



The Annual Tree Lighting Celebration has been the driving force behind Adopt-A-Family's work and mission since 1984. As the agency's most significant source of fundraising revenue for four decades, the event's impact has grown with each successive year.

On December 3, the agency will mark a muchanticipated milestone with our 40th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration. Board member Nancy Kyle is the event Chair, and she has dedicated countless



Chair Nancy Kyle

hours to ensuring the evening is executed with elegance, excellence, and a focus on our mission.

To honor the event's legacy, the Chairs of the 10th, 20th, and

30th Tree Lighting Celebrations will be in attendance as Honorary Chairs. We would like to thank Paula Michel (10th), Alice Tarone (20th), and Beth Hennessy (30th) for contributing to the long-term success of this agency tradition.

The celebration will include the hallmark elements that contribute to the magic of this beloved event: holiday classics performed by the King's Academy Choir as guests arrive, the fourth annual Wine Pull, the lighting of the Angel Tree, and a silent auction room filled with a curated array of holiday décor, themed gift baskets, and unique orchids. While enjoying dinner, guests will hear from CEO Matt Constantine and an agency client. Longtime auctioneer Neil Saffer will cap off the night with live bidding for exciting experiences and one-of-a-kind items (preview below).



Honorary Chairs (L-R): Alice Tarone, Paula Michel, and Beth Hennessy

As we look forward to the upcoming celebration, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the event's benefactors, sponsors, and dedicated Tree Lighting Committee members. We would also like to thank anyone who has supported or attended Tree Lighting at any point over the past 40 years. Your collective generosity has contributed to the lasting impact of the event and our agency.

LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW: GET YOUR PADDLES READY!



The Cuban Connection: Havana Night in Your Home!

Invite 50 of your friends to indulge in a true Cuban experience featuring a cocktail demonstration from talented Miami

Mixologist **Yunior Roman** (pictured left), a spread of mouth-watering Cuban bites, a master cigar roller, and live music that will transport you to the streets of Havana.

Tee Up for a Round of Golf for Four at Martin County's New Apogee Golf Club

Play at a world-class course designed by some of the greatest architects in golf. The day includes caddy-accompanied 18 holes and lunch at the club.

Party in a Bag: Danielle Rollins and Sandy James Curated Cocktail Party for 30

Enjoy a spectacular evening of catered cocktails and canapés along with a fabulous DJ in your own home; includes Danielle's signed lifestyle book.

Pamper Yourself: Sedona Spa Getaway for Two

Relax on a 4-day, 3-night excursion to a luxurious resort in Sedona, Arizona. The package includes roundtrip airfare, two massages, and a tour of the Grand Canyon.

Your Name in Lights! Maltz Theatre Walk-On in Classic Show

Enjoy the backstage excitement of makeup and wardrobe with the cast before your onstage 'walk-on' debut in "Guys and Dolls."

Cherish the 40th Anniversary: A Custom Ruby & Diamond Locket

Be the only owner of a dazzling, custom-made locket with Adopt-A-Family's classic logo in diamonds embracing a ruby, a unique piece designed by Provident Jewelry.

"SHINING A LIGHT" AT ADOPT-A-FAMILY



According to the Palm Beach County Food Bank, one in nine people in the county struggle to put food on the table, and one in five children go to bed hungry. Without enough to eat, children struggle to focus at school and their physical, mental, and behavioral health may suffer.

In October, Adopt-A-Family joined forces with GL Homes and Feeding South Florida to draw attention to this issue. Sponsored by GL Homes, staff from all three organizations teamed up to cook and serve a hot, fresh breakfast to residents of Adopt-A-Family and the surrounding neighborhood. Starting the day before 4am and fueled by coffee provided by GL Homes, the team prepared grab-and-go breakfast burritos and served muffins, fruit, and drinks for students and parents on their way to school and work.





WPTV's T.A. Walker was also on scene before sunrise to showcase the entire event on his morning news segment, "Shining A Light," which highlights people, places, and things that are sources of pride in South Florida, to foster community support and awareness.

We are fortunate to have generous partners like GL Homes and Feeding South Florida who find ways to provide meaningful support services to the families who live in our housing. Special thanks to T.A. Walker and our friends at WPTV for highlighting this special collaboration.



ANNUAL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Every year, Adopt-A-Family runs a weeklong workplace initiative to raise support for United Way of Palm Beach County. Filled with special events and camaraderie, the campaign exemplifies the



Special thanks to Campaign Co-Chairs Miriam Garcia, Irene Sobrino, and Thelma Addarich-Lopez (pictured L-R with CEO Matt Constantine) goodwill that permeates our agency culture. This year, the slogan for the campaign was "Be the change you wish to see in the world," and we are proud to announce that our entire team did exactly that, with 100% of our staff making a pledge of support.

Our collective support of United Way of Palm Beach County is easy to understand, considering the organization's widespread support of local

nonprofits through its mission to ensure that everyone in Palm Beach County has access to a quality education, a place to live, financial stability, good medical care, and enough to eat. The countywide cooperation fostered by United Way is a powerful reminder of the impact we make through collaborative efforts with our partners.

AGENCY PRESENTATION AT PUBLIX

Director of Agency Relations Layren Calvo was invited to make a presentation at Publix of Palm Beach as part of their employee fundraising campaign for the Town of Palm Beach United Way. To provide an example of how their campaign donations support community residents in need of a helping hand, Layren highlighted Adopt-A-Family's programs and services that have been funded by the Town of Palm Beach United Way for many years.



Adopt-A-Family was honored to be included in the event, and the experience underscored the special partnership our agency has with both the Town of Palm Beach United Way and Publix. In addition to supporting our agency through United Way donations, Publix employees regularly volunteer for service projects on our Lake Worth campus. In addition, they donate hundreds of toys to the Homeless Resource Center's annual Gift Giving Event, and Publix Super Markets Charities has provided grant support to our homeless prevention efforts for many years.

STORY TIME SOCCER

Every Thursday, our Project Grow students look forward to Story Time Soccer sessions. We've been fortunate to work with Coach Jacob for several years, which means he knows every student by name and understands how to encourage each one individually to improve their soccer, teamwork, and communication skills. Project Grow's many generous funders make it possible for the program to incorporate special enrichment activities like Story Time Soccer into the weekly curriculum.





MOVIE NIGHT ON THE TURF

Along with the time change and cooler weather, "Movie Night on the Turf" returned to our Lake Worth campus. On the first Friday in November, nearly 100 parents and children gathered on the Project Grow turf to enjoy pizza and popcorn while watching a family movie under the stars. Our friends from Saint Andrew's School sponsored the event and sent over 20 amazing students to do crafts with the kids.

If you're interested in sponsoring or volunteering at a future Movie Night, contact Michelle Pinto at mpinto@aafpbc.org.

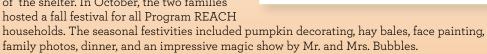




FALL FESTIVAL AT PROGRAM REACH

Families staying at the Program REACH emergency shelter are living in a state of transition as they use their 90-day stay to focus on securing a stable housing solution. Taking the time to celebrate holidays and seasons helps to ground families and fosters a sense of normalcy for parents and children as they look forward to brighter days.

Longtime friends of Program REACH, the Arroyo and Goodwin families regularly organize special events for the residents of the shelter. In October, the two families hosted a fall festival for all Program REACH



CEO'S CORNER



We are pleased to share our fourth installment of "CEO's Corner," a new series in which Adopt-A-Family CEO Matt Constantine highlights issues that impact the agency's service delivery and outcomes.

The last few topics covered by this feature have centered around our housing and social services – activities that are foundational to our work and mission. This time, I want to use the space to highlight a unique, lesser-known program that is funded entirely by a generous donor. This special initiative was created to benefit the children we serve, who make up two-thirds of our clientele.

I imagine the majority of us had the opportunity to participate in team sports, music lessons, and other meaningful afterschool activities when we were kids. And I bet most of us would say these experiences developed our character and laid a positive foundation for future endeavors. We may take these opportunities for granted, but they are not a common experience for the children we serve. A lack of stable housing, transportation barriers, and financial strain make it nearly impossible for the kids in our programs to participate in these activities.

This all changed last year. A generous donation established a fund to cover the cost of these pursuits for the kids we serve. Over the last ten months, we have paid over 50 enrollment fees for agency children to participate in football, karate, ballet, soccer, and music lessons. The benefits of these activities are numerous – improved cognitive functioning, increased selfesteem, strong health outcomes, and a positive support system, to name a few.

As I reflect on the past year at Adopt-A-Family, I am once again filled with gratitude for the thoughtful philanthropy of our community of donors. In addition to your investment in our housing and youth education programs, your support facilitates quintessential childhood experiences – soccer practice, a beach trip, holiday meals, unwrapping a new toy during the holidays – that provide children with a strong foundation for a stable future.

Thank you for everything and have a happy holiday.

Matt



FOURTH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Our Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat was a night to remember. Hosted in the safe confines of our campus parking lot, children dressed in costumes and enjoyed a bounce house, carnival games, photos, and candy handed out from themed car trunks.

Thanks to an outpouring of support from individuals, businesses, groups, and nonprofit partners, we had more than enough costumes for the kids to choose from in the days leading up to the event, a plethora of candy to distribute, and electric enthusiasm from the volunteers who decked out their trunks.

Special thanks to our staff planning team and students from our Youth Success Program who worked together to make sure the Halloween fest in Lake Worth was a night to remember.

















There's still time to support programs that ensure the families we serve have a joyful holiday season.

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