

**November
2019**

MISSION STATEMENT

The **FAMILY CENTER on DEAFNESS** empowers Pinellas County's Deaf Community to meet its full potential by providing opportunities to enhance communication, education and independence.

FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES



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Check our website for latest news and announcements!



Hand Talk

FCD FAMILY Picnic Nov. 23

You're invited!

On Sat., Nov. 23rd, everyone is invited to FCD's annual Thanksgiving Picnic located at John Taylor Park Shelter #3 from 2 pm to sunset. FCD will provide the turkeys.



Bring a side dish or desserts to share, and plan for a fun-filled afternoon of food, crafts, field games and a drum circle, sponsored by the Deaf Literacy Center. Please RSVP so we can arrange adequate food preparations. FREE for FCD participants. Community Members— bring food items or \$2 ticket. We certainly don't want anyone going home hungry.

RSVP at Tracy@fcdpinellas.org

Location: 1100 8th Ave SW, Largo

Time: 2:00 pm to Sunset

Share the Love Fundraiser a Success

On October 12th, a benefit was held to raise money for the Family Center on Deafness. Share the Love was held at Quaker Steak and Lube in Pinellas Park, and featured bands, classic cars, a motorcycle poker run, 50/50 drawings and a prize raffle. The event raise more than \$3,000 for FCD programs.

(William Lablanctz), Teamsters Union #79 and ENT Associates. Thanks also to Angela's Car Shows for organizing the raffles and car show.

Big thanks to Josh and Timmy Barber, who organized the event. Also to the sponsors: Sailwind Realty





November—5, 6, 7,12,13,14,19, 20, 21



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THANK YOU

Volunteers

- Kimberly Albury
- Lexi Banks
- Mikail Baptiste
- Sophie Coon
- Jasper Cottrell
- Kai Dallara
- Gregory DeJesus
- Andre Estima
- Coral Furtado
- Taylor Fry
- Amanda Greene
- Braelyn Grimes
- Brianna Greene
- Melissa Hebbeler
- Alex Jenkins
- DiQwan Johnson
- Brianna Kelley
- Katie Killebrew
- Nicky Macias
- Laura Milford
- Paige Moore
- Surrebba Petty
- Bridget Phelan
- Jessica Potts
- Amanda Renner
- Marika Robinson
- Zoe Schonmann
- Rachel Settambriano
- Emma Sils
- Jo Simon
- David Sofr
- Denis Sofr
- Cienna Toro

- Jonathan Vangeli
- Rene Vojnovic
- David Welker

In-Kind Donations

- Kimberly Albury
- Josh/Timmy Barber
- Thomas Bogadi
- Coral Furtado
- Braelyn Grimes
- Cindy Hebbeler
- Juli Halifax
- Matthew Morgan
- Open Arms Ministry
- Orlando Pagan
- Sirrenna Petty
- Carolina Piamba
- Chelsey Riley
- Marika Robinson
- Rosa Rodriguez
- Zoe Schonmann
- Whitney Shim
- Franklin Smith
- Strachans Ice Cream
- Thuy Thach & Minh Kim
- Rene' Vojnovic
- Amanda Ward
- Sharon Wildenstein
- Mary Ann Ziegler

Financial Donations

- ENT Associates/Layne
- Mayly
- Facebook Anonymous
- Quaker Steak & Lube
- Walmart #1712



Raising Expectations & Achievement of Children with Hearing Loss

October was a busy month at REACH. Orlando Pagan spoke to the students about his job as a flight attendant. They then made paper airplanes and had a flying competition. Deaf magician

Matthew Morgan did a magic show and taught the children how to do some of the tricks themselves. Franklin Smith visited REACH and spoke about Deaf history and culture. The month culminated with a huge Halloween party with games, crafts and plenty of yummy snacks and candy.

REACH students have been busy doing art projects. They made masks, which will be featured at the DEAFInetly Arts and Culture event on November 9th in Safety Harbor. They also collaborated on a beautiful mosaic "I Love You Hand", which will be auctioned off at the event, with the proceeds going to FCD.



FCD Staff—Roles and Responsibilities



Julie Church
Executive Director



Kathy Kemp
Office Manager



Sally Shortz
Finance, Data
Entry, ASL
Classes



Franklin Smith-
Lead Youth/Family
Support Specialist
High School,
Academic Bowl
Coach



Tracy Kasch
Program Manager
Middle School,
Robotics Coach



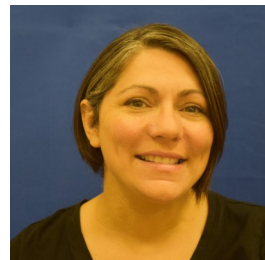
Gwen Sand
Amplified
Telephone
Distribution



Lisa Kingston
Employment
Services, Job
Coach



Caitlyn Dollar
REACH,
Elementary School,
Volunteers

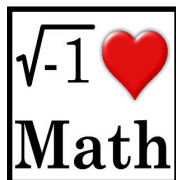


Dawn Varner
Birth-5, Parent
Specialist



Addie Osmar
Middle School,
Math Team
Coach, Girl Squad

FCD Math Team Try Outs



For the second year in a row, FCD Middle school students will participate in the National Math Competition in Rochester, NY, March 27-29. Sponsored by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID/RIT), FCD will sponsor a team of four D/HH middle school students. The team will fly to and stay at RIT for free, and will compete against 40 other D/HH teams! Math Competition tryouts will be on November 7th at 5pm at the FCD Largo Office. Practices will be held on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in trying out for the team, contact Addie at 727-403-5711 or addie@fcdpinellas.org.



Teen Scene will be taking middle and high school students to the DEAFinitely Arts & Culture festival on Nov. 9th at the Safety Harbor Art & Music Center. Teens must RSVP to Franklin at 727- 674-3685 or Addie at 727-403-5711 to reserve a seat. Act quickly— there are only 16 seats available! Drop off at FCD at 3pm and pick-up will be at 9 pm. Please bring \$5.

Seeking a “Secret Santa”

One of our annual traditions at FCD is making sure all of our participants receive a present from their FCD family. Over the years, generous donors have stepped up to make this possible. Perhaps you or a group you belong to is looking for a way to make a child happy this holiday season. Contact us at 727-501-2323 or info@fcdpinellas.org if you would like to donate to our holiday joy project.

Poinsettia Sale 2019

Our Annual Poinsettia Fall Fundraiser is in full swing. We look to staff, families, and friends and passed purchasers of these beautiful plants to promote the sale. A flyer is included in this newsletter or you can find it on our website www.fcdpinellas.org. All orders need to be submitted with payment before November 20, 2019. You can pick the plants up at our office on December 4 or 5 or have them delivered in Pinellas County for a donation on December 4 or 5.

All profits go towards supporting summer camps and programs. Your participation can earn your child credit towards attending these fun events. Ask your child's Youth and Family Support Specialist for details.

Volunteers will be needed for clerical, unloading the delivery truck and filling the orders on December 3 and for delivery and pick up coverage at FCD on December 4 and 5. Email Kathy Kemp at kathy@fcdpinellas.org if you can help.



FCD's Girl Squad recently learned how to work with special effects make up just in time for Halloween. Sophie Coon, who is a CODA (child of a deaf adult) demonstrated on her mom, Marjorie Stout, and taught the girls some cool tricks

Family Center on Deafness Staff

Julie Church	Executive Director
Kathy Kemp	Office Manager
Tracy Kasch	Program Manager
Franklin Smith	Lead Youth/Family Support Spc.
Catilyn Dollar	Youth/Family Support Specialist
Addie Osmar	Youth/Family Support Specialist
Dawn Varner	Parent Support Specialist
Sally Shortz	Program Support Specialist
Gwen Sand	FTRI Supervisor
Lisa Kingston	Employment Specialist

Battle of the Books



A fantastic time was had by all at the Grand Finale of the Battle of the Books, November 1. Students enjoyed a taco bar, displayed their "book themed" art work, and competed in teams to win prizes! A shout out to our partner Rosa Rodriguez, Deaf Literacy Center, for her efforts in helping to make this a great success!

Robotics at FCD

This year, for the first time, FCD is partnering with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (RIT) and its regional STEM center in Alabama, to field a team for a national Deaf Robotics Competition. The STEM center has supplied robotics materials for our project and will host an event at the Texas School for the Deaf and Blind February 6-9, 2020.



FCD can field two teams, which will be meeting every Tuesday and one Saturday a month, with a maximum of 4 players on each team. If your student is interested in attending, please contact Tracy Kasch (727) 480-4258 (text only) or email her at tracy@fcdpinellas.com.