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Children's Aid Club

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



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A Summer of Preparation—and a Fresh Start Ahead

As summer winds down, I hope each of you had time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the moments that make this season so special. For me, that included some wonderful travel and adventures with the family. It was a beautiful reminder of how important it is to pause, enjoy our families, and appreciate the joy in everyday moments.

Of course, even while summer was in full swing, the heart of CAC never stopped beating. Behind the scenes, many of our dedicated ladies have been hard at work preparing for TNT, collecting gifts from Mrs. Feldman, sorting clothing donations, collecting dues, working on the black book, and so much more.



Now, it is time to shift from summer mode into a new year filled with purpose, friendship, and service. I am excited for the opportunities ahead—for the projects we will take on, the lives we will touch, and the memories we will create together along the way. Every meeting attended, every hour volunteered, and every thoughtful idea shared helps move our mission forward.

As we gear up for the year ahead, I encourage everyone to bring your enthusiasm, your talents, and maybe an extra cup of coffee as we jump back into a busy and rewarding season. Together, we can make this our most impactful year yet—while having plenty of fun along the way.

I cannot wait to see you all soon and get started!
With gratitude and excitement,

Laura A. Balistreri-Ahmed

MEETING DATES

Virtual Board Meeting:
Sept. 8th - Tuesday 9:30am
(link sent day before)

General Meeting
Sept.15th - Tuesday 9:30am
Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse
5300 N Ocean Blvd.
Sea Ranch Lakes, 33308

Hosting:
Jeanne Dixon
Michele Holtzheuser

*If you are unable to come:
Call Janice Bloomfield,
Membership Chair

Together, We Make a Difference

Welcome to a New CAC Year!

We're excited to begin another year with the Children's Aid Club! 2026-2027 will offer us another year of friendship, fun, service, and making a difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

CASF Golf Was a Hole in One!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make last April's CASF Golf Tournament a success! CAC received an incredible $50,000 from the event proceeds. We are grateful to the Construction Association of South Florida for including CAC and especially thank Gina Jenkins, Kelle Enriquez, Julie Newton, Randa Flinn, and Heather Knight for their hard work.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Mrs. Irene Feldman



Our wonderful Holiday Angel struck again! In July, Barbara Hume and Lynda Stackhouse picked up 181 toys valued at more than $1,739 from Mrs. Irene Feldman. And there's more to come in September! Thank you, Mrs. Feldman, for your incredible generosity and for helping make the holidays brighter for so many children.

Mrs. Irene Feldman
4132 Carambola Circle So., #201
Coconut Creek, FL 33066-2452

Holiday Appeal Ladies Hard at Work!



The prolific writers of the Holiday Appeal met at Janice Bloomfield's house and sorted out the letters for the Holiday Appeal!



The letter is attached at the end of the newsletter. Feel free to print off some copies and hand them out to your friends and neighbors. The Response card is also provided.

Membership Message: Dues!



Every active and auxiliary member must pay CAC dues of $125. You can go online: ChildrensAidClub.org or mail a check (made payable to Children's Aid Club) to Janice Bloomfield, 428 NW 120th Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071

Saddle Up for a Great Cause!

Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida Horseshoe Hoedown Saturday, November 14 | 6:00–9:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of music, food, raffles, cowboys, and fun—all benefiting children with special needs. Volunteers are needed for registration, cashier duties, and more. Cowgirl attire encouraged! Contact Caroline Courtney to volunteer.

Jingle, Mingle & Bake!

Friday, December 11th 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Event is 11 - 3pm). CAC is returning to the Lauderdale Yacht Club's holiday shopping event with our festive bake sale! We need bakers and volunteers to help staff the table. Let's make this year's sale even sweeter! Sign up with Sue Black.

Taste 'n' Tell 2027:



A Work of Heart

Tuesday, February 2, 2027
Setup: February 1

Planning is underway for our signature luncheon! This year's theme, *A Work of Heart*, puts a creative spin on *a work of art*. Our six Team Leaders and apprentices are: Linda Ianelli & Tara Bakatselos — Architect; Sue Black & Pam Markus — Stylin'; Kristina Bryn & Heather Knight — Golden Goose. The Menu Committee welcomes appetizer and dessert ideas. Guest-list verification will be coming soon from Linda Ianelli and please **return by Sept 28th!** At our September General Meeting, look for sign-ups for Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction donations, and Underwriting opportunities. (See TNT page 4)

Be Part of the Magic!



Choose a few activities to join this year. Active or Auxiliary, every member makes a difference. Your time, talent, generosity, and enthusiasm help CAC continue bringing hope and joy to children and families in our community. Let's make 2026–2027 another wonderful year together! See you in September!

2026 - 2027
CAC General Meetings

All meetings are on the THIRD Tuesday each month except for November and December are on the second Tuesday due to the holidays.

Dates	Location	Hostess	Hostess
September 15, 2026	Sea Ranch Lakes	Michele Holtzheuser	Jeanne Dixon
October 20, 2026	Henderson Behavioral Health Center	Valerie Taylor	Randa Flinn
November 10, 2026	Tomorrow's Rainbow	Becky Ford	Ghislaine Martin
December 8, 2026	Powell Warehouse	Kristina Bryn	Randa Flinn
January 19, 2027	Powell Warehouse	Heather Knight	Linda Ianelli
February 16, 2027	CDTC	Belinda McDonald	Louise Proffer
March 16, 2027	Laura B's House	Pamela Markus	
April 20, 2027	Equine Assisted Therapies	Janice Bloomfield	Vanessa Diaz-Font
May 18th, 2027			Rena Udell
Important Dates:			
Monday, February 1st	Taste 'N Tell (Set up)	Lauderdale Yacht Club	ALL CALL
Tuesday, February 2nd	Taste 'N Tell Luncheon	Lauderdale Yacht Club	ALL CALL

CAC 2026-2027 Board of Directors



President
Laura
Balistreri-Ahmed



Vice President
Belinda McDonald



Treasurer
Barbara Hume



Welfare
Kristina Bryn



Recording
Secretary
Becky Ford



Ways and Means
Pamela Markus



Membership
Janice Bloomfield



Corresponding
Secretary
Heather Knight



Louise Proffer
Parlimentarian



Save the Dates: February 1st (Set-Up) and February 2nd (Luncheon)

Taste 'N' Tell Planning Teams for 2027

The Architect Team Team leader Tara Bakatselos Mentor: Linda Ianelli	The Stylin' Team Team leader Pamela Markus Assistant: Sue Black	The Golden Goose Team Team leader Kristina Bryn Apprentice: Heather Knight
Early duties (Spring/Summer)2026		
Compile guest list 1. Linda Ianelli & Tara Bakatselos Send members' invitation lists for updates and verifications to invite.	**Start in the summer:** **Menu including a welcome drink** **Plan December tasting event** 1. Louise Proffer 2. Janice Bloomfield 3. Fran English 4. Michele Holtzheuser	**Prepare underwriting packets, mail & track donations** -Working Advisor Kristina Bryn 1. Randa Flinn 2.Gina? 3. Caroline 4. Linda Ianelli
Invitations/RSVP& Env/ Design, print: 1. Linda Ianelli & Becky Ford **Assemble and prepare for mailing:** 1. Tara Bakatselos 2. Linda Ianelli 3. Pam Ferrante_4. Carole Falkanger	**DESIGN TEAM: (Decorations) Create & set up décor that supports theme (table design, ballroom & Photo Op area)** Working Advisor: Vanessa D. 1. Michele Holtzheuser 2. Angie Graziano 3, Randa Flinn	**BAKE SALE: Design, Email, set up, collect & price baked goods.** Working Advisor: Jeanne Dixon 1. 2. 3. 4.
Set-up online RSVP 1. Linda Ianelli & Tara Bakatselos	**Show Team: Program & Script - design, write,& execute program** Working Advisor: Pam Markus 1. Belinda McDonald 2. Joyce Virga	**Auction & Raffle items:** manages database, follow-up finding items Working Advisor: Caroline Courtney 1. Randa Flinn2. Heather Knight 3.
Acquire cruise or special raffle item, provide info to Invitation designer to print with invitations 1. Caroline Courtney **Design Save the Date:** 1. Becky Ford **Send the Save the Date email blast** 1. Linda Ianelli & Tara Bakatselos	**TNT After Party:** Plan & Design Celebratory lunch for Members. 1. Vanessa D. 2. Janice B. 3. Angie G.	**Cashiers/bank, raffle ticket sales, financial closeout** 1. Barb Hume 2. **Cashiers: All sales** Working Advisor: Barbara Hume 1. Jacalyn Murray 2. Ghislaine Martin 3. Monica Blackwood 4. Sandy Noonan 5. Debra Rowand
Late Duties (Fall – Feb event)		
Reservations, make table assignments: 1. Tara Bakatselos 2. Pam Ferrante 3. Linda Ianelli 4. Carole Falkanger Nametags: 1. Laura Balistreri-Ahmed	**Emcee** 1. Joyce Virga **Social Media** 1. Sheri Wilcox	**Live Auction** 1. Caroline Courtney 2.Kristina Bryn 3. **Silent Auction** 1. Caroline Courtney/Barb Hume 2. 3. 4
Posters-Gather & create all signs, donors/sponsors, directional, etc. Work with all teams 1. Michele Holtzheuser 2. Becky Ford	**Timeline w/Member Assignments (Flow)** 1. Sue Black 2. Pamela Markus 3. Valerie Taylor **Member assignments day before & day of:** 1. Team Leaders 2. LYC Liaison 3. Working Advisors	**RAFFLE ASSEMBLY:** Auction & Raffle Printing manage & organize the auction & raffle lists & areas. Working Advisor: Heather Knight 1. Janice Bloomfield 2. Valerie Taylor 3. Rebecca Solomon
Compile program book and print remind members to advise you of donors to be added to the program and any member's "in memory." 1. Becky Ford 2.Debra R?	**Warehouse Supplies** 1. Sandy Noonan	**Thank You Notes: Underwriters, vendor donations, & guests.** Working Advisor: Janice Bloomfield 1. Heather Knight (Correspond. Sec)2.Randa Flinn

If you do not see your name above, then please consider signing up! It takes all of us!

Children's Aid Club
Virtual Board Meeting
Minutes by Becky Ford

May 12th, 2026
Google Meet

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

Devotional read by Linda Ianelli – "People wait all day for 5:00 pm, all week for Friday, all winter for summer, all summer for winter. Don't let the pursuit of tomorrow diminish the joy of today."

Approve Minutes from April – Minutes sent to members by email prior to the meeting. Janice Bloomfield made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and motion carried.

Membership – Valerie has reached out to the five people who had inquired about membership. Only one is available currently and would like to help at the warehouse. She plans to help Sandy at the warehouse this Wednesday.

Ways and Means – Belinda is turning her attention to grant renewals for the summer. Valerie suggested reaching out to companies who supported CAC during the golf tournament. Maybe send out a thank you with QR code along with a thank you mentioning their support for CAC and COG.

Treasurer – Barb –

Checking	$ 50,623.66
Schwab	383,415.27
Total	$434,038.93

Credit card bill of $4,752.30 was paid on 5/4.

Welfare – Kristina, See report. There were no emergency or individual requests.

Corresponding Secretary – Janice B. reported it has been quiet, there was one donation and a thank you was sent.

Unfinished Business –

CASF Golf Tournament – seemed to be a success still waiting to hear how much money was made.

LYC Farmers Market – was delayed due to rain. CAC has been offered an alternate date of May 31. Laura will check with members to see if there is enough interest to participate in this one.

New Business –

Briefly discussed TNT theme, "A Work of Heart" The Team Leaders will check with membership to see if they had other suggestions and decide on the theme so planning can get started. The idea of a Pop-up shop showcasing member talent was discussed. The theme is a way to focus on who we are, what we do and how we do it. Logistics will be figured out and members will be asked if they would like to participate. The idea is to keep is small and with high-quality items.

Year End Reports and Position Turnover – Make arrangements with your board replacement member to turn over your information.

Belinda is working on a new CAC brochure.

Adjournment – Motion by Belinda McDonald to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Valerie Taylor, meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

Minutes submitted by Becky Ford, recording secretary

Children's Aid Club
General Meeting
Minutes by Becky Ford

May 19, 2026
Powell Warehouse

Meeting called to order by President Laura Balistreri at 9:44 am.

Devotional read by Pam Markus

Devotional:
May we be able to overcome, forget, get ahead without looking back. In this month, may we have new reasons to smile, new opportunities to continue, new challenges to address, and new forizons to reach.

Happy Month of May!

Approve Minutes from April – Minutes sent to members by email prior to the meeting. Pam Markus made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Valerie Taylor seconded and motion carried.

Membership – Valerie took roll call and handed off membership duties to Janice Bloomfield for the next year.

Ways and Means – Belinda reported $5000 came in from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation. Her committee is working on the final report for "Tiny Blessings Bundles" and the Gore Grant has been expended. During the summer Belinda will work on getting gift cards donated from Walmart and Aldi. A distinction was made reminding members that Ways and Means brings the money in and Welfare gives the money out.

Treasurer – Barb reminded liaisons to spend their budgets and get their receipts and check requests in before the end of the fiscal year.

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Credit card bill of $4,752.30 was paid on 5/4.



Welfare – Kristina, See report. There were no emergency, individual or special requests for April.

Corresponding Secretary – Janice B. reported it's been quiet, sent a couple of thank you notes.

Unfinished Business –

- CASF Golf Tournament – Thank you recognition was given to Gina, Heather and Randa. Also for Laura's dad who was the DJ and did a great job. There will be a dinner on June 17 and Gina will attend to accept the check on behalf of CAC. This was CAC 22nd year working with CASF. It was mentioned that the raffles were great but improvements could be made to the Silent Auction. Per haps just 15 fabulous items rather than more smaller items. Gina will compile a list of the best sellers for the silent auction to help be more focused for next year.
- LYC Farmers Market – was delayed due to rain. CAC has been offered an alternate date of May 31, 11:00-3:00 pm, set-up by 10:00 am. A sign-up sheet is being

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General Meeting
Minutes by Becky Ford

April 21st, 2026
The Point of Pompano

circulated for bakers and workers. You can drop off baked goods to Caroline, Ghislaine, Jeanne on Saturday or the warehouse the morning of the sale. Working the event will be Belinda, Caroline, Ghislaine.

- End of year – Board reports and handoffs should be completed by end of July for new board starting August 1.
- New CAC Brochure – This is being worked on and will be ready for fall return.
- Committees – Caroline is circulating a committee sign-up sheet and will compile a committee list.
- TNT 2027 – Save the date for February 2, 2027. The theme is being worked on and "A Work of Heart" is a top contender as it could be a good theme to showcase what CAC does and the organizations we work with.
- Holiday Baskets – Sandy Noonan sent a report showing the number of Baskets made = 264, serving 513 Adults and 836 Children.

New Business

- Ghislaine reports Tomorrow's Rainbow needs supplies for their play hospital. Some ideas were discussed and Ghislaine will inquire to see if they want to make a special request.
- 2026-2027 Yearbook – Julie Newton will put together, and Valerie Taylor will help her gather the information over the summer so it can be handed out when CAC resumes in September.
- Newsletters will not be sent out during the summer months, however if you have announcements that need to go out you can send them to Laura.
- Pam Markus presented a photo book gift to Laura for her service as President.

Adjournment – Motion by Pam M. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ghislaine M., meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.
Minutes submitted by Becky Ford, recording secretary





Children's Aid Club

Profit and Loss

August, 2025-July, 2026

	Total
Income	
cash rewards	1,384.91
Donations	$71,869.15
Memorial	4,394.32
Total for Donations	**$76,263.47**
Dues	7,375.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	26,550.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
Bake Sale	2,555.00
Cruise Raffle	4,925.00
Donations	10,965.00
Live Auction	27,800.00
Pop-Up Shop	1,920.00
Raffle Basket	12,570.00
Reservations	25,200.00
Silent Auction	22,050.00
Underwriting	101,000.00
Total for Taste 'n' Tell	**$208,985.00**
Total for Fundraising Income	**$235,535.00**
Investments	
Dividend, Interest (Securities)	13,012.82
Total for Investments	**$13,012.82**
Misc. income	3,873.99
Unrestricted Grant Funds - Gore Family Foundation	22,500.00
Unrestricted Grant Funds - St. Mary Magdalene Church	10,000.00
Total for Income	**$369,945.19**
Gross Profit	**$369,945.19**
Expenses	
Bank Charge	59.03
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	200.00
Total for Business Expenses	**$200.00**
Charity	
Back to Basics	20,000.00
Bennett Elementary	3,864.98
Blessed Sacrament	9,680.00
BPHI	9,276.27
Broadview Elementary	1,000.00
Broward Health	9,500.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	13,717.11
Croissant Park Elementary	1,780.00

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Profit and Loss

August, 2025-July, 2026

	Total
Cross Creek School	2,495.35
Cypress Elementary	5,719.15
Donors Choose.org	11,497.05
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	10,500.00
Feeding Families	42,400.00
God's Little Lambs	10,158.01
Henderson Behavioral Health	12,605.66
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	17,129.61
Easter	27,336.95
Thanksgiving	30,379.54
Total for Holiday Baskets	**$74,846.10**
Hope Women's Center	10,642.55
Individuals	
Alsina Family	4,172.00
Baez Family	420.00
Colson Family	400.00
Cosby Family	2,229.38
Curiel Family	2,785.17
Daniels Family	1,642.42
Florence Louis Family	2,355.00
Foux Family	512.95
Griffith Family	2,815.00
Harris Family	50.00
Johnson Family	1,904.35
Lubin Family	1,950.00
Medina Family	443.84
Payoute Family	460.00
Rivera Family	500.00
Santiago Family	2,540.00
Scott Family	500.00
Total for Individuals	**$25,680.11**
JJCF	12,500.00
Light of the World Clinic	9,500.00
Markham Elementary	502.18
Mary Ann's Closet	4,323.39
Memorial Donation	3,280.32
Northside Elementary	4,501.91
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	8,980.20
PACE	7,214.73
Pompano Beach Middle School	3,938.90
Sanders Park Elementary	502.18
Seagull Alternative School	4,593.79

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Profit and Loss
August, 2025-July, 2026

	Total
The Little Schoolhouse	6,855.70
Tomorrow's Rainbow	27,150.00
Whispering Pines School	3,232.17
Total for Charity	**$372,437.81**
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	4,509.00
Total for Contract Services	**$4,509.00**
Depreciation Expense	522.95
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Decorations	1,222.09
Invitations	724.00
Live Auction	16,680.00
Main Course and Food expense	22,901.30
Miscellaneous	300.00
PayPal fees	1,207.97
Program	1,006.00
Raffles	1,000.00
Silent Auction	6,690.00
Sound System	995.00
Supplies	110.67
Taste & Tell Bank fee	5.00
Total for Taste & Tell	**$52,842.03**
Total for Fundraising Expenses	**$52,842.03**
Gifts	700.00
Misc	1,288.22
Office Supplies	429.05
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	481.25
Total for Operations	**$481.25**
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	508.03
Total for Other Types of Expenses	**$508.03**
Post Office Box	244.00
Postage	78.80
Socials	864.66
Sunshine	899.99
Warehouse Expenses	66.34
WebsiteURL fees	1,209.60
Yearbook	300.00
Total for Expenses	**$437,640.76**
Net Operating Income	**-$67,695.57**

	Total
Other Income	
Purchase Discounts	50.00
Total for Other Income	**$50.00**
Net Other Income	**$50.00**
Net Income	**-$67,645.57**

Children's Aid Club
Balance Sheet
As of Jul 31, 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	$30,750.32
BOA Savings	0.00
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	356,718.71
Total for Bank Accounts	**$387,469.03**
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total for Accounts Receivable	**$0.00**
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	0.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Other Accounts Receivable	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	84.26
Publix Food Cards	4,850.00
Target Food Cards	1,450.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	12,350.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	**$18,734.26**
Total for Current Assets	**$406,203.29**
Fixed Assets	
Leasehold Improvements	$8,168.22
Accumulated Depreciation	-7,579.90
Total for Leasehold Improvements	**$588.32**
Total for Fixed Assets	**$588.32**
Total for Assets	**$406,791.61**
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	14,095.09
Total for Credit Cards	**$14,095.09**
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Funds - Megan's Fund	381.72
Temp Restricted Funds - St. Mary Magdalene Church	0.00
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	0.00
Total for Other Current Liabilities	**$381.72**
Total for Current Liabilities	**$14,476.81**
Total for Liabilities	**$14,476.81**

	Total
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	292,119.16
Net Income	-67,645.57
Total for Equity	**$392,314.80**
Total for Liabilities and Equity	**$406,791.61**

CAC WELFARE REPORT

May's Board & General Meeting. Reporting Period 4/1/2026 to 4/30/2026

Organizations:

Bennett Elementary	$ 664.08
BPHI	$ 19.98
CDTC	$ 1,518.24
Cross Creek Elementary	$ 1,012.36
Cypress Elementary	$ 849.63
Donor's Choose	$ 3,229.25
God's Little Lambs	$ 2,696.66
Henderson Health	$ 623.80
Hope Women's Center	$ 590.00
Northside Elementary	$ 188.97
Our Father's House	$ 68.31
Pace Center	$ 649.97
The Little Schoolhouse	$ 33.92
Whispering Pines	$ 1,671.20
Total:	**$30,816.37**

Tiny Blessings Grant

BPHI	$ 144.59
Henderson Health	$ 157.17
Total	**$ 301.76**

Gift Cards on hand at 4/30/2026:

Publix Cards:	
150 $10 cards at $9.70.	$. 1,455.00
Walmart Cards:	
415 $10 cards	$ 4,150.00
22 $50 cards	$ 1,100.00
Target Cards:	
175 $10 cards	$ 1,750.00
TOTAL CARDS:	$ 9,455.00

Special Requests: None
Emergency Requests: None
Individual Requests: None

Gore Grant

Broward Health	$ 1,500.00
Donors Choose	$ 3,505.00
(need to ratify the $5 overage)	
Light of the World	$ 3,500.00
Our Father's House	$ 334.36
Total:	**$ 8,839.36**

Total Disbursement for April 2026 = $22,957.49

Message from Welfare - Organizations Chair, Belinda MacDonald:
Hello Liaisons!

The Children's Aid Club's 2026–2027 fiscal year began August 1, and we're looking forward to another great year of helping children in our community. You may now access funds from your assigned organization's budget. Please be mindful of the process and these important steps:

- CAC liaisons will research and shop for the organization's needs, obtaining the best value possible.
- If the organization can purchase what is needed for less, the organization may make the purchase, provide the liaison with the receipts, and be reimbursed by CAC. Purchases will only be approved for pre-approved items.
- Liaisons must complete the Check Request form or Credit Card form and submit it, along with receipts, to the Organization's Chair (Belinda – cacbmcdonald@gmail.com), with a copy to the Welfare Chair (Kristina – kristinabryn@gmail.com), within 7 days of the purchase.
- The Organization's Chair will review and approve the request and forward it to the Treasurer for payment, with input from the Welfare Committee when there are questions. Please refrain from copying the Treasurer when submitting forms, as this unnecessarily clutters inboxes.
- Liaisons will keep track of money spent by their organization and ensure that spending remains within the approved budget, both in amount and scope (i.e., pre-approved items).







Celebrating Birthdays with LOVE! 🧁 CAC Liaisons Linda Ianelli & Fran English bring cupcakes, presents, and a party to celebrate lucky birthdays at Little Schoolhouse nearly EVERY month! Even summer birthdays are remembered with special celebrations in May and September.
Pure JOY is delivered because these ladies CARE! ❤️















God's Little Lambs celebrated **16 birthdays** (combined May & June) on May 20th! Lucky Birthday children received a stuffed animal and a coloring book with crayons! Thanks to Liaisons Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield with helper Pam Markus.





Also in May, GLL had a wonderful Mother's Day Boutique so all the boys and girls could pick out a special gift, donated by senior care facility, CAC members, and so many others. They made their own gift bags. So Many Smiles!!









Students celebrated the end of year with a Kona ice party at **Pompano Beach Middle School** by collecting and painting rocks supplied by CAC. Thanks Pat DeSanctis, Liaison









TESTIMONIAL



Parent's Name:	Ana Cuz
Child's Name:	Stefany Chomo Cuz
Child's Diagnosis:	Leukemia
Child's Age:	1 year and 7 months
Hospital:	Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Today's Date:	April 23, 2026

Please answer the following questions in one or two paragraphs (your comments may be viewed by others). How has the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation (JJCCF) helped you? How do you feel about JJCCF? What would you want to tell donors about the Foundation?

Your donations supported Stefany (fighting Leukemia) and her family of four during their greatest time of need. Testimony was provided by her mother, who received our financial assistance with loaded credit cards restricted to food and transportation purchases. Family also received Walmart gift cards thanks to our longstanding partnership with Children's Aid Club.

English translation:

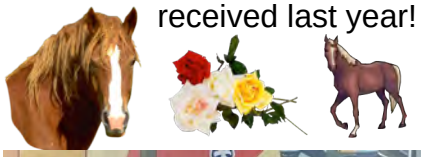
"With hearts full of gratitude, we want to thank you for the support you gave us in one of the most difficult moments of our lives. Our daughter Stefany is hospitalized, and as a family, we have gone through days of great anguish and uncertainty. Your help with the food cards came like a ray of light, giving us a little peace and relief when we needed it most.

Thanks to you, we have been able to focus on what is most important; being by Stefany's side, accompanying her with love, and staying strong as a family. Your generosity not only nourishes; it also gives hope. Thank you for being with us on this journey."

Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation received Walmart gift cards to help with food and transportation costs as the Cuz Family underwent lifesaving treatments at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami. Thanks to Carole Falkanger & Lynda Stackhouse, Liaisons.



Tomorrow's Rainbow truly knows how to show their gratitude for the Gore Funds received last year!





Blessed Sacrament held a multi-parish youth retreat. The Gore grant helped sponsor this event.

"Your grant covered the expenses for the team of 40 older youth. These people minister to the younger youth. They do so under the direction of adult mentors who are qualified to do youth education and ministry."







(Left)Whispering Pines is getting ready for the new school year with new shipment of underwear, tee shirts, leggings, and joggers. It's nice to have new basics to start school provided by CAC. Thanks to the liaisons Debra Rowand and Janice Bloomfield

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS



Belinda MacDonald dropped off a bed, dresser, and Walmart gift cards to the Payoute family (Pace Center client). Maya (12 yrs old) was thrilled. Very sweet and soft-spoken, but with lots of excited questions about her new bedroom set. Ms. Payoute wept when she received the GC's for food and necessities for Maya. A gentleman neighbor is going to assemble the bed for them.

From Laura Balistreri:



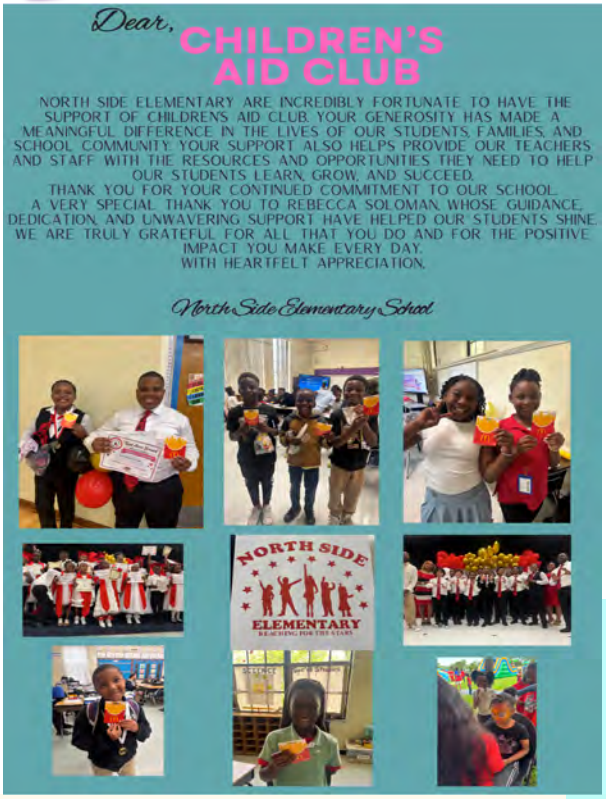
Well, after several years of applications and outreach, we finally received our first donation from **Delivering Good!** And it wasn't a small donation either.

We received 4 pallets of clothing (totaling about 1450 pieces), which took a flatbed tow truck, a forlklift and a pallet jack to pick up! Thank goodness the boxes are well-organized with an inventory spreadsheet. We'll organize a caravan to pick up everything and come together, as we know how to do so well, to sort and distribute. I am still in shock when I look at the photo. What a blessing and a great opportunity we have to get some new clothing out to deserving kids in the community.

Additionally, we are anticipating another donation from Delivering Good from a local Pacsun store of approximately 400 items!

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. **Margaret Mead**

Thank You Messages



Our Father's House Family Services
Tree of Life
P.O. Box 668571
Pompano Beach, Florida 33066

Dear Children Aid , July 8, 2026

We're midway through another year; thought you might want to know how we were spending some of your generous donation of $1,105.00 on March 17, 2026

We have a Kitchen that serves over 120,000 meals a year; Have a10 burner gas stove that needed work - we spent 4 K + getting this refitted.
Our Building is approximately 60 years old –*Electric Overhead Doors*- Had to replace three (3) ... cost of each was= $9,200.00 ($27,600).

Biggest expense this year - replacing our 15yr old (256K miles VAN) we *ONLY* buy used.

Van cost $38 K + Truck (14 yrs old, 227K miles GMC) 34K= ($ 72K for both)

As the *Only daily* feeding program left in Broward County , one can imagine the daily Feeding /Clothing to our many 'guests'....plus the added cost of food/kitchen supplies.

Our 2026 budget is approximately $2 million.

You ,all of Children's Aid Club , without doubt helped katie and this guy make it happen.

Until,
Jim



North Side Elementary gave CAC recognition for the great work over the years! Thanks to Rebecca Soloman, liaison



I just wanted to thank you ladies for all your assistance in helping me with the request for these Seagull students.

Attached is the inside of the thank you card they sent with some notes from each of them.

They are truly appreciative.

With much gratitude,

Marsha Tessler, Founder & Director
My Safe Harbor, Inc.

Henderson Behavioral Health

July 9, 2026

Children's Aid Club
3296 N. Federal Highway
Unit 11503
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339

Dear Children's Aid Club Members:

Thank you very much for donating $2,500.00 to Henderson Behavioral Health for backpacks and school supplies for our youth and family program clients.

Mental health conditions are amazingly common, and one in four Americans have a diagnosable mental health disorder. Last year, we helped 25,000 clients, over 5,000 of which were children and youth under the age of 18.

Please know that your support of Henderson Behavioral Health and our mission is so incredibly meaningful. As we continue to celebrate our 70th Anniversary and beyond, we remain steadfast in our commitment to our patients, families, and community.

Again, please know how much we appreciate your generosity and continued support.

Respectfully,
Steven Ronik, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer





After securing a major donation from DELIVERING GOODS, our President Laura Balistreri-Ahmed began dispersing items to liaisons. (Left) Valerie Taylor's car is filled with Jeans and girls' clothes from PACSUN to benefit PACE Center for Girls of Fort Lauderdale. Great Job!



(Above) CAC Members gathered in early July to celebrate the Summber birthdays at Lago Mar Beach & Resort Club in Fort Lauderdale. Happy Birthday to ALL!! Thanks to organizers Valerie Tavlor and Rebecca Soloman! The whole event was lovely!

(Below) Well now, is that **Lynda Stackhouse** in the Sun Sentinel Newspaper? A recognition Ceremony for the Quilt of Valor Foundation held at John Knox Village!



A QUILT OF VALOR FOR HIS SERVICE





(Right) Our very own Gail Jennings was interviewed by Broward Center of the Performing Arts Magazine (May Edition) for her experience as a flight Attendent. Gail said, "I was there in full uniform when the play Catch Me If You Can showed at the Amaturo Theater. But only on opening light it's [uniform] pretty tight, but I could still fit into it!"





volunteer spotlight

Gail Jennings still flying high

Birthdays



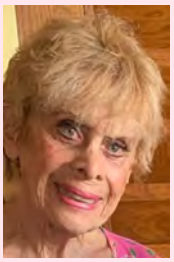
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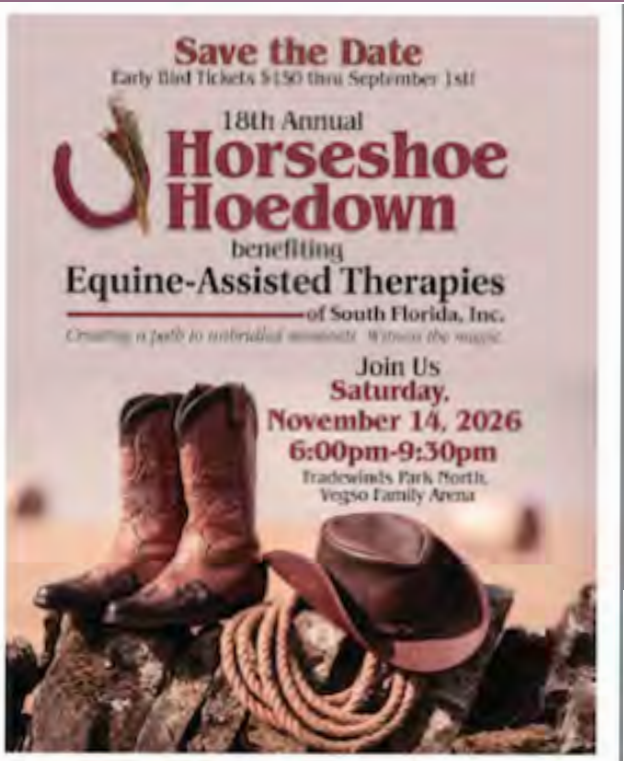


Mary Mulder
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Thank you to all who helped at the LYC's Farmer's Market late May! It was a hot Bake Sale! Because of everyone's hard work, we raised over $400. Every penny counts to a child in need!







Mark your calendars for the 18th Annual Horseshoe Hoedown on Saturday, November 14, 2026, as we gather under the lights of the Vegso Family Arena at Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida for an unforgettable evening!

HORSESHOE HOEDOWN TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

The Horseshoe Hoedown is our signature fundraising event, helping provide life-changing equine-assisted services for individuals with diverse needs throughout our community.

Your evening includes:

- **Music and dancing**
- **A gourmet BBQ buffet**
- **Open bar**
- **Exciting silent and live auctions**
- **A special participant riding demonstration**
- **And plenty of surprises along the way!**

Round up your friends, family, or coworkers to enjoy the evening together. Whether you're planning a fun night out or entertaining clients, the Hoedown is an event everyone will remember.

We can't wait to welcome you for an incredible night of great food, great company, and a great cause. Tickets will be on sale soon!

HOLIDAY APPEAL Response Card. (See page 22)

Email to Vanessa Diaz-Font: vanessadfont@gmail.com or Mail 2150 NE 65th St. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308

I would Like to Adopt a Family for Christmas

____1-3 children ____4-5 children ____6+ children

Please contact me with the details!

I would like to donate-$ _____ toward gift certificates.

My check is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Please return this card by October 16, 2026

September Calendar 2026

Tuesday, Sept. 8th

Board Mtg Via Google Meet at 9:30am
Link will be emailed the night before.

Friday, Sept. 11th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)
Birthday Party 10 am
Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

Tuesday, Sept. 15th

General Meeting: 9:30 am
Sea Ranch Lakes Clubhouse
5300 N Ocean Blvd.
Sea Ranch Lakes, FL 33308
Come Early for Meet & Greet

Wednesday, Sept. 16th

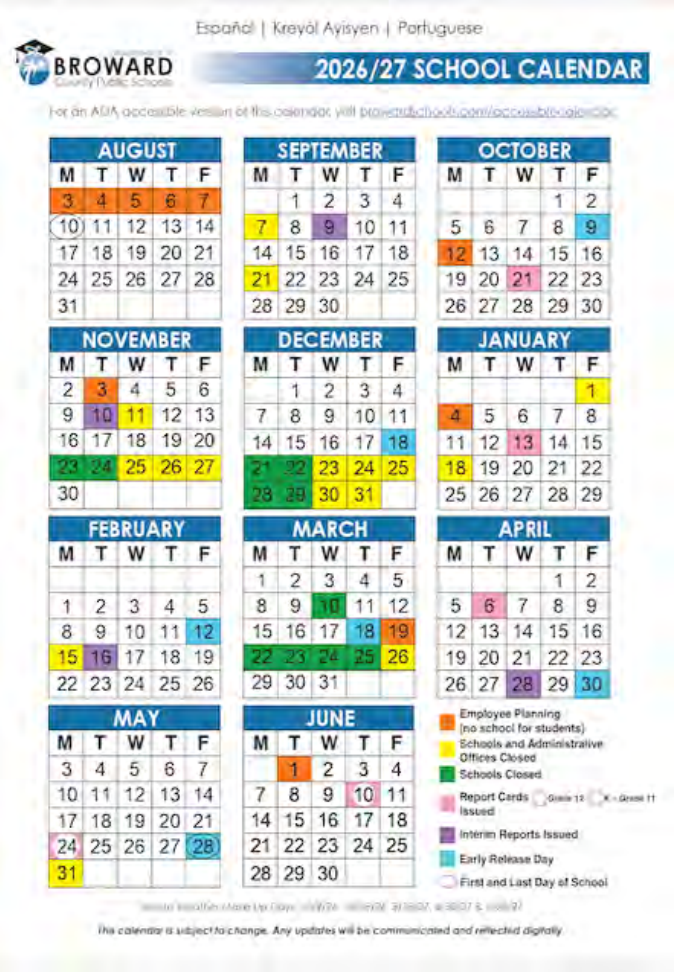
God's Little Lambs (GLL)
Birthday Party 2pm
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield



A Calendar You Can Count On!
1. Board Mtgs - second Tuesday of every month (except Nov. Dec. is first Tuesday).
2. General Mtgs- every third Tuesday (except Nov. & Dec. second Tuesday)
3. Fiscal year is Aug 1st - July 31st
4. Membership Dues - August 1st.

Important Dates!

February 1st, 2027- TNT Set up
February 2nd, 2027 - TNT 2027 Luncheon



Children's Aid Club
3296 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY, #11503, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33339-1503

September 12, 2026

Dear CAC Supporter,

The holidays are nearly here, and for many families we serve, the season brings more worry than joy. You can help change that.

Each year, the Children's Aid Club (CAC) provides Holiday Baskets with food certificates, gifts, and hope for families in need across our community. Last year, thanks to supporters like you, we helped **68 families and more than 231 children**.

This year, we're asking for your help again.

You can **adopt a family** this holiday season by shopping for them yourself or donating directly to the **Holiday Appeal** so we can shop on your behalf. Choose the family size you'd like to support, and make it a family project, an office team effort, or a meaningful way to give back with friends.

In early November, we'll send each child's name, age, clothing size, and wish list. You'll also be paired with a CAC "elf" who will coordinate gift delivery and make sure everything, including food gift certificates and holiday treats, arrives where it belongs.

The **Holiday Appeal**, started in 2011 by our beloved Ann Powell, has grown every year because people like you continue to make the holidays brighter for others.

Please return the enclosed response card by **October 16th**. To donate, use this link, 2026 Holiday Appeal or scan the QR code below, or send a check payable to **Children's Aid Club** in the enclosed envelope. For questions, call **Janice Bloomfield at (954) 504-5624** or email jtbloom23@gmail.com.
Thank you for opening your heart this season. With your help, we can bring joy and dignity to families who need it most.

With gratitude,

Laura B. Balistreri

Laura Balistreri-Ahmed
President, Children's Aid Club
www.ChildrensAidClub.org

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