

Hopeful Happenings

2022 Fall Newsletter

Serving Sarasota and DeSoto Counties



[First name],

This newsletter is written to share the tremendous hope and opportunities each of you brings to the fight against child abuse. We have many wonderful updates to share with you, but we would be remiss if we didn't touch on the recent scare of Hurricane Ian. **Above all, we sincerely hope that this finds you and your loved ones safe.** We feel very fortunate that despite some major damage to homes and properties, our staff made it through the storm unharmed. We are also extremely grateful to get back to providing full services to our clients so quickly despite the significant damage sustained at our North Port property.

The Fall Season is a bustling time at the Child Protection Center. As this letter is being written, our Development team is in the final stages of preparing for our Night of Hope & Healing Event on November 3rd (this year's event is sure to be particularly exciting!), Giving Tuesday, and End of Year fundraising. Executive Director Douglas Staley is assisting the Gulf Gate Rotary in our annual Turkey Day initiative when we'll distribute over 80 turkeys and baskets of groceries to our clients' families. Our therapists and Operations Program Administrator have begun prepping for our Client Holiday Party. The days are long and busy, and we wouldn't have it any other way!

This time of year brings us constant reminders of how much is made possible by such a compassionate community. It truly is our favorite time of the year- not for the presents or the hot chocolate, but for the true joy and gratitude we feel thanks to the kindness of our friends and advocates.

This is our final Hopeful Happenings newsletter until after the New Year. We hope you'll share in our celebratory news in these coming pages and take pride in the many lives that have been changed this past year because of your support!

Most sincerely,

Doug and the CPC Team



*"Once you choose hope...
anything's possible."*

-Christopher Reeve

Congratulations TO THESE HEROES!



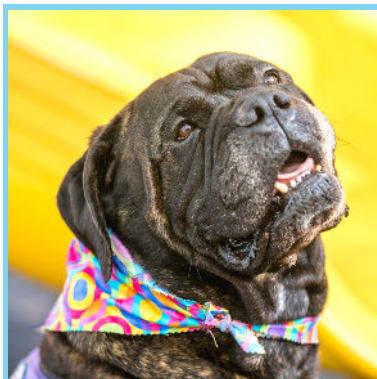
MICHAEL KLAUBER of Michael's on East was named CPC's *Community Partner of the Year*. "Without Michael, we wouldn't be able to make such a long-lasting impact. His work and dedication to our mission is lifesaving." Congratulations!

Please join us in honoring **NIKKI WILLIAMS** as CPC's *Volunteer of the Year*! "Known as our YES woman, Nikki's heart is evident in all she does for CPC, and exemplifies what it means to be 'all in.'"



CPC names **JERRY & FAY BAINBRIDGE** as *Child Advocates of the Year*. "The Bainbridges are the pebble in the pond, creating a ripple of change. We're in awe of the astounding impact they've had in the fight against child abuse."

We are applauding **GRACI MCGILLICUDDY**, who was recently named as one of *100 Women to Know in America*! "Graci is a true pillar of philanthropy with an unstoppable drive to build a safer and more beautiful community." This honor is well deserved!



Congratulations to PAWS (Pet Advocates Working in the Suncoast) pup **DJANGO**, who received numerous accolades in the *American Kennel Club's Tampa Dog Show*. Django has been bringing comfort to the children of CPC since 2013.

We're filled with gratitude for these kind hearted high school volunteers who helped clear up debris after Hurricane Ian! These volunteers cleaned our Sarasota playground in order for the children in therapy to have access to the joy and carefree play this space provides as they receive services.



Through a natural disaster, a pandemic, and the harsh realities of child abuse, we are ALWAYS stronger TOGETHER!



This mighty team of Truist Lighthouse Community Project volunteers helped assemble 7 picnic benches to be used at our North Port office during Supervised Visits. These will serve as a welcoming space for children to reconnect with their caregivers. Thank you!!

CPC is very pleased to have announced the appointment of **ED GRIESE** to its Board of Directors.

"With our continued expansion further into North Port and South Sarasota County, Ed's experience in strategic planning is invaluable to the clients we serve at CPC," says Doug Staley. "Ed's expertise will afford long term stability and service continuity that is critical to our community's growing needs."



PSCA celebrates 30 YEARS!

We are absolutely thrilled to be celebrating the 30th anniversary of educating the community on reducing child abuse through our Personal Safety and Community Awareness Program (PSCA). Three decades- wow!!

ABOUT PSCA:

- 1 PSCA is the *longest tenured* prevention program in the state of Florida.
- 2 This program has served *over 800,000* individuals in its 30-year history.
- 3 PSCA provides 20+ workshops *at no cost* to pre-school through high school aged youth, caregivers, & professionals.
- 4 CPC's Prevention Educators have developed a *nation-wide reputation* as the professionals in prevention.
- 5 PSCA is Sarasota County's *sole provider* of this type of holistic & comprehensive child abuse prevention education.

Getting ready for the holidays at CPC

As we get closer to the end of the year, our staff has begun preparations to make this a special holiday season for our clients, for many of whom the holidays are a struggle. It's difficult to work through the trauma that follows child abuse while surrounded by a carefree world of cheer and merriment.

Each December, CPC throws a Client Holiday Party to help bring some joy to our clients in a safe and healing environment. The goodies given out for our holiday party encourage bonding, normalcy, self care, and fun while bringing laughter and comfort during a difficult time, and that is a truly wonderful thing.

If you'd like to get involved, we encourage you to start gathering goodies such as pajamas, blankets, board or card games, gift cards, art supplies, toy trucks & cars, etc.

Items can be dropped off or mailed to:

Child Protection Center, Inc.
720 S. Orange Ave
Sarasota, FL 34236

Join the Prevention Movement

- Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Internet Safety
- Empathy Training
- Identifying & Reporting Abuse
- Anti-Bullying
- Stress Management

Schedule your FREE training! Contact MichelleB@CPCSarasota.org

AN INSIDE LOOK *with CPC's programs*

Collectively, the Child Protection Team has a total of 180 yrs of experience in the Child Welfare System.



All Supervised Visitation Volunteers are required to have a successful FDLE Local & National Background Screening.



All CPC's Prevention Educators have a Bachelor's Degree.



All of our therapists have a Master's degree and/or licensure in Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, Psychology, Marriage & Family Therapy, or other behavioral science.

Stuff your stockings with the 2023 PAWS Calendar!



Hot off the press! Our 2nd annual calendar featuring our PAWS therapy pups has just been printed! All proceeds benefit CPC. Check it out at CPCSarasota.org/shop

Save THE Date

GIVING TUESDAY

TUES | 11.29.2022

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. It's the perfect day to change the lives of children by supporting CPC! We'll be sharing more information later in November, so keep your eyes peeled for updates from our e-blasts, social media, and website.

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