

April Newsletter 2025



Children's Aid Club

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



The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. (DeAnn Hollis)

President's Message:

From the frills of our hats to the tips of our pinkies, our TNT Afterparty Tea was a celebration well deserved and a moment for each of us to relax and connect. Thank you to the committee for organizing such a wonderful event!

As we look ahead, our Nominating Committee has been gathering your preferences, recommendations, and nominations for the 2026 slate. They are working diligently to finalize the selections, ensuring everything is ready for presentation at the General Meeting.

I believe each and every one of us has a gift, skill, and/or opportunity to offer CAC, and we all come with our limitations. Our Nominating Committee is working hard to make sure we can utilize our individual strengths without overstressing or overworking the same individuals. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this important process—your involvement in CAC is not only required but also a critical part of keeping this organization going. We need everyone to contribute so we can reach our goals.

They say April Showers bring May Flowers. Well this April we are showering our organizations with so much love as we prepare for our big Easter initiative, the CASF Golf Tournament, and our Ann Powell Book Drive.

I look forward to seeing what each and every one of you has to contribute as we finish out the year strong.

Thank you,
Laura A. Balistreri-Ahmed



Save the Dates:

Board Meeting (Google Meet)
April 8th - Tuesday - 9:30am

General Meeting
April 15th - Tuesday - 9:30am
POWELL WAREHOUSE *
1851 W. 2nd Ave, Unit 10

Hosting: Monica Blackwood
Pamela Markus

All Active Members: if you are unable to attend the General Meeting, please contact the Membership Chair.
***denotes Change of Venue**

In this newsletter you can expect:

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CASF GOLF CHAIRTY CLASSIC 2025 MONDAY, MAY 5TH

Final Call for Donations!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has already sent in their donation lists for the **CASF Golf Classic Tournament!** The final drop-off day is **Tuesday, April 15th** at our General Meeting, where Gina will collect any remaining items.



3 Fish Themed Bottle Openers Valued at \$12 each (would be great to add a 6 pack of craft beers to each to complete a raffle item)

How You Can Help:

- ✓ Donate items — sports-related items are especially needed!
- ✓ Ask your favorite restaurants for donations!
- ✓ Email a description & value of your donations for our raffle & silent auction.
- ✓ If donating alcohol, please include the **size & value** for proper placement.

Donation forms are attached at the end of the newsletter, and team up to complete amazing silent auction packages!

Your contributions directly impact the children in our community—thank you for making a difference!



Julie Newton



Swivel Top Golf Ball Ice Bucket Value \$20 (would like to add some nice bottles of liquor and maybe other bar items to create a silent auction item)

Belmont Village of Fort Lauderdale!

Legacy of Giving Gala

Thursday, May 29th | 3-5 PM | 12th Floor

We are honored that **Belmont Village of Ft. Lauderdale's Legacy of Giving** has chosen **Children's Aid Club** as the recipient of their fundraising campaign! This meaningful event focuses on:

- 🌱 **Sustainability** – Repurposing scarves & jewelry into beautiful, sellable items, with unsold pieces donated to CAC.
- 👉 **Connectivity** – Belmont residents will join CAC at special events like Easter Visits, connecting with our mission.
- 📦 **Giving** – All funds raised will directly support children in our community through CAC's programs.

We need **all CAC members** to attend and show our appreciation at this elegant Gala & Fashion Show! We'll have an **Info Table & TNT Video Display**, highlighting our work in birthday parties, Easter egg hunts, Mother's Day Boutique, and emergency clothing assistance.

They will include raffles:

- 💙 \$10 = Hygiene kits
- 💙 \$5 = Toothbrush & toothpaste
- 💙 \$15 = School Backpacks

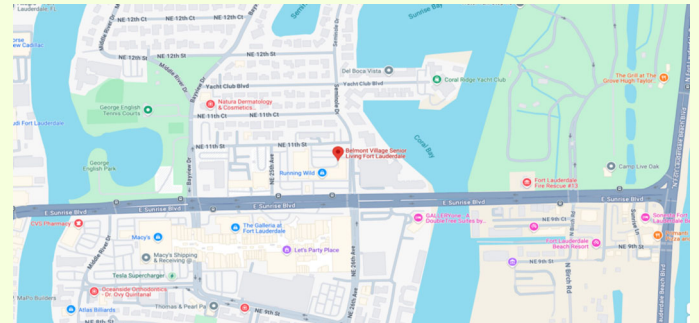


Let's show our gratitude and make an impact together! **Mark your calendars and spread the word!**

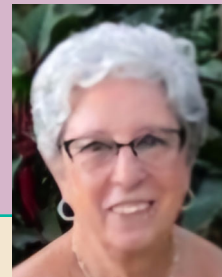
CASF Golf Charity Classic 2025
Monday, May 5th!
The Club at Weston Hills
2600 Country Club Way, Weston FL



Belmont Village of Fort Lauderdale
Thursday, May 29th 3- 5pm
1031 Seminole Dr, Fort Lauderdale FL
(across from the Galleria Mall)



Board Updates



Devotional (Board mtg.)

Always remember you are always
braver than you believe
Stronger than you seem
Smarter than you think and
twice as beautiful as you've ever
imagined



Devotional (Gen. Mtg.)

One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self confidence and inner healing.



Happy Easter, CAC Members!

Can you believe it's already April? We never stop, do we? There's so much happening right now, and we appreciate all your hard work and dedication!



Welfare & Nominating Committee Updates

Our Welfare team is currently reviewing applications for funding from both returning and new organizations. They will soon present their proposed budget to the Board, followed by a membership vote at our **April meeting**.

Additionally, the Nominating Committee is diligently preparing the slate of officers for next year's Board, which will also be presented during the meeting.

A Special Thank You to Marsha Tresky!

Last November, I introduced you to my wonderful neighbor, **Marsha Tresky**, who knitted sweaters, hats, and blankets for CAC's Layettes for CDTC moms.

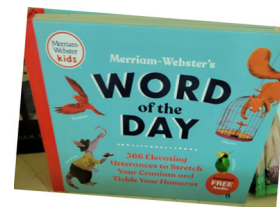
Well, she's at it again! This time, she generously created **sweater and hat sets for the most in-need moms at Hope Women's Center**. The Thrive Director was thrilled to receive them and will be sharing a photo of the families who receive these thoughtful gifts.

THANK YOU MARSHA!



Ann Powell's Book Drive – Bring a Book!

Please remember to bring a **new children's book** to the April meeting. These books will be collected and distributed as Christmas and birthday gifts for children in need. Your contribution makes a difference!



CASF - Golf Classic - Monday May 5th!

It is truly a blessing to be asked back again for the Golf Classic! We really need all hands on deck for this event! Please email, call or carrier-pigeon asap with your availability to Julie Newton or Gina Bono-Jenkins. There are four shifts available during the day.

Belmont Village of Ft. Lauderdale

We are so thankful for Valerie and Trudy bringing this great opportunity to us. Please plan on attending the Gala and Fashion Show on Thursday, May 29th from 3 - 5pm on the 12th floor. We will need members to stand at our information area, answering questions, bragging about our impact in the community or simply greeting people as they view our TNT video and our displays. So many good opportunities coming our way!

We're looking forward to seeing you all soon! Thank you for everything you do to support our community.

Warm regards,

Linda Ianelli



Children's Aid Club
Board Meeting (Google Meet)
March 11, 2025



1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:35 am by President Laura B.
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
3. **Membership** – Valerie T.
All Board members present, with Louise P., Sandy N., Julie N. and Vanessa D. in attendance.
A). Membership will reach out to prospective members for continued interests.
B). Discussion of vetting process for members and developing explicit language to guide the process.
4. **Ways and Means** -Belinda M.
A) McMahan Mix and Mingle is shutting down its monthly socials, but there are other restaurants that might be amenable to hosting a philanthropic charity fundraiser during the year so that we have continuous funds coming in, such as Grateful Palate & Sands Harbor Resort. Other ideas mentioned were a walk-a-thon, a recipe book drive, a 'giving day' where funds can be matched by an organization/foundation.
5. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.
Checking: \$217,721.17
Schwab: \$268,594.68
Total: \$486,315.85
A) Credit card payment of \$8,290.90 was paid on March 5th.
***MOTION** – To approve transferring \$1,800 from General Charity account to Taste 'n' Tell account to cover the cost of G. Wright's nine tickets to TNT. Barbara Hume. **SECOND** by Valerie Taylor **ALL** in favor/**NONE** opposed. Motion passes.
***MOTION** – To approve transferring \$400 from Holiday Appeal to Taste 'n' Tell account to cover two TNT tickets that were comped because of donations by the car dealerships. Barbara Hume. **SECOND** by Linda Ianelli **ALL** in favor/**NONE** opposed. Motion passes.
6. **Welfare** – Kristina B.
February
Total Organizations: \$5,560.85
Total Gift Cards: \$6,330.00
Special Request – Hope Women's Center for Car Seats: \$3,000
No Emergency Requests
A) Gonzales Family: PACE/Pam Markus – Paid Water Bill \$360.28 plus \$100 Walmart G.C. Total paid: \$460.28
B) Variatzas/Roussos Family – PACE/Pam Markus- Grandfather requesting afterschool care for his two granddaughters \$1,101 plus \$300 GC (three grandchildren, eldest is 17). In addition, welfare approved paying for Summer Camp for the two children \$2,200. Total paid: \$3,601.00
C) Welfare – Organizations – Belinda M. All liaisons were sent the Application for Funding with a deadline of March 25th. It is recommended by the Board to keep the limit of 25 organizations. There was discussion regarding our present partnership with BPHI and whether BPHI has the capacity to meet the needs CAC requires to continue.

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Board Meeting (Google Meet)
March 11, 2025



7. Corresponding Secretary – Janice B.

- A) 63 Thank you letters were sent to underwriters, vendors, and the like.
- B) 24 Gifts from the Heart.
- C) 59 letters for those that donated but didn't come.
- D) Next year these three areas will be separated into three specific jobs.

8. Unfinished Business -

- A) CASF – Please continue to encourage members to bring their items to the meeting.
- B) Afterparty - Recommended to make sure those who receive complimentary tickets know that they are paid for by CAC/members.
- C) TNT Report - Louise Proffer
 - ***MOTION** – To approve to discontinue offering VIP TNT tickets and only have ONE type of admission ticket for presently \$150.00 – Louise Proffer, SECOND Pam Ferrante ALL in favor/ NONE opposed. Motion passes.
- D) In the Underwriting Packet, change the lower category to \$500 - \$999, and include the category \$1,000 – 2,499. There are two comp tickets at \$2,500 and three comp tickets at \$5,000.
- E) Reconsider the use, placement and delivery system of Gifts from the Heart. Perhaps have cards on the table with ways and reasons to give in a more discreet manner.

9. New Business –

- A) SAVE THE DATE: Next year TNT is February 3rd, 2026.
- B) PACE's Empowerment Luncheon is on April 4th from 11 – 1pm.
- C) EASTER Baskets forms are due March 26th.
- D) Nomination Committee needs to be appointed by President and announced at the March meeting.
- E) Committee Sign-up Sheet will be provided by email asap and a hard copy handed out at the general meeting.

Adjournment: 11:05am MOTION to Adjourn: Laura B. SECOND: Pam M.

Minutes were taken by Recording Secretary Pamela Markus

DRAFT 3/11/25. Signature: *Pamela Markus*. (electronic signature)

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General Meeting Minutes at Powell Warehouse
March 18, 2025



1. **President's Call to Order** at 9:37 am by Vice President Linda Ianelli (Laura B was on Google Meet).
2. **Devotional** – Linda I.
3. **Membership** – Sandy N. (Valerie T. was absent)
Board Members present: Linda I., Pam M., Janice B, Kristina B, Barbara H.(virtual), Laura B (Virtual).
Absent: Valerie T, Belinda M. and Pam F.
Approximately 16 members present with two members on google meet.
A). Prospective member Randa Flinn and Heather Knight present.
B). Request for Newsletter to show prospective members as required by Rules and Regs.
C) Several members have reached 25 years status with some of those years' auxiliary or inactive. A special acknowledgement to Anne Alper (2004), Trudy Bieck(1997), Caroline Courtney(2000), Louise Proffer(2000) and Debra Rowand(2000).
4. **Ways and Means** – Louise P. (Belinda M. absent)
A) Applications for Funding are due March 25th
5. **Treasurer** – Barbara H.
Checking: \$217,312.67
Schwab: \$268,594.68
Total: \$485,907.35
A) Credit card payment of \$8,290.90 was paid on March 5th.
***MOTION** – To approve transferring \$1,800 from General Charity account to Taste 'n' Tell account to cover the cost of G. Wright's nine tickets to TNT. Ghislaine M. SECOND by Lynda Stackhouse ALL in favor/NONE opposed. Motion ratified.
***MOTION** – To approve transferring \$400 from Holiday Appeal to Taste 'n' Tell account to cover two TNT tickets that were comped because of donations by the car dealerships. Ghislaine M. SECOND by Louise P. ALL in favor/NONE opposed. Motion ratified.
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***MOTION** – To approve the welfare report and requests for the Gonzales and Variatzas Families:

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Carole F. SECOND by Rena Udell ALL in favor/NONE opposed. Motion ratified.

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- B) 24 Gifts from the Heart.
- C) 59 letters for those that donated but didn't come.
- D) 3 letters to Irene Feldman's friends for Christmas toys.

8. Unfinished Business -

- A) CASF – The 5 raffle items and 1 silent auction item are due by next general Meeting April 15th. Bring the items to the meeting.
- B) TNT reports were collected and put in a binder that will be stored in the warehouse
- C) TNT Report - Louise P. Discussed discontinuing VIP tickets and have only one type of ticket. Discussion of how patrons can donate ensued.
- D) Reconsider the use, placement and delivery system of Gifts from the Heart. Perhaps have cards on the table with ways and reasons to give in a more discreet manner; specific QR coder perhaps.
- E) BPHI will change the dates of their birthday parties from Friday evenings to Saturday mornings.

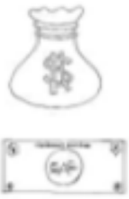
9. New Business –

- A) SAVE THE DATE: Next year TNT is February 3rd, 2026.
- B) PACE's Empowerment Luncheon is on April 4th from 11 – 1pm.
- C) EASTER Baskets forms are due March 19th.
- D) Nomination Committee (Linda I, Tara B, and Rena U) needs all members to pass in their sign-up survey sheets (copies were passed out to members and emailed with agenda). Due by March 31st
- E) Committee Sign-up Sheet will be provided by email asap and a hard copy handed out at the general meeting.
- F) Jacalyn Murray requested CAC to provide financial support for the Zula Outreach Center in Jerusalem, where at risk youth are provided a place of their own and off the streets. The "Girl's Room" is a project, within the center of Jerusalem, Israel, is presently being built to specifically offer girls privacy. Will CAC give monetary support to this organization? The directions are to donate directly to the OUISRAEL.org via "The Pearl Hearld Jacobs Zula Outreach Center," then the monies will be directed to the specific project entitled, The Girl's Room.
- G) Ann Powell Book Drive - Julie N. – Please brings new children's books to the next meeting.
- H) April 2nd, 10am Jeanne Dixon will hold the Jewelry cleaning group.

Adjournment: 11:00am MOTION to Adjourn: Laura B. SECOND: Pam M.

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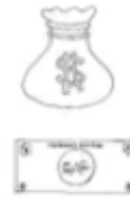
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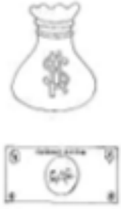
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Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2025



	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA Charity Checking	225,739.81
BOA Savings	0.00
Gibraltar	0.00
Schwab Investment Fund	265,865.59
Total Bank Accounts	\$491,605.40
Accounts Receivable	
Active Member Dues	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Aldi Food Cards	225.00
Gas Cards	0.00
Other Accounts Receivable	0.00
Publix Food Cards	1,455.00
Target Food Cards	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Wal-Mart Food Cards	4,700.00
Winn Dixie Food Certificates	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$6,380.00
Total Current Assets	\$497,985.40
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	\$499,619.62
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit card	10,381.06
Total Credit Cards	\$10,381.06
Other Current Liabilities	
Temp Restricted Grant - Gore Family Foundation	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$10,381.06
Total Liabilities	\$10,381.06
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	167,841.21
Retained Earnings	237,456.46
	TOTAL
Net Income	83,940.89
Total Equity	\$489,238.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$499,619.62



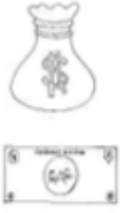
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Profit and Loss

August 2024 - February 2025



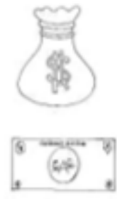
	TOTAL
Income	
cash rewards	1,762.94
Donations	59,239.55
Memorial	4,325.00
Total Donations	63,564.55
Dues	4,500.00
Fundraising Income	
Holiday Letter	17,168.00
Taste 'n' Tell	
All Heart	1,450.00
Bake Sale	2,091.20
Cruise Raffle	5,650.00
Donations	9,175.00
Gifts From the Heart	9,625.00
Live Auction	36,700.00
Raffle Basket	12,270.00
Reservations	26,550.00
Silent Auction	14,905.00
Underwriting	98,000.00
Total Taste 'n' Tell	216,416.20
Total Fundraising Income	233,584.20
Interest Inc	3,927.48
Misc. income	2,826.66
Unrestricted Grant Funds - Gore Family Foundation	21,335.00
Total Income	\$331,500.83
GROSS PROFIT	\$331,500.83
Expenses	
Bank Charge	7.00
Charity	
Back to Basics	17,500.00
Bennett Elementary	6,146.26
Blessed Sacrament	4,515.82
BPHI	4,218.97
Broadview Elementary	3,812.55
Broward Health	3,705.00
CDTC (Children's Diagnostic)	5,852.77
Croissant Park Elementary	500.00
Cross Creek School	4,301.04



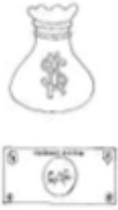
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	TOTAL
Cypress Elementary	5,321.30
Donors Choose.org	7,025.36
Equine Assisted Therapies of SF	6,000.00
God's Little Lambs	7,012.20
Henderson Behavioral Health	6,381.70
Holiday Baskets	
Christmas	20,158.91
Easter	197.61
Thanksgiving	20,869.05
Total Holiday Baskets	41,225.57
Hope Women's Center	3,099.72
Individuals	
Bisbau Family	3,373.99
Curzio/Peoples Family	888.48
Ford Family	895.85
Germain Family	436.33
Gonzalez (PACE)	420.91
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
Varitzas/Roussos	1,401.00
Total Individuals	11,441.89
JJCF	5,976.00
Mary Ann's Closet	1,346.48
Northside Elementary	7,247.44
Our Father's Soup Kitchen	2,304.45
PACE	6,796.15
Pompano Beach Middle School	1,990.00
Seagull Alternative School	4,379.12
The Little Schoolhouse	6,738.42
Tomorrow's Rainbow	16,000.00
Whispering Pines School	5,658.27
Total Charity	196,496.48
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	2,759.00
Total Contract Services	2,759.00



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August 2024 - February 2025



	TOTAL
Fundraising Expenses	
Taste & Tell	
Bake Sale	149.01
Decorations	705.80
Live Auction	14,650.00
Main Course and Food expense	24,258.68
Miscellaneous	861.82
PayPal fees	1,353.90
Printing	966.00
Program	1,175.00
Sound System	995.00
Total Taste & Tell	45,115.21
Total Fundraising Expenses	45,115.21
Misc	771.18
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	309.00
Total Operations	309.00
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	372.19
WebsiteURL fees	38.28
Total Expenses	\$247,559.94
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$83,940.89
NET INCOME	\$83,940.89

Taste 'n' Tell 2025 Income through 2/28/25

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET INCOME
Bake Sale	\$2,091.20	\$149.01	\$1942.19
Decorations		\$705.80	
Food		\$24,258.68	
Printing		\$2,141.00	
Program		\$995.00	
All Heart	\$1,450.00		
Cruise Raffle	\$5,650.00		
Donations	\$9,175.00		
Gifts from the Heart	\$9,625.00		
Live Auction	\$36,700.00	\$14,650	\$22,050
Raffle Baskets	\$12,270.00		
Reservations	\$26,550.00		
Silent Auction	\$14,905.00		
Underwriting	\$98,000.00		
Miscellaneous		\$2,215.72	
Total	\$216,416.20	\$45,115.21	\$171,300.99

WELFARE REPORT for March's Board & General Meeting.
Reporting Period - February - 2/1/2025 to 2/28/2025

Organizations:	Amount	Gift Cards on hand at 2/28/2025	Amount
Bennett Elementary	\$1,513.15	Publix Cards:	
BPHI	\$ 26.99	150 - \$10 Cards at \$9.70 ea.	\$1,455.00
CDTC	\$1,452.68	Walmart Cards:	
Cross Creek School	\$ 206.59	94 - \$50 each	\$4,700.00
God's Little Lambs	\$ 274.44	Aldi Cards:	
Hope Women's Center.	\$1,420.94	7 - \$25 each	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
Northside Elementary	\$ 335.76	TOTAL CARDS:	\$6,330.00
Seagull Alternative School	\$ 279.77		
The Little Schoolhouse	\$ 50.53		
Total:	\$5,560.85		

Speical Request: Hope Women's Center (for Car Seats) - \$3,000.00 Remaining Balance = \$10,012.00
No Emergency Requests.

Individuals

Gonzales Family: PACE Center for Girls - Pam Markus (Interim liaison)

On February 4th, Pam received a request from Milena Brunet at Pace requesting an Emergency funding for the Gonzalez family. They were arrears in their water bill totaling \$360.28. They were also delinquent in the FPL bill (724.41), but since the request was for emergency funding our limit was \$500. Welfare agreed to pay the past due water bill of \$360.28 and also provide \$100 in Walmart gift cards. Milena informed us she had found another source to pay the FPL bill.

Total Paid: \$460.28

Variatzas/Roussos Family - PACE Center for Girls- Pam Markus (Interim Liaison)

On February 6, Pam received a request from Jessica Tullus at Pace requesting assistance in helping a grandfather care for his three grandchildren, ages boy 17 and girls 13 and 11 (children's last name is Roussos). He is 74 years old, retired and never imagined he'd be in this position caring for his grandchildren at this age. He works part time at Publix (2 days per week) earning about \$425 a week. He also receives food stamps \$460, cash assistance \$440 and most likely receiving SS benefits. He seems to make it work but lives week to week. He keeps the girls in after school care to keep them busy and out of mischief! One of the girls needed braces costing him \$5,000. This set him back and is worried about keeping them in after school care and summer camp that is just around the corner. Welfare Committee recommended to pay the last three months of after school care totaling \$1,101(\$367/ month) and to give him \$300 in Walmart gift cards. Board approved on February 13.

Paid: \$1,401.00

Welfare Committee revisited this family and felt we should do more for this grandfather and recommended to pay for the summer camp program for both girls totaling \$2,200. Board approved on 2/21/25

Total Paid for Variatzas Family: \$3,601.00

February Total: \$4,061.28

After Party 2025



Thank you to the Dynamic Duo Janice Bloomfield and Rebecca Solomon for throwing the TNT Afterparty Tea Party at the beautiful home of Laura Balistreri - Ahmed. The food, tea cups, friends, and gifts were all so wonderful and heart-warming!

Here's to all who made this gathering a well-deserved celebratory Tea!



Even the Royals Came for Tea!





EASTER 2025

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Sandy Noonan and Louise

Proffer, this year we will serve 97 families (4 veteran families), 170 adults and 284 children!

Baskets include items such as: Easter Pail, Plastic Eggs, Tootsie Rolls, Jellybeans, cookies, chocolate-covered marshmallow eggs, peeps, & more! WITH a toothbrush & toothpaste, plus a bunny, coloring book, frisbee or adult coloring book according to age.

AND every child receives a \$25.00 Target Gift card!

But Wait there's more! Every family gets a Walmart Food Card between \$100 - \$300 depending on the size of family.

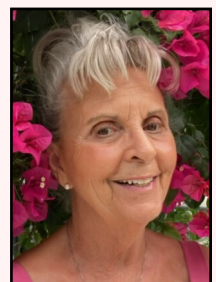


THANK YOU!!



This year's Bunny is Gail Jennings!

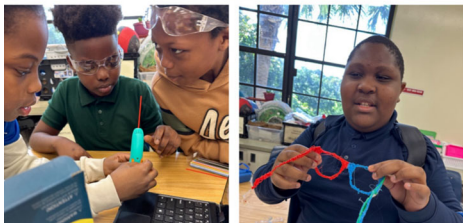
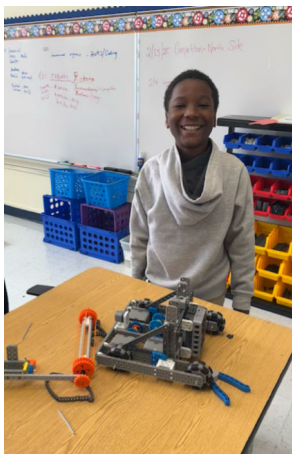
"It's going to be fun, usually I handle the eggs, but this year I'm looking forward to all the hugs!"



When you look at the faces of these children, you see the **IMPACT** of Children's Aid Club!

✨ Inspiring Young Minds! ✨

Thanks to our generous donors and the dedication of our CAC liaisons, students at **God's Little Lambs, Northside Elementary, Cypress Elementary, and Bennett Elementary** are engaging their imaginations, strengthening critical thinking skills, and developing cognitively through educational toys!



The success of early childhood cognitive development depends on the freedom to 'play.' It boosts problem-solving & curiosity for life-long learning.



Individual Request from PACE Center for Girls - Thank you Welfare and everyone who made this possible.

Good Morning,

Children's Aid Club has been busy working out all the parts for after school care for Julie and Kate Roussos. I am pleased to say that CAC supports Mr. Nickolas Variatzas in his extraordinary endeavor to raise his grandchildren in his golden years. We admire how he has kept up on his bills, juggling all of it, and we want him to know that he is not alone. Children's Aid Club will pay for three months of After School Care at Renaissance Charter school at Coral Springs (March, April and May) totalling \$1,101.00. We dropped the payment off today at the school. We will also pay for the Summer Camp at City of Coconut Creek Parks and Rec for both Kate and Julia for the full 8 week Camp from June 9th - August 1st, 2025. Renaissance Charter School said both girls would be covered until they go to Summer Camp. To sum up, the girls are covered until August 1st, 2025 by the supportive hand from Children's Aid Club. We are proud to help Mr. Variatzas, and apologize that it can only be this once and hope it has a lasting impact on the prosperity for the family.

In addition, we want to provide a Walmart gift card in the amount of \$300 to help buy clothes, or much needed items for John, Julia and Kate.

With Warmest Regards, Children's Aid Club

To: CAC Staff

I am writing to express my gratitude for the support and assistance that CAC have provided to me and my grandchildren. Your kindness, generosity and your heartfelt email have made a huge impact in our lives. We really cannot thank you enough. CAC's commitment to help families like us is a true blessing. Once again, thank you for all the support. We will forever be grateful for the positive impact you have made in our lives. Please extend this appreciation to everyone on the team.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Thank you from Nickolas Variatzas and the Roussos Kids



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 ☎ 954-561-6939
www.pacecenter.org

Thanks to Carole Falkanger and Lynda Stackhouse, liaison to Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation, Children's Aid Club has the opportunity to give \$500 to each family who has a child fighting cancer. It's because of the tenacious, compassionate work of liaisons that we have so many good stories to share. Thanks to all CAC members who find ways to help a child.

Hope for 4 Children Fighting Cancer



Be Their Light CAC! This Spring, as flowers begin to bloom, please be mindful of these (4) children fighting the toughest battle of their young lives. Your ❤️ can be the light for Sophia, Mateo, Genesis and Nate as their families face financial hardships due to cancer. Each of their families has received our emergency financial assistance, but they need more. Through our Advocacy Program (last resort program) we reach out to our community hoping to raise upwards of \$1,000 for each child. Your contribution will ensure these families have food and housing, but most important, they will know they are not alone.

With gratitude,

Sandra Muvdi, MBA
 President / CEO

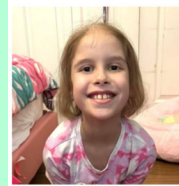
Genesis, 9-year-old, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital



Genesis' single mother of (3) kids is dealing with multiple hardships trying to hold it together supporting her family; living in crisis has become her norm. Family pleas for temporary help with their rent while Genesis battles Leukemia.

Mother's quote: "My rent is first priority which is \$1,375. This will be an ease of my mind and hope that there are helpful people out in this world."

Sophia, 10-year-old, Palm Beach Children's Hospital at St. Mary's

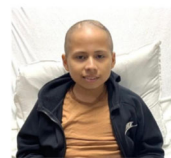


Kindness for Sophia's family of (4) as she battles Leukemia. Sophia and her family would immensely appreciate any contribution to help pay next month's rent.

Father's quote: "My wife had to stop working to care for Sophia full-time, and we are now struggling to pay our rent and bills as I search for a new job. I would sincerely appreciate any assistance you can provide to help us through this tough period. Thank you for your time, consideration, and the incredible support you offer to families in need."

Mateo, 14-year-old, Nicklaus Children's Hospital

Mateo needs help with rent since his single mother cannot work while caring for him after relapsing with Brain Cancer. Despite his struggles, Mateo always smiles and loves sharing inspiring posts on his [Instagram Page](#).



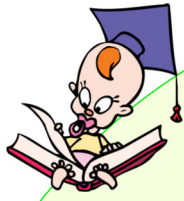
Hospital Social Worker's quote: "Mateo and his family have been in a long battle with Medulloblastoma. Despite his continued progression, Mateo always has a smile on his face. Mateo's mother is the primary caretaker and is facing financial strain due to not being able to work."

Nate, 10-year-old, Nicklaus Children's Hospital

While fighting metastatic bone cancer, Nate has endured extensive harsh treatment, multiple surgeries and the loss of his leg. The financial burden has been huge on his single mom trying to maintain a roof over their head, a working vehicle and take care of Nate.

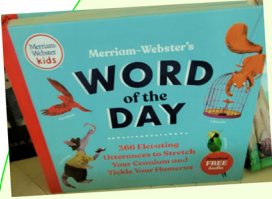


Hospital Social Worker's quote: "Now, in what appears to be a series of beautiful miracles, Nate is still with us. Nate takes most of the credit, but his mom's faith and dedication are right up there too... Any drop in the bucket to help this family will go a long way and the gratitude will be endless."



Ann Powell's Book Drive

Every year, near Ann's birthday, we honor her memory by donating some new children's books that will be included in Holiday baskets and birthdays. Ann loved reading, and it's a way of keeping her memory alive. WWAD: What Would Ann Do?



God's Little Lambs celebrated 9 birthdays in March! Three were pre - k and just babies. They all loved the stuffed animal Ghislaine picked up at the dollar store for nearly half off! Thanks to all the liaisons for thinking of their organization as one of their own family members! That's dedication!



CAC Bulletin Board

BELMONT VILLAGE
will honor Children's Aid Club
MAY 29th, 2025
Gala and Fashion Show!

Legacy of Giving.

All proceeds raised from Belmont Village Fort Lauderdale will be donated to CAC!

WHAT AN HONOR! PLAN ON ATTENDING!

Reminder of what to bring to the General Meeting!

1. 5 Raffle items: (For example, 5 liquor bottles and 5 gift cards worth \$25 each)
2. Silent Auction Item: Maybe a restaurant gave you a gift card, or an athletic gift certificate?
3. A few new children's books in honor of Ann Powell

Thank you! None of this would be possible without our members' generosity.

Little School House celebrated two sweet birthdays in March! Thanks to Linda and Fran!!!!



EASTER BASKETS

All liaisons!
Your easter baskets will be ready to be picked up on or after Wednesday, April 9th.
Please make arrangements with Sandy Noonan beforehand.
Thank you!



NSU Museum Friends

On April 9, 10:45 AM, Friends will offer a free presentation and lecture, Art in 3-D, which, if you'd like, will be followed by lunch for \$25.00. Contact Rebecca Solomon asap.

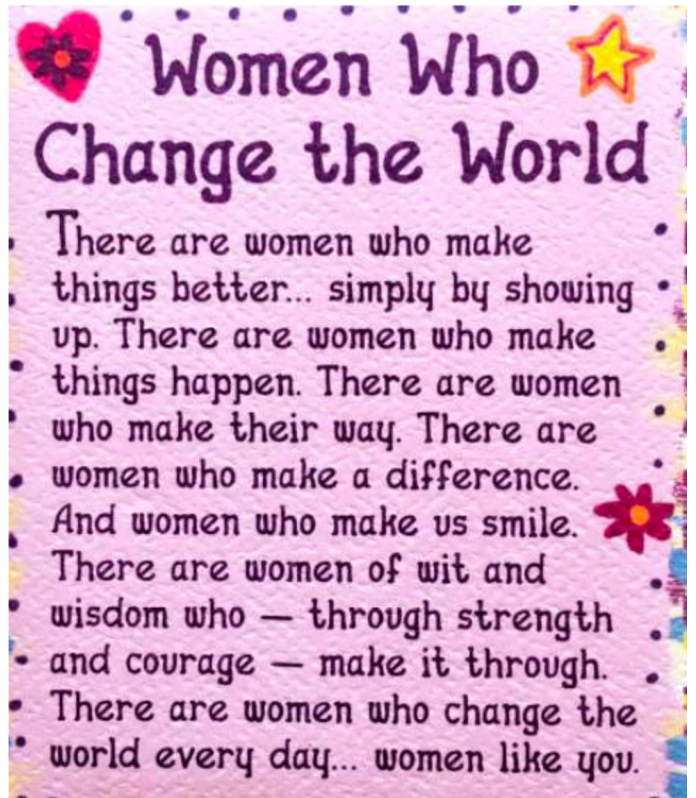
Children's Aid Club will be collecting clean, empty prescription bottles with their labels removed. Please place in a ziploc bag and give to Julie Newton for Food for the Poor!



Happy Birthday



Sandy Noonan
4/9



SAVE THE DATE:
Monday, May 5th, 2025 for the
CASF Charity Golf Classic



Remember, CAC raises the majority of its funds via three sources: Donations, TNT & Golf Tournament!


APRIL						
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14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30				

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

Welcome Randa Flinn!



Julie Newton invited her close friend, Randa Flinn, to our March meeting, where she was warmly welcomed. Recently retired after over 30 years as a beloved science teacher at Northeast High, Randa admires CAC's dedication to the community. She is considering joining us at the CASF Golf Tournament this year and may become more involved with CAC in the future.



Other Dates to Remember:
April 1st is April Fool's Day
April 15th is Tax Day
April 25th is Easter.

April Calendar 2025

Children's Aid Club

Friday, April 4th

PACE Empowerment Luncheon
11am - 1pm
Hollywood Margaritaville Hotel
Register at pace.org/empowerment

Tuesday, April 15th

General Meeting: 9:30 am
Powell Warehouse
1851 W 2nd Avenue, Unit 10, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Gate Code: Available in our Black Book


Tuesday, April 8th

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

Wednesday, April 16th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)
Easter Bunny Celebration 9:30 - 11
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

Thursday, April 17th

 **Little Schoolhouse**
Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Visit 9:30 - 11
We'll be handing out treat bags! If you'd like to help, please contact Linda I.

Wednesday, April 9th

God's Little Lambs (GLL)
Birthday Party 2:15 - 3:30 pm
Contact: Ghislaine Martin & Janice Bloomfield

TBA

Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI) Central campus
Birthday Party 6:30 - 8:30
Contact: Valerie Taylor & Vanessa Diaz-Font

Friday, April 11th

Little Schoolhouse (LSH)
Birthday Party 10 - 11:30 am
Contact: Linda Ianelli & Fran English

IMPORTANT MAY DATES!

Monday May 5th - CASF Golf Classic 2025 partially benefiting Children's Aid Club. ALL CAC Active Members should participate!

Thursday May 29th - Belmont Village of Fort Lauderdale Gala & Fashion Show benefiting Children's Aid Club! We need a strong showing of attendance and support by CAC members, active or auxiliary.



CAC Committee Sign-up Sheet For: (name) _____

Please tell me about yourself and the commitments you have outside of CAC- jobs, family, other organizations, etc. Also tell me your hobbies, interests and talents

Are you currently serving as a liaison or do you serve on CAC Committee? If so, which one(s):

Please Indicate below the Committees YOU will join in 2025-2026

Indicate 1, 2 or 3 as your first, second or third choice. You will NOT be on all

Newsletter _____

Birthday parties _____

Sunshine _____

Website _____

Golf Tournament _____

Historian _____

Holiday Baskets _____

Socials _____

Welfare for Individuals _____

Supplies _____

Welfare for Organizations _____

Development _____

Taste 'n Tell _____

Publicity _____

CAC Yearbook _____

Sponsor Acquisition _____

Layettes _____

Do you currently serve as a liaison to one of our organizations? If so, which one?

Have you considered being a liaison for a different organization next year or in the future?

If so, which one(s) would you consider. 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice

If you are unfamiliar with our organizations and where you may fit in please don't hesitate to reach out. If you have an interest in a committee but have further questions on the obligation, REACH OUT!!! We want you to have a fulfilling position with CAC

Please Send to Nominating Committee: Linda I., Rena U., and Tara B. asap. before the General Meeting.

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 CASTF 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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