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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.

THE 38TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Adopt-A-Family's beloved Tree Lighting Celebration kicks off the holiday season on Tuesday, December 6, at a private club on Palm Beach. We are thrilled to gather for a festive and exciting evening of fundraising among dear friends of the agency.

The 38th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration will feature the event's signature elements, including the return of an in-person silent auction! After a welcome from The King's Academy Choir, guests will be ushered to cocktail hour to mingle over drinks and hors d'oeuvres, peruse the silent auction and orchid display, and participate in our 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Wine Pull for a chance to win a bottle valued over \$1,000.

Guests will then enjoy a gourmet dinner as longtime agency friend Neil Saffer leads an exciting live auction (see below for a preview of this year's Live Auction items!), and the



Co-Chair Karen Fischer and
Chair Elizabeth DeBrule

evening will conclude with a heartwarming testimonial from a current Adopt-A-Family client.

Throughout the year, the Tree Lighting Committee works tirelessly to plan a memorable and successful event. This year's committee has been thoughtfully led by Chair Elizabeth DeBrule, whose involvement in the Tree Lighting Celebration spans over 20 years and two generations of her family.

At Elizabeth's side is Co-Chair Karen Fischer, who has served dutifully on the Tree Lighting Committee for nearly a decade.



Proceeds from every Tree Lighting Celebration fund a large portion of our work at Adopt-A-Family, enabling us to help at-risk families reach stability and self-sufficiency. We thank every committee member, event sponsor, and attendee for your contributions to our mission as we continue to assist our neighbors in need.

LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW

FEATURED LIVE AUCTION GETAWAY FOR FOUR IN KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA



Spend three nights on picturesque Kiawah Island, a beach resort off the coast of South Carolina that offers serene, untouched natural beauty in a maritime setting. Included in your stay is a complementary round of golf, Beach Club access, and dinners at The B-Liner and the Cassique Club.

CARRIE UNDERWOOD IN CONCERT

Enjoy country superstar Carrie Underwood's concert in style with four suite tickets to her show at the FTX Arena in Miami on February 2, 2023.

GUIDED AIRBOAT TOUR ON LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Soak in the beauty of the Everglades alongside renowned scientist Dr. Paul Gray, and finish your adventure with lunch at Lightsey's Seafood.

GOURMET DINNER FOR SIX AT SWANK FARMS

Indulge in an all-natural, gourmet four-course meal prepared in front of you by the talented chefs from Swank Farms. Limo transportation to and from Swank Farms provided.

TWO AVENTON ELECTRIC BIKES

Bring home two sleek, high-quality bikes by leading e-bike producer, Aventon.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY'S 2022 ANNUAL MEETING



On a beautiful October evening, Adopt-A-Family's board and staff gathered on the Project Grow turf for the agency's Annual Meeting, an opportunity to reflect on the challenges, successes, and achievements of the 2022 fiscal year.

CEO Matt Constantine provided a peek into the innerworkings of the agency, highlighting the way staff from three locations and board members throughout the county work together to ensure that our diverse programs operate simultaneously to meet the needs of local families.

Board Chair Kirstin Turner chronicled the agency's many accomplishments during the fiscal year. Kirstin honored John Castronuovo and Tom Frankel for their successful leadership of the Julian Place Capital Campaign, and then presented the 2022 Chairman's Award to Jonathan Bain to recognize the dedication, expertise, and wisdom he brings to his role as Board Treasurer.

The event concluded with a heartfelt awards ceremony that honored the unique contributions of each staff member who reached their 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year employment anniversary.

The Annual Meeting highlighted the agency's ability to adapt, grow, and overcome challenging circumstances. The board and staff left the event with renewed motivation and optimism for the agency's impact in the years ahead.



20 YEARS WITH AAF FOR CEO MATT CONSTANTINE

A very special milestone was celebrated at the Annual Meeting: CEO Matt Constantine reached his 20-year anniversary at Adopt-A-Family. Longtime board member John Castronuovo presented the award and shared messages of gratitude from the board and staff.



Matt started with the agency in 2002 as a case worker in our emergency rental assistance program. He later became the Program Manager of Service Enriched Housing and later the

Resident Manager at Project SAFE. Matt was promoted to Director of Housing in 2008, Deputy Director in 2011, and CEO in 2014.

For 20 years, Matt has led with humility, compassion, determination, humor, and an unmatched work ethic and commitment to excellence. The agency has thrives with Matt at the helm, and as a result, thousands of Palm Beach County families are safe, supported, and housed.

**THANK YOU FOR 20 YEARS, MATT.
CHEERS TO THE NEXT 20!**

2022 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN WEEK

The annual United Way Campaign celebrates our longtime partnership with United Way of Palm Beach County, which unites the resources of donors, volunteers, agencies, and the community to make a lasting impact in the lives of our neighbors in need. The week-long campaign encourages Adopt-A-Family staff to show their support through personal pledges, with a goal of reaching 100% staff participation. We are excited to share that after a week of events, games, and themed dress-up days, once again every staff member made a pledge (and won a day off)!

The campaign's grand finale took place at Drive Shack, where trivia and raffle winners were awarded prizes and staff enjoyed a morning of driving range games. We thank Program REACH Shelter Services Coordinator Ina Mallet for spearheading the campaign for the second year in a row.

Adopt-A-Family is grateful to partner with United Way, whose efforts help ensure everyone in our community has access to stable housing, education, food, and basic needs.



YOUTH SUCCESS GROUP TOURS FAU



We brought the Youth Success Group students to Florida Atlantic University to tour the school, meet with FAU faculty and staff, and have lunch with former AAF client and current FAU doctoral candidate Vida Smith.

For many of the students, this was their first visit to a college campus. As they admired the facilities and observed the bustling campus, they learned about dorm life, the admissions process, Career Center services, and more. Ms. Smith encouraged the teens in their academic and professional pursuits, reminding them that every student deserves a chance at higher education.

Youth Success Coordinator Michelle Pinto recognizes the importance of ventures like these, which allow students to learn more about themselves. "Being a part of the Youth Success Group is such an important resource for high schoolers because it allows them to discover their passions and excel independently," Pinto said. She plans to coordinate more college tours in coming months.

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE TURF RETURNS!

This season of Movie Night on the Turf launched on November 4 with a showing of Lightyear. Families were served pizza, drinks, and candy, then gathered inside the Project Grow classrooms for a cozy evening sheltered from the rain. While the movie played for families in one classroom, another classroom was busy with crafts and games for those looking for a break from the screen.



Special thanks to Jeff and Rachel Rudner for sponsoring our first Movie Night of the season!

Those interested in sponsoring or volunteering for a future Movie Night on the Turf can contact Michelle Pinto at mpinto@aafpbc.org.

HELP A LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Visit the "Events" tab on our website for more information

HOLIDAY ADOPTER

"Adopt" a family for the holidays by purchasing gifts from their wish list or providing them with gift cards to shop for each other.

Sign up at: aafpbc.org > Events > Holiday Adopter
holidayadopter@aafpbc.org

SANTA SHOPPE

Returns December 10!

Children will do crafts, take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and "shop" for gifts for their family members. Donors purchase personalized gifts for Santa to hand out to each child.

santashoppe@aafpbc.org

GIFT GIVING EVENT

The Homeless Resource Center is collecting gift donations for its annual holiday shop for families experiencing homelessness. Parents will select gifts for their children while HRC staff wraps each item.

lraymond@aafpbc.org

YES!

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

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ Donor's Choice \$ _____

Please Direct My Donation To:

☐ Tree Lighting ☐ Holiday Adopter ☐ Santa Shoppe ☐ Gift Giving Event

Make your tax-deductible contribution to Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches.

Mail your donation to Adopt-A-Family in the enclosed envelope.

Give online at www.adoptafamilypbc.org

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