



## Are you Feeling Lucky?

### Luck of the Irish

We all know that March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, but do you know how the phrase "Luck of the Irish" came to be? According to Edward T. O'Donnell, an Associate Professor of History at Holy Cross College and author of "1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History," the term is not Irish in origin.

"During the gold and silver rush years in the second half of the 19th century, a number of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish and Irish American birth....Over time this association of the Irish with mining fortunes led to the expression 'luck of the Irish.'"

## Big Thanks!

### We LOVE our community!!!!

On February 17 at 4:00 pm we put this "Urgent Request" out on our Facebook page: "Hey Citrus County Friends! We have an urgent need for 3 high chairs, size 5 and 6 diapers, a double stroller and a triple stroller. Any help is always appreciated. #CASACitrus #CitrusCares"



Five days later we posted this: "\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\* 2/22/22 Great news friends! We have been gifted 3 highchairs, diapers and a double stroller! Our community is the BEST!! Thank you all so much for your gracious and giving hearts!"

What a wonderful response we received. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring and giving community!

## Teen Town Hall



CASA was so proud to be in attendance at the Teen Town Hall on February 4th. There was a competition to win start up money for the group that best met the criteria they were representing. The idea had to be realistic, sustainable, and solve a problem.

CASA and Jessie's Place group was representing "violence" and came up with a change in procedure that involves the participants of the "fight" completing an anti-violence curriculum, as well as, mediation between participants to work out issues to prevent violence from happening in the future.

Violence Group, which was led by CASA and Jessie's Place facilitators won 1st place!

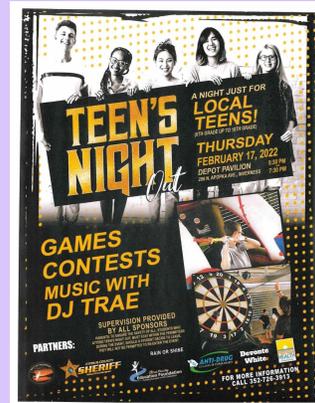
Teen Town Hall is absolutely one of our favorite events of the school year!! We are honored to have led the violence in schools group along with Jessie's Place. We look forward to making this idea a reality in our schools.

## Teen's Night Out

Shout out to our local sponsors for another successful Teen's Night Out!

Big thanks to: CCSO, Inverness Fire Department, Eckerd, Anti-Drug, CCEF, CASA, DOH, CIVCOM, City of Inverness, The Studio Photography, and DJ Trae!

Looking for something for your teens to do? Every 3rd Thursday of the month we hold a special event just for our teens at the Depot 5:30-7:30 pm. Any questions please call (352)726-3913.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### Dillard's Wendy Lang



Citrus county resident, Wendy Lang who works in the lingerie department as a Certified Bra Specialist at Dillard's in Ocala decided to hold a fundraiser for CASA during the month of March. The community was invited to support the event by making a \$5 donation at a Dillard's checkout throughout the Ocala store. As a thank you for each \$5 donation an entry was made to win a gift basket donated by Dillard's that included Kate

Spade, Coach, Lancome, Godiva and more! Overall, the event was a big success and Dillard's donated approximately 200 bras and panties.

Thank you to Wendy and Store Manager, Tim Gammack-Clark (pictured) for making this fundraiser possible and helping the survivors at CASA in Citrus County!

## The Woman's Club of Beverly Hills

“The Woman's Club of Beverly Hills hosted a Pasta and Pasta Sauce donation drive for the survivors at CASA. What a special treat! CASA is so blessed to be a part of such a caring and giving community. If you would like to join the Woman's Club of Beverly Hills, they meet at 10am on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.



Pictured are Alesha Patrick, Vice President-Connie Martin Carter, Patty Oaks, Irene Marcoux, President-Nanci Martin, Kathy Rodrigues, Scheri Ramirez, Debbie Schaefer, Barbara Storey. Not Pictured Treasurer-Cynthia Reeser.”

## Thanks WinnDixie



Recently, all the WinnDixie stores in Citrus County got together and held a clothes donation drive for Citrus Abuse Shelter Association, Inc. (CASA). They arrived by the car and truck load on March 8, 2022 to unload their haul. We here at CASA are so incredibly thankful to everyone who contributed. Citrus County has come through for CASA once again. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a generous community.

Pictured left to right are: Kimberly Martini-CASA Outreach Program Manager, Vicki Decker-Dunnellon WinnDixie, Sean Barnes-Inverness WinnDixie, Tammy Phillips-Beverly Hills WinnDixie, Victoria Lowther-Crystal River WinnDixie, Andrea Rohback-Inverness WinnDixie, and Sandra Brooks-Homosassa WinnDixie.”

## Upcoming Events

### American Irish Club 21st Annual Golf Tournament

To benefit CASA!

Wednesday, March 23rd 2022

Twisted Oaks Golf Club

Beverly Hills, Florida

- 18 Holes: Registration 8:00 am - Shotgun Start at 8:30 am
- 9 Holes: Registration 9:30 am - Shotgun Start at 10:15 am
- Scramble Best Ball Format
- Team Prize for Each Flite (Men & Mixed)
- Prizes for Men and Women for Longest Drive
- Pot-O-Gold (Optional)
- Cost \$65 Per Person 18 Holes
- Cost \$45 Per Person 9 Holes
- Includes Golf, Breakfast, Lunch & Prizes
- Following Play at Twisted Oaks Golf Club

For Information and Sign-Up -

Contact: Rick MacDowell - 845-608-4135

(Course Rules Apply - No Denim or T-Shirts)

- Tickets are \$25
- 4 hours of unlimited

- craft beer tasting
- Home brews and local favorites such as Marker 48 Brewing, Hiatus Brewing, and many more
- Food Trucks available for food purchase
- Live Music by The Dance Strutt Band

Tickets sold out last year so get your early. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inverness-brewers-union-presents-hops-for-hope-2022-tickets-272411779967>

You can also become a sponsor! Sponsorships range from a Pint Sponsor \$200 to a Barrel Sponsor \$2,500.

If you would like to become a sponsor [click here](#) for the sponsorship form. And thank you for Supporting CASA.



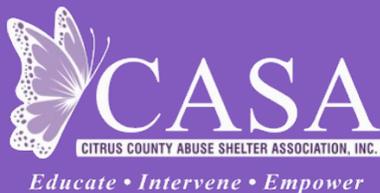
## Donors February 2022

We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to our individual donors for the month of February of 2022. Without your donations, we would not be able to do the work that we do in the community:

Jennifer Bross, Patricia Harrington, Mary Schaffle, Rhiannon Steiner, Crystal River Eagles AERIE 4272, Network for Good.

If you would like to donate to CASA now, you can go to our website [www.casaf1.org](http://www.casaf1.org).

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