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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 selfsufficiency by providing access
to all-encompassing services.









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

## THE 39TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Adopt-A-Family's flagship holiday fundraiser returns to Palm Beach December 5! The 39th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration will be a

night to remember, complete with all the beloved traditions, delicious food, and holiday cheer that make this event so special each year.

The 39th Annual Tree Lighting Committee has worked tirelessly through the year to design a spectacular and heartwarming event. During cocktail hour, guests will place bids on a vast array of carefully curated gifts featured in our silent

auction, including a magnificent orchid display. Attendees can look forward to the third annual Wine Pull, during which guests purchase corks corresponding to secret bottles of wine valued up to \$700.



Following cocktail hour, a gournet dinner will be served as guests hear remarks from

CEO Matt
Constantine
as well as
a personal
testimonial
from a former
Adopt-A-Family client.
Attendees will have an
opportunity to bid on
fabulous gifts and experiences
during an exciting live
auction, led by longtime
Tree Lighting auctioneer
Neil Saffer.



Chair Karen Fischer and Co-Chair Nancy Kyle

Adopt-A-Family thanks the multitude of volunteers and sponsors supporting this year's event and extends our heartfelt gratitude to Chair Karen Fischer and Co-Chair Nancy Kyle for their dedicated leadership of the Tree Lighting Committee. Their devotion to helping Palm Beach County families in need shines through their steadfast commitment to the success of this year's fundraiser, which will provide tremendous support to Adopt-A-Family's work in the coming year.

## LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW:

## FLORAL MASTERY UNLEASHED WITH NYC'S LEWIS MILLER



Unlock your inner floral artist with a private master class for 10 by famed floral designer Lewis Miller. Hosted in your home with canapés and champagne!

## DESIGN, DINE, & DELIGHT: DANIELLE ROLLINS & FLORIE'S DINING EXPERIENCE

Lifestyle guru Danielle Rollins will curate an extravagant dinner affair for 6 at Michelinstarred Florie's Palm Beach, including exquisite wine pairings, an exclusive visit from the chef, and signed copies of Rollins' latest book.

## ELEVATE YOUR GAME: LAS VEGAS ALL STAR EXPERIENCE

Stay at the luxe Wynn Hotel and experience Las Vegas on a VIP journey for 2 with Hall of Famer Greg Maddux at the Baller Dream Celebrity Poker Tournament! (April 26 – 28)

## SET SAIL ON YOUR OWN PRIVATE ONE-OF-A-KIND YACHT ADVENTURE

Cruise the waters for 4 hours on a luxury 64' Sunseeker with your own captain and crew. Delight in a gourmet lunch, an array of delectable hors d'oeuvres, refreshing beverages, and champagne.

All for a party of 10!



## THE 11TH ANNUAL BEST BALL INVITATIONAL



Adopt-A-Family's 11th Annual Best Ball Invitational was a record-breaking success, raising over \$230,000 in support of our work throughout Palm Beach County. Over 90 players joined the tournament, this year held at The Park West Palm, a newly opened 18-hole course designed by the

renowned Gil Hanse, Jim Wagner, and Dirk Ziff. With 190 acres, the course made for a picturesque and competitive game.

We extend our thanks to all sponsors and players for supporting Adopt-A-Family through our 11th Annual Best Ball Invitational and to the committee for their work to ensure a remarkably successful tournament.

TOURNAMENT SPONSORS: The Bresnan Family, Greenberg Traurig & Richard Edlin, North American Development Group, and Press Ganey. Lunch Sponsors - The AMG Foundation, Comvest Partners, The Michael and Annie Falk Foundation, First Horizon Foundation, Robert Green, Scot Hunter, J. Raymond Construction, JNS Homes, David Lambert, Miles Nadal, and The Telesco Family Foundation. Cocktail Hour Sponsors - Peter Gerhard, NDT Development, Gary Pohrer, and Stuart & Shelby Development. Golf Cart Sponsor – CIBC, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Wick Phillips, and RAM Steel Framing. Forecaddie Sponsors - Blue Cross Blue Shield and Wells Fargo. Golf Ball Sponsors - Dunay Miskel Backman, J.P. Morgan Private Bank, and Kolter. Halfway House Sponsors - C. Steven Duncker Foundation, Myers Auto Group, The Matthew & Tracy Smith Foundation, and Bob and Christine Stiller. Signage Sponsor - RISK Strategies/LaRocca & Associates. Closest to the Pin Sponsors – Dowbuilt Partners, Peter and Patty Garvy, and Whiskey JYPSI. Longest Drive (Men) - PNC Bank, Stanton Family Foundation, and Streetsense. Longest Drive (Women) - Ray Celedinas, Florida Crystals, and Brigid Mattingly. Hole Sponsors – Atlantic Retail, Richard Comiter, Nick Coniglio, Robert Garvy, Penny Heller, Mutual of Omaha, Mike Selverian, Gil Martinez/StateFarm, CJ Van Hoek/UBS, and Barry Wish. Eagle Club -Brendan Carroll, Holland & Knight, Lincoln Financial Group, Shapiro Pertnoy Companies, and UBS. Sushi Donation: LoLa 41 Palm Beach.





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNING FOURSOME: Joe Carron, Tom Frankel, Dan Stanton, and Mack Perry

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY EARNS 16TH CONSECUTIVE 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Adopt-A-Family is proud to share that we recently earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the 16th consecutive year. This remarkable achievement, awarded by one of the largest and most trusted nonprofit assessment

organizations in the country, marks another year of operating as one of the nation's most effective charities.

Adopt-A-Family's distinction as a 4-star organization since 2007 affirms that Adopt-A-Family has stewarded donor dollars responsibly, mobilizing resources with thoughtful strategy and sensitivity to our clients' needs. Our work was graded according to three beacons – Accountability & Finance, Culture & Community, and Leadership & Adaptability – and the agency earned a perfect score in each category.

We express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported our mission and work in Palm Beach County. We are honored to be a trusted source of support to local families rebuilding stability and pursuing self-sufficiency.



#### THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING



On a September evening at our Lake Worth headquarters, Adopt-A-Family's board and staff gathered for the 2023 Annual Meeting. This year's gathering was a particularly special one: We were honored to have the agency's two previous executive directors, Terry Bozarth and Wendy Tippett, former board chair John Lipari, and former board member Alice Tarone in attendance.

We thanked outgoing Board Chair Kirstin Turner for her two years of dedicated service and leadership. During Kirstin's tenure as Board Chair, the agency soared to exciting new heights, reaching milestones including the completion of



Board Chair John Elder and outgoing Board Chair Kirstin Turner

the Julian Place capital campaign, the receipt of the largest grant award in agency history—a \$5 million grant from the Day 1 Families Fund—the addition of four new board members, and the launch of several exciting new agency initiatives. Kirstin passed the baton to new Chair John Elder, who set a vision for the years ahead.

A heartwarming awards ceremony honored staff who have reached their 5- and 10-year anniversaries with the agency and celebrated several board and staff for their

extraordinary service. Longtime board member John Marasco presented Chris Oberlink with the Board Appreciation Award for her nearly 30 years of wisdom, generosity, and tireless commitment to our mission.

The agency's longest tenured staff member, Emily Gorman, was surprised with the Chairman's Award, a well-deserved recognition of her dedication, work ethic, and care for the families we serve.

The Annual Meeting commemorated yet another successful year of service to our community, and our team looks forward to the agency's hopeful and impactful future.

# SWEET, SPOOKY, SILLY FUN AT TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND PROGRAM REACH HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Superheroes, pirates, princesses, and knights of all ages took to the Project SAFE lot where an all-out Halloween bash awaited, full of fun and games for the whole family! This year's fleet of decorated cars did not disappoint – volunteers let their creativity run wild, their trunks adorned with themed décor and stations filled with lots of candy for the trunk-or-treaters.

That same night at Program REACH, children dressed up for their very own Halloween party! The celebration included a craft making table and a photo booth to show off all the great costumes. With plenty of sweets to go around, it was a fun-filled day for all.

Thanks to our team of incredible volunteers and sponsors for helping make Trunk-or-Treat 2023 and the Program REACH Halloween celebration a huge success!





Scan to see more photos from Trunk-or-Treat!

## **COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS**

We thank our many incredible partners for coming alongside our work and strengthening our impact in Palm Beach County



#### **BREAKERS GIVES**

The staff from The Breakers Resort have dedicated their VTO (Volunteer Time Off) to helping Adopt-A-Family freshen up several of our on-site and scattered-site housing units with a fresh coat of interior paint.



#### **GL HOMES**

Our clients were fortunate to hear from GL Homes COO Marcie DePlaza (middle) at our Career Speaker Series.

Attendees from our five housing programs participated in an interactive Q&A session with Ms. DePlaza.



#### **PBSO / RESTORATION BRIDGE**

The Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Restoration Bridge, has donated countless fresh grocery items to our resident families this year through the coordination of several on-site food pantries.



### SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Scan the QR code or visit us at www.aafpbc.org/holidayprograms to help spread the cheer!



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I would like to make a difference in the lives of families who are experiencing homelessness by contributing the following:

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