from the parking lot into the pavilion area.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 9:00 - 4:00 (?)

PARKING - We need members to **please carpool, Uber, or get dropped off** at the club. There is limited parking at LYC and with the number of guests we are expecting parking spots will become a problem.

Committee Chairs should arrive at 8:30 - members should arrive at 9:00 AM
Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and wear pink or red. Group picture will take place at 10 AM then you must go to your assigned work area. Lunch should be limited to 20 minutes maximum!

In Memory of Teri Ingalls



A Tribute to a Friend and Mentor, by Sue Miller

Teri Ingalls was a lifetime member of CAC. She brought me into the club in 1997. We worked on many projects together including layettes for over 10 years. Whatever the project, she always brought her kindness, compassion, and a wonderful sense of joy in helping others. She was also a very active member of St Coleman Church serving in many areas including "Brown Bag Sunday" which Brian and she initiated to supply food to many organizations, including some that we serve, to help the hungry in our community. Teri was a loving wife, mother, and friend. She lived a rich and full life of caring for all who knew her. Like so many members of this special sisterhood she mentored and inspired me. I am so thankful to have had Teri in my life. She was a special blessing to CAC and our community. She will be dearly missed.



Invitation to a Lovely Event!

On behalf of Monica Blackwood and Henderson Behavioral Health, I would like to extend the invite to attend their Galentine's Tea Party. As sponsors of so many of their activities and programs they were generous enough to offer us 4 tickets to their Annual event on Friday, February 7th.

Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can secure your ticket! It is great exposure for CAC!

February 7th, 2025 4pm-7pm
At the Galleria Mall (Former Neiman Marcus)

Please see the invitation attached and let me know if you would like to attend.

Thank You,

Laura Balistreri-Ahmed



Linda Lynch's Celebration of Life January 20th, 2025 in Sea Ranch Lakes.



Linda Ianelli, Barbara Hume, June Felski, Pam Ferrante, Fran English, and Lynda Stackhouse (shown above). Also in attendance was: Julie Newton, Rena Udell, and Ghislaine Martin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Memorial Donations

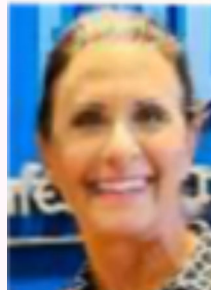
In Memory of Linda Lynch.
Thank you to those who gave generously to Children's Aid Club in honor of Linda!

Thank you Joan Steel, Morton and Linda Sinkoff, and Patricia and William Gallagher and so many others!

THANK YOU!



Rachel Pope
2/8



Jacalyn Murray
2/14



Kitty Vagi
2/27



December 28, 2024

Children's Aid Club

3298 N, Federal Highway

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339-8422

Attention: Linda Ianelli, Donations in Memory of Linda Lynch

It's not often one meets someone who becomes a "best friend" after one retires, but I was lucky to meet Linda when we both retired to The Venice Golf & Country Club in Venice about 30 years ago. Although Linda moved again to be with her family, we spoke and visited often, always picking up as though time and distance were irrelevant. She spoke often about her volunteer life with CAC and how much she enjoyed the people she met there and the gratification she felt from volunteering for such a good cause. She will be sorely missed by many.

Attached is a check in memory of my dearest friend, Linda Lynch. Please use it however you think she would have liked.

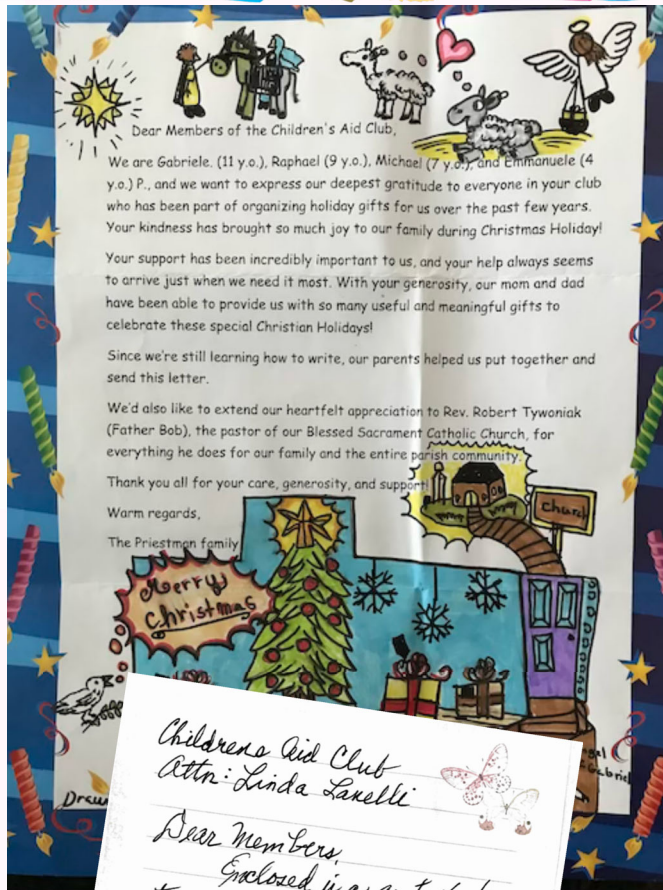
Linda A. Sinkoff

3799 Cadbury Circle #303

Venice, FL 34293

This contribution is in memory of Linda Lynch, a faithful volunteer for your worthy cause.

Patricia Gallagher



Dear Members of the Children's Aid Club,

We are Gabriele. (11 y.o.), Raphael (9 y.o.), Michael (7 y.o.), and Emmanuele (4 y.o.) P., and we want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone in your club who has been part of organizing holiday gifts for us over the past few years. Your kindness has brought so much joy to our family during Christmas Holiday!

Your support has been incredibly important to us, and your help always seems to arrive just when we need it most. With your generosity, our mom and dad have been able to provide us with so many useful and meaningful gifts to celebrate these special Christian Holidays!

Since we're still learning how to write, our parents helped us put together and send this letter.

We'd also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Robert Tywoniak (Father Bob), the pastor of our Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, for everything he does for our family and the entire parish community.

Thank you all for your care, generosity, and support!

Warm regards,

The Priestman family

Childrens Aid Club
Attn: Linda Ianelli

Dear Members,
Enclosed is a contribution to your cause. My good friend Linda Lynch and I would spend time together talking about the good work your organization accomplished. I am happy to send this as a way to honor her memory.

Sincerely
Joan Steel

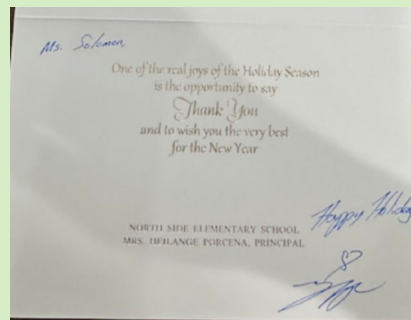
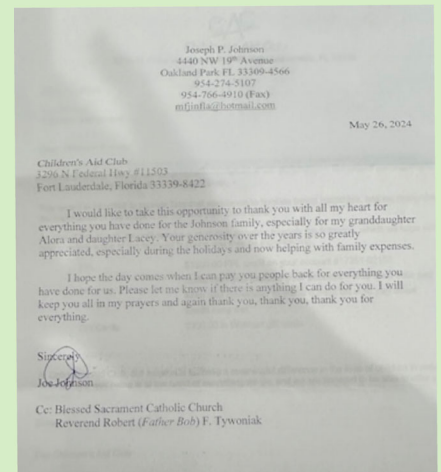
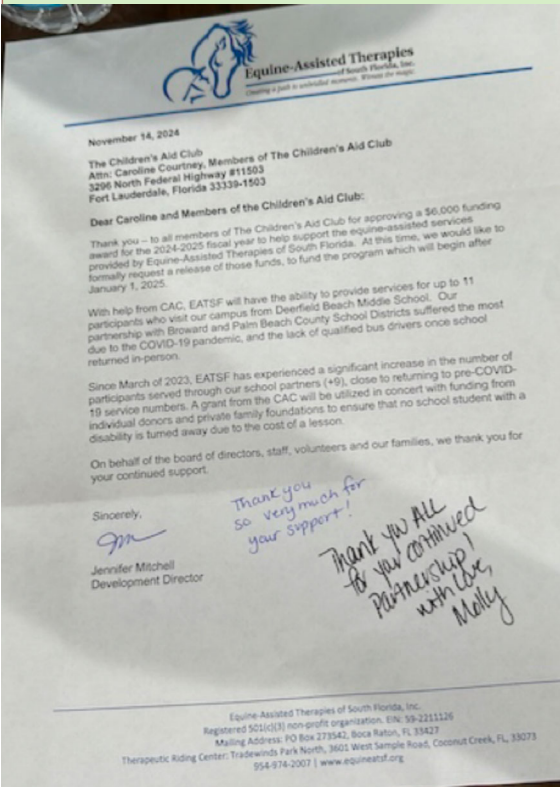
Prayer Corner:

Jenny Boyenga is in the process of healing. Please continue praying for comfort and a quick recovery.

Valerie Taylor and her husband, Kevin: Please continue to keep Kevin in your prayers as he continues to heal.



On January 22nd, my great team, Janice, Carol, Heather and I, gave a birthday party for 10 children. They each received a book, bear and hat. The kids sang happy birthday to 5 of their teachers who also had a birthday in January. It was a fun event! Thank you, ladies.
Ghislaine



Friday, February 7th

Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI)

Valentine's Boutique Party 6:30 - 8:30

Contact: Valerie Taylor & Vanessa Diaz-Font
HELPERS NEEDED

Tuesday, February 18th

General Meeting: 9:30 am at Laura Balistreri

340 Lido Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Monday, February 10th

TNT SET UP! 12:30 - 3pm Meet at Lauderdale Yacht Club!

Wednesday, February 19th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)

Birthday Party 2:15 pm

Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice
Bloomfield
HELPERS NEEDED

Tuesday, February 11th

70th Anniversary TNT Luncheon!

9 - 3pm

**Please try to carpool!
Wear Pink or Red
and bring your SMILE!!**



For those who worked at TNT, we
want to celebrate on
March 6th!
Reserve your seat for the After-Party
with Janice Bloomfield by 2/27

Friday, February 14th

Valentines' Day!

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)

Birthday Party 10 - 11:30 am

Contact: Linda lanelli & Fran
English

February 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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23	24	25	26	27	28	

2025 Taste 'n' Tell Survey

Member Name _____

Please fill in each area. Whether you worked at the event or attended as a guest, let us hear from both aspects. Talk to your friends who attended and share their comments. You need to be "painfully honest" to help us to improve where needed. Under each topic, tell us what you think was good and/or what you think needs to be improved and suggest ways to make that happen. **We need your feedback – please email all 4 team leaders by 2/21/25.**

cacvalerie@gmail.com _____ raford@att.net

homelessandhappySue@yahoo.com _____ PLProffer@aol.com

Bake Sale _____

Cruise Raffle _____

Decorations _____

Invitations _____

Live Auction: _____

Member food _____

Menu _____

Publicity _____

Raffles _____

Recipe Book/Program _____

Reservations/Seating _____

Silent Auction _____

Supplies _____

Timeline _____

Underwriting _____

Video/Program _____

Venue _____

Additional Comments or Suggestions

Thank You!



Dear Friend:

The Construction Association of South Florida is hosting the CASF Annual Charity Golf Classic at The Club at Weston Hills on Monday, May 5, 2025 to benefit Children's Aid Club and Children's Opportunity Group.

The event raised well over \$100,000 last year. With sponsorships, a live auction, silent auction and raffle baskets, donations of all kinds are most welcome. We are looking for donations of all kinds, especially sports and entertainment events, experiences, vacations, gift certificates, services, etc.

There are also a number of major sponsorships available ranging from \$1,500 - \$20,000, and Hole & Tee sponsorships available for \$350. Please consider becoming a sponsor or making a donation.

The following two charities will benefit from the proceeds of the tournament this year:

Children's Aid Club (CAC) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization founded in 1955. CAC provides immediate, strategic help to children and families so that bad situations do not become worse. CAC also partners with over 20 local organizations that help children as well. 100% of funds raised goes directly back into the community. Children's Aid Club provides value added services with personal contact and involvement. This is their strength and what makes them unique and successful. For more information, visit their website at ChildrensAidClub.org.

Children's Opportunity Group (COG) was founded in 1949 and continues today as a 50 member group of volunteer women. COG's mission is to unite women who are dedicated in supporting and enriching the health, education and welfare of the less fortunate children in Broward County. For more information, visit their website at www.ChildrensOpportunityGroup.org

For more information on becoming a sponsor or making a donation, please contact the CASF office at 954-974-6333 or you can mail your donations to: **CASF, 2929 NW 62nd Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. Your donations may also be given to any member of Children's Aid Club or Children's Opportunity Group.**

Thank you for your generosity!





2025 CASF Annual Charity Golf Classic Donation FORM

Description of Donated Item:

Estimated Fair Market Value: \$ _____

Donor's Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Date Donated: _____ Received By: _____

To comply with IRS requirements regarding charitable donations, we affirm no goods or services have been provided to you in consideration for your contribution.

Please send one copy with your donation and keep the other for your records.

Construction Association of South Florida
2929 NW 62nd Street (Cypress Creek Road) | Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

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