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ADOPT-A-FAMILY of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

AN UNFORGETTABLE TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

The 37th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration exceeded all expectations. The cherished event returned to Palm Beach on December 7, 2021, and our community of supporters marked the long-anticipated reunion by pledging a record-breaking \$800,000 in support of the families served by Adopt-A-Family. The room was overflowing with the kindness and generosity of our friends and donors.



Chair Nancy Kalaher and Co-Chair Elizabeth DeBrule

a former agency client who is now pursuing her Ph.D., and an exciting live auction led by longtime agency friend, Neil Saffer. Bidder paddles were raised all over the room as the evening concluded with our annual Call from the Heart.

The majority of the silent auction was held online this year, allowing

supporters from all over the country to join the fun. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the event by bidding online.

Event Chair Nancy Kalaher and Co-Chair Elizabeth DeBrule led the amazing Tree Lighting Committee with enthusiasm and dedication for 12 months in preparation for the event. Adopt-A-Family is incredibly grateful to our event chairs, committee, sponsors, volunteers, attendees, and virtual supporters. The funds raised at Tree Lighting will equip Adopt-A-Family to be a lifeline for Palm Beach County families throughout 2022.



During a gourmet dinner, guests enjoyed remarks by CEO Matt Constantine, a beautiful testimony from

SAVE THE DATE:
Our 38th Annual Tree Lighting
Celebration will be held on
December 6, 2022



2021 TREE LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Adopt-A-Family is grateful for the commitment, wisdom, and generosity of our Tree Lighting Committee. Year after year, the work of this incredible team of volunteers is an essential part of Adopt-A-Family's ability to accomplish its mission in Palm Beach County.

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DONORS GIFT HOLIDAY MAGIC TO AGENCY FAMILIES

SANTA SHOPPE

The Project Grow turf was transformed into a festive winter wonderland to host one of Adopt-A-Family's most treasured traditions: Santa Shoppe. Thanks to our supporters, 179 children from 80 households picked out presents for their parents, received a wrapped gift purchased from their wish list, took pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and took home snacks and festive crafts.

Special thanks to teams from UBS West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Flagler Rotary Club, Old Marsh Golf Club, Gardens Presbyterian Church, and Lost Tree Village, who purchased and wrapped hundreds of presents in preparation for the event.



HOLIDAY ADOPTER PROGRAM



The 2021 Holiday Adopter Program connected generous donors with 145 local families in need of assistance. Thanks to an outpouring of goodwill from the community, this year's program reached capacity in a matter of weeks! Hundreds of personalized gifts were purchased directly from client wish lists. We are grateful to the companies, groups, and individuals who contributed to the program and helped make this holiday season a special one for our families.

COUTOURE CLUB JEWELRY BOUTIQUE



GIFT GIVING EVENT

At the Homeless Resource Center's 4th Annual Gift Giving Event, families experiencing homelessness had the opportunity to select gifts and stocking stuffers for their families. Holiday cheer was on repeat for the multi-day event as agency staff wrapped presents and enjoyed the holiday festivities with clients.

The team at the Homeless Resource Center is deeply grateful to our community for the overwhelming support of this year's event! Nearly 750 gifts were donated, wrapped, and distributed to over 100 families.



The Honda Classic's CouTOURe Club sent their elves to Project Grow again this year! The wonderful women of the CouTOURe Club set up a pop-up Holiday Jewelry Boutique in one of our classrooms. Each student had the opportunity to pick out a gift for a special person in their life. The group helped the kids select and wrap the perfect item, and the children beamed with pride knowing they had a special gift to present.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY'S 2020-2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Spirits were high as Adopt-A-Family's staff and board of directors gathered to reflect on the 2020-21 fiscal year at our Annual Meeting on November 18. CEO Matt Constantine praised the board for their ability to lead the agency to remarkable impact, growth, and achievement despite the challenges of another year marked by the pandemic.

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, Adopt-A-Family served 1,557 new families; hosted our most successful Tree Lighting Celebration and Better Ball Invitational to date; welcomed families into our newly completed Julian Place housing program; and launched two initiatives designed to improve long-term stability for the families we serve: the Building Your Future Job Coaching program and the Youth Success teen program.

The meeting concluded with a heartfelt awards ceremony where staff members were honored for reaching their 5, 10, 15, and 20-year anniversaries. Incoming Board Chair Kirstin Turner presented outgoing Board Chair Penny Heller with an award for her extraordinary generosity, leadership, and commitment to Adopt-A-Family's mission.



Board Members Pictured: Bill Peterson, John Marasco, Cristina Núñez de Landaluce, Kirstin Turner, Penny Heller, Chris Oberlink, John Castronuovo, and Jonathan Bain.

WINTER BREAK CAMP AT PROJECT GROW



Our Lake Worth office quieted down during the final week of 2021, but downstairs, Project Grow was bustling with activity. From parties to presentations to physical education, the non-stop fun at Project Grow kept the students engaged and excited.

A host of special guests visited Project Grow during the students' winter break. The Florida Fishing Academy taught the students about Florida's wildlife; Bank of America threw a holiday party abounding in gifts and goodies collected at their toy drive; and the CouTOUR Club organized their Holiday Jewelry Boutique. Our outdoor turf was put to good use for games, exercise, and yoga. Adopt-A-Family extends thanks to our many community partners for remembering our Project Grow students throughout 2021.

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MOVIE NIGHT ON THE TURF IS BACK

After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, Adopt-A-Family was thrilled to bring back one of our favorite agency traditions: *Movie Night on the Turf*. One Friday night per month, the Project Grow turf is transformed into an outdoor theater for resident families. In February, AmeriCorps provided volunteers and Little Smiles delivered pizza, popcorn, and candy for the 75 residents who enjoyed watching a movie under the stars.

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