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Adopt-A-Family is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, charitable organization established in 1983. Our mission is to strengthen families with children in their efforts to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by providing access to all-encompassing services.



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

OCTOBER 2022

TENTH ANNUAL BETTER BALL INVITATIONAL



The Tenth Annual Better Ball Invitational was a smashing success. Thanks to the support of the committee, event sponsors, and 82 players, the event raised over \$200,000—our most successful tournament yet.

Banyan Cay Resort & Golf in West Palm Beach bustled with excitement as players arrived and warmed up. The tournament featured 18 holes on the Jack Nicklaus signature course, refreshments throughout the day, and a gourmet meal. After a competitive game, the day concluded with an awards ceremony to thank the players and celebrate the winners.

Congratulations to first-place finishers Michael Puder and Warren Rustin! We extend our gratitude to the committee for their hard work and tremendous dedication to the success of this year's event.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS:

1ST PLACE: Michael Puder
and Warren Rustin

2ND PLACE: Gary Pohrer and Rob Surtees

3RD PLACE: Sam Grace and Tim Mullen

4TH PLACE: Ned Grace and Damien Barr

5TH PLACE: Jeff Smith and Dennis Goldstein

CLOSEST TO THE PIN: Rob McKeown
and Cory Clement

LONGEST DRIVE (M): Connor Barry

LONGEST DRIVE (W): Maureen Raihle



2022 Golf Committee members (L to R): Frank Bresnan, Sean Bresnan, Joe LaRocca, Jr., Jeff Preston, AAF CEO Matt Constantine, AAF Director of Agency Relations Layren Calvo, Ned Grace, and Joe Carron. Not pictured: Tom Frankel and Gary Pohrer.



Tournament Sponsors – North American Development Group, The Matthew & Tracy Smith Foundation, NDT Development, PNC Real Estate, Frank & Sean Bresnan, Miles Nadal, David Lambert, Christine & Bob Stiller. **Lunch Sponsors** – The Michael and Annie Falk Foundation, The AMG Charitable Foundation, J. Raymond Construction, Press Ganey. **Cocktail Hour Sponsors** – The Kessler Family Foundation, First Republic Bank, Atlantic Retail, Gary Pohrer, UKG. **Dinner Sponsors** – First Horizon Foundation, Schulman Development, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Stuart & Shelby Development. **Forecaddie Sponsors** – Regions Bank, Marsh & McLennan, Alvarez and Marsal Holdings. **Golf Cart Sponsor** – CIBC. **Golf Ball Sponsors** – Dunay, Miskel, and Backman, Wells Fargo, JLL Capital Markets, Berkadia. **Halfway House Sponsor** – Curtis Family Foundation. **Signage Sponsor** – LaRocca and Associates. **Closest to the Pin Sponsors** – C. Steven Duncker, Stanton Family Foundation, The Telesco Family Foundation, Doug & Peggy Briggs, Andy Redmond, Dowbuilt. **Longest Drive (Women)** – The Kyle Fraser Foundation. **Longest Drive (Men)** – Guardian, Lincoln Financial Group. **Hole Sponsors** – Comiter, Singer, Baseman, & Braun, TD Bank, FineMark National Bank & Trust, Gunster, Eastwind Development, Centennial Bank, Barry & Oblio Wish, Michael Crosby, Sean Dunne. **Eagle Club** – Mutual of Omaha, Stratus Building Solutions, Scott Goldsmith, Randy Tulepan, Michael Selverian, Dennis Carson, Casey Rosen.

JULIAN PLACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS COMPLETE!

THANK YOU FOR BUILDING HOPE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Adopt-A-Family is thrilled to announce we have officially met the goal of the *Hope Begins with a Home* capital campaign!

We launched the campaign in 2017 with an ambitious goal to raise \$6.6 million for Julian Place—an innovative new housing program designed to improve the educational outcomes of children through the provision of stable housing. The total would fund the construction of 14 new townhomes and a community center, as well as program operating expenses for five years.

**WE
DID IT!**
\$6,500,000
**GOAL
REACHED**

Donors from all over Palm Beach County saw our community's need and stepped up to support the initiative. Thanks to donations from over 100 individuals and funding from seven grants, we crossed the finish line in August.

Each donation brought us one step closer to this momentous milestone. Thanks to our community of supporters, Julian Place is now home to 17 adults and 31 children who have a path to a brighter future. Your generosity will have a profound impact on Palm Beach County families for generations to come.



I love Julian Place because of all the opportunities that it provides to help families grow and develop in various areas of their lives including education for children and adults, employment, and mental wellness.

— Thelma Addarich-Lopez,
Julian Place Program Manager



Our clients have experienced homelessness and significant trauma, and yet time and again I see their resiliency, determination, and hope for a better future.

— Bryan Boudreault,
Job Coach Manager



STRATEGIC PLAN RETREAT

Every five years, Adopt-A-Family leadership embarks on the thoughtful journey of evaluating and refining the agency's widespread strategy. A pivotal step of this process took place earlier this year, when our Board of Directors and key staff members gathered for the 2022 Strategic Plan Retreat.



The retreat was an inspiring opportunity for agency leaders to reflect on our progress and dream for the future, re-centering the vision for the next five years of Adopt-A-Family's operations and impact in Palm Beach County. We thank Rita Barreto of Top Tier Leadership for guiding our staff through the strategic plan process.

A SUMMER OF LEARNING AND ADVENTURE



Project Grow summer camp was packed with non-stop fun! Field trips to the Palm Beach Zoo, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, and Miami's Frost Science Museum dazzled and inspired students. Special events throughout the summer provided opportunities for families to enjoy time together, and teachers engaged the students' minds every day with enriching games and educational activities.

On the last day of summer camp, Project Grow threw its yearly end-of-summer celebration featuring a bounce house and waterslide, a talent show, and a pizza party with parents. The celebration also included a graduation ceremony where CEO Matt Constantine thanked the entire Project Grow summer staff for their work, and 4-5th grade teacher Mr. Schoenly shared words of encouragement about each of the graduating students.

We are deeply grateful for the investment and support of our local community, which greatly enhanced Project Grow's impact on the children we serve. Thank you for making this year's summer camp a great one!



THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

A decade ago, the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center (HRC) centralized Palm Beach County's vast network of homeless services in an effort to ensure that those in need were served rapidly, efficiently, and equitably.

Palm Beach County established the HRC as the main point of entry for all individuals and families in the community experiencing homelessness, and it remains the backbone of our county's continuum of care today. Through the HRC, families in need can access appropriate interventions to end their episode of homelessness as quickly as possible. Adopt-A-Family manages the Family Division of the HRC with the support of great partner agencies.



Visit our blog to dive deeper into the story of the HRC.



When I look back 10 years ago, I can see we planted a seed," said Chief Program Officer Nydia Sabugo-Marrou, who played a pivotal role in the HRC's beginning. "And that tree has just been growing and growing, offering more shade to people who need it.

— Nydia Sabugo-Marrou, Chief Program Officer



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVES BENEFIT AAF CHILDREN

Our community stepped up in big ways to ensure every child we serve was well-equipped for the school year. Back-to-school season is notoriously expensive, but families in need can breathe easier thanks to an outpouring of support from local heroes.



Top: Alton Town Center invited Adopt-A-Family to its End of Summer Bash, where our team collected heaps of school supplies donated by the Alton community.



Left: Town of Palm Beach United Way held a school supply drive to benefit families served by Adopt-A-Family and other local organizations, collecting over 16,500 items from generous donors.



Left: Local ladies Gayle, Robin, Ellen, Susan, and Ellie delivered boxes of school supplies and brand-new backpacks, all donated by their neighbors.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The holidays are fast-approaching! Here is a look at Adopt-A-Family's upcoming events.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT OCTOBER 28

Families show off costumes, collect candy, play games together, and take spooky photos at our photo booth.

Contact:

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THANKSGIVING ASSISTANCE NOVEMBER 21-23

Turkeys, Thanksgiving groceries, and holiday cheer will be delivered to agency families.

Contact:

thanksgiving@aafpbc.org



38TH TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION DECEMBER 6

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is always a night to remember.

Contact:

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SANTA SHOPPE DECEMBER 10

Children pick out presents and families take pictures with Santa Claus at this cheerful holiday party.

Contact:

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HOLIDAY ADOPTER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Families receive gifts purchased directly from their wish lists by Holiday Adopters. A great way for donors from near and far to support AAF families.

Contact:

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HRC GIFT GIVING DECEMBER

HRC staff is on wrapping duty as parents shop for gifts for their children.

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