



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

VIRTUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION WAS A REMARKABLE SUCCESS

Most everything about the 36th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration – an all-virtual event – looked and felt different.

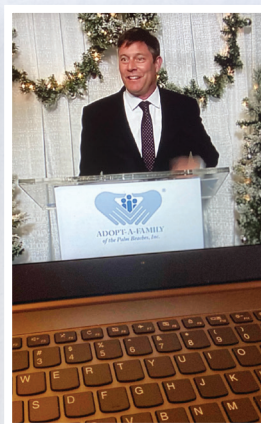
But one thing remained heartwarmingly constant – our donors' steadfast commitment to the families we serve. During a global pandemic that left no one untouched or immune, dedicated supporters pledged more than \$700,000 in support of Adopt-A-Family's work and mission.

"In a year with so much uncertainty and need in our community, it's hard to put into words how grateful we are to have received such incredible support," said Adopt-A-Family CEO Matthew Constantine. "The proceeds of this event will support our expanded efforts to prevent families from becoming homeless."

Plans for the 2020 Tree Lighting Celebration were already under way when the COVID-19 health crisis descended upon South Florida. By late summer, the Tree Lighting Committee, chaired by Nancy Kalaher and Beth Hennessy, mobilized to shift the gala to an online event, gracefully managing all the extra work that the transition required. The task was immense – software to learn, additional vendors to engage, a live-stream event to produce. Committee members worked harder



Co-chairs Nancy Kalaher and Beth Hennessy



Matthew Constantine

than ever to ensure the event's success, and the December 1 festivities ultimately drew 400 viewers from all over the United States.

"Our Tree Lighting Committee's energy and commitment to our mission never wavered," said Director of Agency Relations Layren Calvo. "We are fortunate to be surrounded by a truly

caring, generous, and loyal family of supporters."

Nearly 85% of previous donors increased their support, many responding to a \$100,000 matching gift provided by Jayne and Tim Donahue. Major sponsors for the 2020 Tree Lighting Celebration were Jen and Ed Dudnyk, Linda and Ed Edelman, Penny Heller,

The Edward L. and Ruth S. Hennessy Family Foundation, Missy and Stan Koppelman, Brenda and Chuck McGarrity, and The Vela Foundation.

Looking into a camera rather than over a glittering ballroom, longtime host Neil Saffer brought energy and charm to the live auction, which featured resort vacations, a dinner cruise, and other choice items. The silent auction, staged over a two-week span, included gift baskets, holiday decorations, dining certificates, and orchid arrangements.

Our 37th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Keep your fingers crossed that we can celebrate in person!

Our deepest gratitude and admiration for the 2020 Tree Lighting Committee, who responded to the year's challenges with resilience and determination. The event's success is all thanks to you.



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WELCOME TO JULIAN PLACE



After six years of research, planning, fundraising, and construction, our new Julian Place program is fully operational and welcoming new residents. Although COVID-19 shutdowns and school closures delayed the program's opening, seven families are now living in Julian Place (10 adults and 17 children), and an additional family will sign their lease in early March.

Designed to improve students' educational outcomes through the provision of stable housing, Julian Place offers 14 two-, three-, and four-bedroom townhomes for students who attend nearby Highland Elementary, a Title I school with the second highest population of homeless students in Palm Beach County. Julian Place provides vulnerable, transient families with stability, academic support, case management, and a path toward self-sufficiency.

The elementary school students are linked to Project Grow, where they immediately receive tutoring and social-emotional support. Parents engage with our Job Coach and Mental Health Therapist as needed. And for the first time, Adopt-A-Family has programming for middle and high school students, facilitated by our new Youth Success Coach.



We are incredibly grateful for each donor who believed in the vision for Julian Place and supported us along the way. Your investment brought the program to life, and your support will pay lifelong dividends for the students who have the privilege of growing up in Julian Place. Thank you for partnering with Adopt-A-Family and believing that *Hope Begins with a Home*.

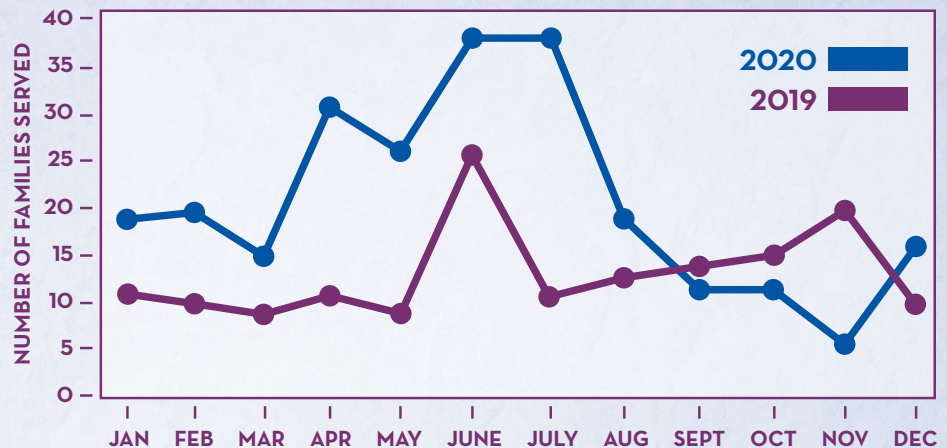
THE JAYNE AND TIM DONAHUE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Jayne and Tim Donahue Community Center is the hub for Julian Place case management and support services. The building is equipped with laptops, homework tables, a kitchen, a video game station, and private meeting rooms. The Julian Place Program Manager is housed there, making her easily accessible to residents. The Youth Success Coach is also stationed in the Community Center to engage middle and high school students. We look forward to using this special building to foster community and offer a wide array of services and classes to support our residents on the path to stability and academic opportunity.



HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM RESPONDS TO COVID-19 IN 2020

The Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) has been Adopt-A-Family's primary response to the economic impact of COVID-19. HSP provided emergency rent and utility assistance paired with case management to 254 vulnerable families in 2020, compared to 159 in 2019. The need for assistance was most acute from April-July, when the shutdown caused unemployment/wage losses to spike. The federal CARES Act assistance decreased the need for HSP interventions in late 2020, but calls for help increased again when the federal program ended. HSP is equipped with staff, funding, technology, and streamlined procedures to respond to another wave of need in 2021.



PROJECT GROW UPDATE

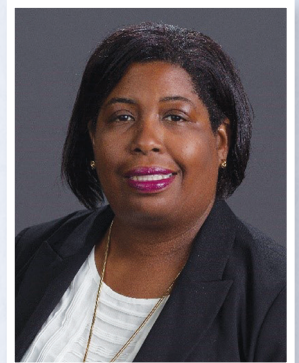


After months of empty classrooms and silent hallways, our Project Grow students are bringing life back into our building. Project Grow re-opened to a limited number of students in late October, and the program has steadily and safely increased its capacity since then. The program is now engaging 25 students in person (and an additional three online) for daily enrichment lessons, tutoring, games, and encouragement. Recently the students have enjoyed art, yoga, science experiments, American Sign

Language, and Nutrition and Fitness classes through Flipany. And thanks to a grant from Scott's Miracle-Gro Foundation, Mr. S's class started a vegetable container garden this past fall. As the students watch the cucumbers, tomatoes, peas, and cantaloupe sprout, they are learning that growth, change, and beauty are possible, even in the midst of challenging circumstances.

TEQUISHA MYLES REJOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Adopt-A-Family is thrilled to announce that Attorney Tequisha Myles has rejoined our Board of Directors. Ms. Myles previously served on our board from 2006-2013, and her time included terms as Secretary (2008-2010), Vice President (2010-2012), and President (2012-2013).



Ms. Myles has over 15 years of legal experience, serving as an advocate for seniors, veterans, and consumers. She is the Supervising Attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County's Elder Law Project, Consumer Advocacy Unit, Veterans Advocacy Project, Community Economic Development Project, and Fair Housing Project. Given the breadth of her experience and legal expertise, Ms. Myles is an asset to Adopt-A-Family's efforts to address fair housing and homeless prevention in Palm Beach County.

YES!

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

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Give online at www.adoptafamilypb.org

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HOLIDAY HAPPINESS AT ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Thanks to the steadfast commitment of our supporters, Adopt-A-Family was able to ensure that the agency's beloved holiday traditions were not added to the list of things lost in 2020. Each event was modified to protect participants, and our donors did not waver in their commitment to providing gifts to hundreds of vulnerable Palm Beach County households. Our Thanksgiving assistance program, Santa Shoppe, Holiday Adopter Program, and HRC Gift Giving Event were a highlight of the year for staff and clients alike. Thank you to every donor, company, and partner agency who gave our clients a reason to smile during the holiday season and reminded them that better days are ahead.



Our Thanksgiving assistance program ensured that 100 local families enjoyed a full Thanksgiving feast.



Over 250 local families had personalized gifts to open in December thanks to your generous donations.

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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.

