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OF THE PALM BEACHES

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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.



# Newsletter

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## 13th Annual Better Ball Invitational

Friends and supporters of Adopt-A-Family hit the course on May 15 at The Park West Palm for the agency's 13th Annual Better Ball Invitational. The tournament brought together 24 talented foursomes for a beautiful day of competition and camaraderie.

Players began their day with lunch and a practice session on the driving range. After a shotgun start and 18 memorable holes, the attendees enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres during the awards presentation.

Congratulations to the winning foursome:

Hampton Beebe, Cam Kuchar, Talan Wilkes, and Mason Tome!



This year, the invitational raised a staggering \$375,000—an increase of more than \$100,000 over last year's tournament. This historic day would not have been possible without the extraordinary dedication of our Golf Committee: Frank Bresnan, Sean Bresnan, Joe Carron, Tom Frankel, Ned Grace, Joe LaRocca, Jr., Gary Pohrer, Jeff Preston, Will Ryan, and new to the group this year, Michael Calkin. The Committee's leadership consistently elevates the tournament—driving record fundraising success, attracting many of the region's most talented players, and inspiring generous community support for our mission.

We send our gratitude to everyone who sponsored and participated in the invitational. This fundraising success will change the lives of many local families, allowing us to pursue multiple avenues to address housing insecurity for families in our community. Your impact will be felt for years to come.



## Thank You to our Sponsors!

**Tournament Sponsors:** The Bresnan Family; CIBC; NADG. **Lunch Sponsors:** David Lambert; The Kessler Family Foundation; Moss; Miles Nadal; Press Ganey. **Cocktail Hour Sponsors:** Hampton Beebe; LaRocca & Associates - a Division of Brown & Brown. **Hors D'oeuvres Sponsors:** Robert Green; RAM Steel Framing. **Golf Ball Sponsors:** Collins and Arnold; Marsh McLennan Agency; Miskel Backman LLP; Osmington. **Forecaddie Sponsors:** Michael and Annie Falk Foundation; First Horizon; Gunster; MAI Capital Management; Marcelle and Conor Lalor; TD Bank; Wealth Partners Capital Group; Wells Fargo. **Golf Cart Sponsors:** Alvarez & Marsal; Burke Construction Group; Citizens Bank; Compson; Global Furniture Group; J. Raymond Construction; Kolter; Regions Bank; Spina O'Rourke; Stuart & Shelby Development; T&G Constructors; Wick Phillips. **Halfway House Sponsors:** Comiter Singer; Marsh McLennan Agency; Matthew & Tracy Smith Foundation; Truist; US Bank. **Closest to the Pin:** Bizi Arq; Scot Hunter; Streetsense. **Longest Drive - Men:** PNC Real Estate. **Longest Drive - Women:** Crystal Investors Florida LLC.



# New Playground Ribbon-Cutting



The outdoor play space at Project Grow is more than a playground – it's a sanctuary for the children we serve. Nearly every student lives in an urban neighborhood where outdoor play is limited to parking lots and sidewalks. At Project Grow, children have a safe place to run, explore, imagine, and simply enjoy being kids. Their cherished daily recreation time encourages healthy physical activity, social development, stress relief, and creative play.

On May 5, Adopt-A-Family hosted a much-anticipated ribbon-cutting celebration for a new playground and colorful turf track, replacing equipment that served students for 23 years. The new play space was made possible



through generous support from Impact the Palm Beaches, Jayne and Tim Donahue and Lewis Miller. In recognition of their kindness and lasting impact, a commemorative plaque will be displayed in the Project Grow play area.

Guests heard remarks from CEO Matt Constantine as well as the Honorable Betty Resch, Mayor of Lake Worth Beach, Impact the Palm Beaches Co-President Nancy Feiwei, and longtime agency friend Tim Donahue. As students sat eagerly on the turf awaiting the ribbon-cutting, excitement filled the air. The moment the ribbon fell, shouts and laughter erupted as the children raced to climb, slide, spin, and play while delighted guests celebrated alongside them.

Adopt-A-Family is grateful to everyone who made this project possible – including agency staff, supporters, volunteers, and city officials – and all who joined us for this special celebration.

## Wiley Reynolds Society Annual Awards Ceremony

On April 22, Adopt-A-Family hosted the Wiley Reynolds Society Awards Ceremony at the North Palm Beach Country Club. This annual event honors the extraordinary philanthropy and volunteerism of individuals and private foundation partners. Speakers included Board Chair Eli Morales, Director of Agency Relations Layren Calvo, and CEO Matt Constantine, who recognized the eight agency supporters inducted into the society this year.

The event highlighted the generosity of two individuals who have left a significant mark on the lives of the clients we serve. Sam Meshberg received the Wiley Reynolds Society Award of Appreciation, and Lewis Miller was given the Crystal Castor Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

The community spirit felt during the evening underscored a powerful message of hope and opportunity for families in need across Palm Beach County.

### Sam Meshberg

#### Wiley Reynolds Society Award of Appreciation

For over a decade, Sam Meshberg's passion for childhood education has led him to fund multiple academic, social, and enrichment opportunities for the agency's young clients. His support provides scholarships for private school education, neuropsychological assessments so students can receive specialized services at school, access to technology, and life-changing trips to

Washington D.C. for Safety Patrol members. The impact of Sam's philanthropy reaches far beyond the classroom by helping the families we serve build a strong foundation for generational progress.



### Lewis Miller

#### Crystal Castor Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service

Lewis Miller has become a beloved champion of Project Grow through his generosity, creativity, and hands-on support. From taking students on memorable adventures to the beach and Lion Country Safari to leading floral design classes to create meaningful gifts for loved ones, his impact is felt throughout the organization. For the past three years, Lewis also delivered beauty to the annual Tree Lighting Celebration by donating stunning floral arrangements and centerpieces. As a dedicated ambassador for Adopt-A-Family's mission, he impacts countless lives with compassion and care.





## Take Your Child to Work Day



**Director of Administration Emily Gorman and her daughter**



**Director of Human Resources Michelle Smith and her son**

For the first time in agency history, Adopt-A-Family hosted staff members' children at the Lake Worth office for National Take Your Child to Work Day on April 23. The theme, "Passport to Your Future," helped the children brainstorm about what they would like to do and see in the future. The kids toured the office, completed a scavenger hunt, and created a "resume" to highlight their career goals and skill sets.

After learning about the agency, the children had the opportunity to put Adopt-A-Family's mission into action by packaging welcome kits containing art supplies, toys, and hygiene products for kids arriving at our Program REACH emergency shelter. The day ended with a pizza lunch, where the kids eagerly shared with their parents everything they experienced throughout the day.

## Remembering Edward L. Hennessy, Jr.



Adopt-A-Family honors the life and legacy of longtime supporter Edward L. Hennessy, Jr., a visionary business leader and dedicated philanthropist. After a distinguished career as Chairman and CEO of AlliedSignal, Mr. Hennessy devoted his life to faith and service to others. Mr. Hennessy and his wife, Ruth S. Hennessy, championed educational opportunities for children and supported numerous nonprofits in New Jersey and Florida. The couple's commitment to giving back is a value shared by their daughter, Beth Hennessy, a dedicated member of

Adopt-A-Family's community. The family's unwavering support of our Tree Lighting Celebration has equipped us to serve thousands of local families, and the Edward L. Hennessy, Jr. and Ruth S. Hennessy Foundation continues to have a profound impact on Adopt-A-Family.

We send our sincere gratitude to the many friends and family members who made donations to our agency in memory of Mr. Hennessy. Our thoughts are with you.

## The Breakers Gives Back



Adopt-A-Family is one of the many charities in Palm Beach County that benefits from the support and neighborliness of The Breakers Palm Beach. Through "The Breakers Gives" program, employees are given paid time off to complete volunteer service projects. As part of their orientation with the company, a team of 11 new employees recently visited Adopt-A-Family's Lake Worth campus to help refresh and brighten our spaces by painting the interior of a residential housing unit as well as the first floor of the Jayne and Tim Donahue Community Center at Julian Place. Their efforts play an important role in ensuring that our facilities provide a welcoming environment for the families we serve. We are grateful to The Breakers for continuing to partner with our agency and choosing to serve in this meaningful way.



## Enrichment Classes for Resident Families

Wraparound services play a vital role in helping clients achieve long-term stability and lasting success. In addition to core in-house supports such as the Job Coach Program and Mental Health Program, Adopt-A-Family offers a range of enrichment opportunities designed to foster personal, financial, and social growth. Over the past few months, the agency's housing staff hosted a variety of events, including a goal-setting and vision board workshop, a group discussion led by the agency's Mental Health Therapist, and financial education sessions presented by Bank of America and BankUnited. These offerings consistently draw strong participation and equip clients with practical tools, knowledge, and connections that support them as they work toward brighter futures for themselves and their families.





# Third Annual Project Grow Graduation

Project Grow helps children build confidence, reach milestones, and prepare for a successful future, and this year's Fifth Grade Graduation was a joyful reflection of those ideals. The annual celebration recognized students and their families as they marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

The students listened to words of advice from CEO Matt Constantine, Adopt-A-Family Board Chair and Okeeheelee Middle School Principal Eli Morales, and Youth Success Program student Sariyah. Finally, their teacher, Evan (Mr. S) Schoenly, spoke about each student's individual personality and achievements before they were presented with a diploma from Director of Youth Educational Services Daron Morse.

After the ceremony, families enjoyed dinner and children had the chance to play on the new playground. Students received generous gifts from agency supporters, including personalized graduation sweets, gift cards, and backpacks filled with supplies for middle school. We would like to send a special thank-you to our Project Grow Graduation Committee, who worked hard to make this event a success.

We are proud of everything these students have accomplished, and we will be cheering them on as they enter various middle schools, which include competitive Choice programs and local private schools.



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