

COC IN AUGUST

Kicking off the 2022 - 2023 School Year!

Bonnie & Brian Hawthorne



The new school year is kicking off and we are so excited! Our first regular Saturday morning was back in session on August 27th. It was so great to see all the kids; everyone had a great first day back! We'd like to introduce some of our new staff and volunteers to you, who joined COC in the 2021 - 2022 school year and have become core members of the COC group: Bonnie and Brian Hawthorne, and Matt and Tara Shanklin and their daughter Coraline. Their home church is Pastor Tim's House of Hope St. Pete. Earlier this year, Bonnie Hawthorne has become COC's new Administrative Assistant. Her hard work and organization of all things COC has been an incredible blessing to everyone. We'd like to share a few words from Bonnie as well as Matt about what COC has meant to them over the past year.

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

A Word from Bonnie...

“What I love about COC is that it provides me with an opportunity to be the hands and feet that lay a foundation of God’s love for these children in need. Growing up in a non-believing household, had it not been for the friends that reached out to me and involved me in similar outreaches like COC, I am not sure where I would be today. Through the giving and love of others, a foundation was laid for me that brought me back around to Christ in a real way later in my life. I am so happy now to be a part of the growth of this next generation of kids who need God’s love and influence in their lives.”

A Word from Matt...

“I love the energy of the children and making them smile and laugh. I’ve seen the kids go from being shy to super excited to see me and I just know that opening up like that will benefit their lives and make them more available to give and receive the love they all deserve. Being able to provide food to anybody is always a blessing and I know what we give the children to sustain their bodies helps them grow and also helps the parents have some relief of their burdens. I’m a parent and I know and appreciate how far a little help can go. It just feels so good to give back to others in any way possible, as Jesus taught us to do.”



**Matt, Tara &
Coraline Shanklin**

We need your help and support to make this year GREAT for our kids and families at COC. The only way this ministry keeps going is via your giving. These kids need us. Thank you so much! Contact Pastor Tim Marshick, the director of Christian Outreach Center to find out how you can help.

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In the month of September, we are teaching the kids about all of the ‘love scriptures’ in the Bible. This is their memory verse for the month: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for another.” John 13:34-35. Please pray that God’s love and protection will fill and cover our kids in their homes and at school as they are living in dangerous neighborhoods. God Bless. Proverbs 22:6

- Pastor Tim Marshick