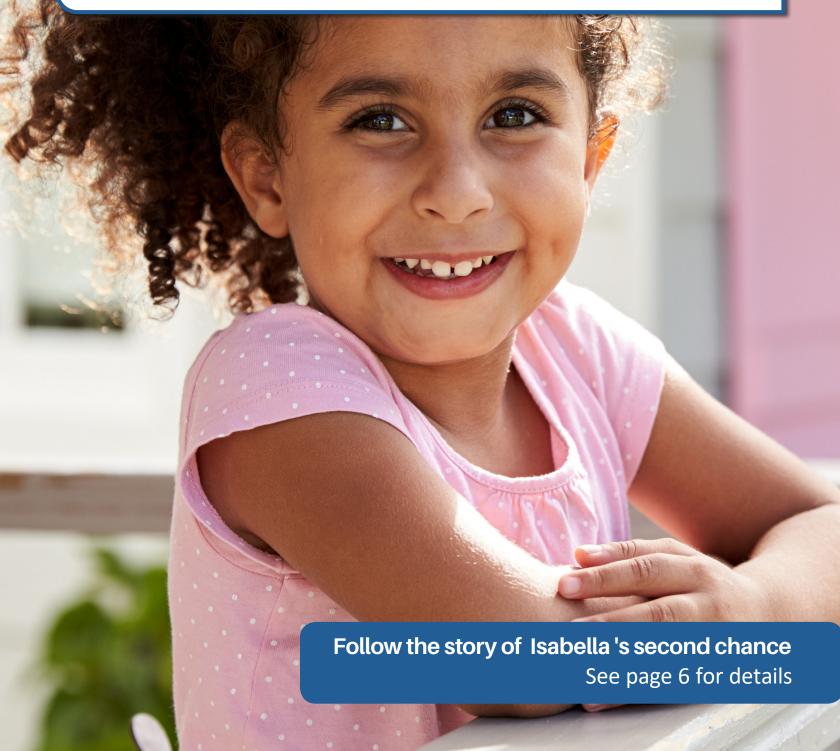


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A Message From the CEO

Dearest Friends,



Welcome to a New Year! 2020 was a tough year for everyone. The COVID-19 pandemic burdened our communities - making social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizer a part of our daily lives.

I appreciate those of you who have reached out and offered your support. Although a new year is upon us, the effects of the Coronavirus have not subsided. All of us at the Children's Home Network continue to navigate this new sense of normalcy, while providing quality services to the children, families, and caregivers that depend on us.

If you are familiar with CHN, then you know we are committed to supporting and helping children and their families. It brings us great joy to make a positive impact in the life of a

child and increase their chances for success in the future. I am happy to report over the past year we have been given the honor of serving more children and families than ever before — even during a worldwide pandemic! Because of you, our generous business partners and friends, it is possible for us to fulfill our mission and expand the impact of CHN. We are building a stronger community where children grow up healthy and happy. A greater number of at-risk children and families are thriving in the Tampa Bay area and across Central Florida — thanks to you. Together, we are truly improving lives and changing life stories.

Small Effort. Big Difference.

Stay safe and be well,

Irene K. Rickus, MS, LMHC President/CEO

When you take the small step of naming the Children's Home Network as the Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD) beneficiary of your investment, checking or savings account, you help us continue our important work. A gift like this won't affect your lifestyle and it will make a tremendous impact on the boys and girls we serve.

To learn more about how you can make a difference today, please call or e-mail Frank Massaro at (813) 864-1535 or fmassaro@childrenshomenetwork.org

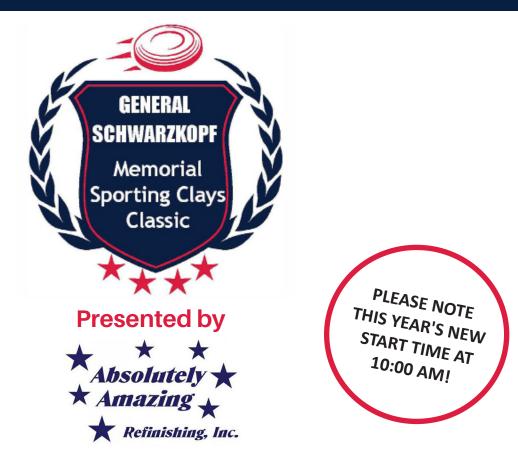
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The 27th Annual



Saturday, March 13, 2021

Registration Opens - 8:30 AM | Event Starts - 10:00 AM Tampa Bay Sporting Clays | 10514 Ehren Cutoff | Land O' Lakes, FL

The Annual Sporting Clays Classic has been conducted for the past twenty-six years to raise friends and funds in support of the boys and girls in our care. Key business executives and sportsmen from the Tampa Bay area come together to enjoy a light breakfast, a hearty lunch and an exciting day of shooting.



Food Truck Treat









We would like to give a special thank you to Jimmy Delegro and Tanya Parkes-Delegro of **Elite Direct Finance** in Safety Harbor and **M.E. Wilson** for their incredible generosity. The boys and girls residing in Kids Village and Adolescents in Motherhood enjoyed a special treat - delicious food truck dinners from The Bacon Boss, Mr. C's Grilled Cheese, and The Hungry Hangover. We are so appreciative for their support.

Thank You, Tom Frederick!



Thank you to Children's Home Network's advocate, Tom Frederick, for hosting a Facebook birthday fundraiser benefiting the children and families we serve. Not only did Tom raise nearly \$5,000, but he matched an **additional** \$5,000! We are so grateful for your generosity. Thank you, Tom!

Do you want to host a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser? It's easy!

- 1. **Click Fundraisers** in the left menu of your News Feed. (You may need to click See More.)
- 2. Click + Raise Money.
- 3. **Search and select the Children's Home Network**, fill in the fundraiser details, and choose a cover photo.
- 5. Click Create.



Need help? Contact Devon Anderson at (813) 864-1530.

The 38th Annual

Children's Home Network GOLF CLASSIC

and Online Auction

Thank You to Our **Presenting Sponsor**



Another hole in one! Despite COVID-19, a fun (and safe) time was had by all at the 38th Annual Golf Classic and Online Auction sponsored by Advanced Drying Systems. The event took place on November 2nd, 2020 at Feather Sound Country Club. It was a beautiful day on the course, and we truly appreciate all of our golfers, Sunshine Health volunteers, and the incredible team at Feather Sound for their continued support. Congratulations to the team from ACE Design & Construction Services for taking 1st place! We are grateful to our many participants, the committee and its co-chairs, Hope Dogali and Karol Bullard, and sponsors listed below.



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A Second Chance





Supporting caregivers so they can heal the traumatized child is the essence of the Children's Home Network's Kinship and Emotional Support Programs in Central Florida. Our role is not to foster dependency or to burden caregivers with unnecessary frustration, but to draw their strength out of chaos and guide them to a sense of family and autonomy that will endure.

It is hard to imagine what it is like for a 4-year-old to witness the murder of her mother, but that is Isabella's story. This horrific event was the tragic ending to the difficult relationship between her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Domestic violence continues to be a primary reason for child protective services and sadly for Isabella, it took her mother's life.

Recognizing that families are the greatest source of healing for children like Isabella, her child protection worker located Aunt Janet, who was able and more than willing to take her niece into her home. Relative caregivers are confronted by these emotional and challenging decisions daily, without warning, and often at all hours of the day or night. Not only was Janet grappling with the death of her sister, she was now suddenly the parent of a 4-year-old. She was grieving but committed, and needed CHN's support as she was also now immersed in the complex and confusing world of child protective services and

the court system. For this reason, the family was referred to CHN's Emotional Support Program, and services were immediately offered.

From the time Isabella was placed into her care, the main goal was to adopt her, securing her future and establishing Janet as her legal mother. But the journey presented many challenges and being a part of CHN Caregiver Emotional Support Services, according to Janet, was a "godsend." In addition to navigating the system, Janet was very concerned about the trauma that her niece experienced and was uncertain what support she needed or how to access it. CHN's Emotional Support specialist quickly engaged with and supported Janet throughout the process, ensuring she understood what was happening and why, and helped prepare her to succeed in accomplishing the goal of adoption. With this level of support, Janet's anxiety and fears subsided and her strength, faith, and unwavering commitment to her niece emerged. As a result, she was able to apply for benefits for Isabella, access grief therapy for both herself and her niece, enroll Isabella in Pre-K and attend Support Groups with other families who were caring for a relative's child. Other supports was tangible, as becoming the parent to a 4-year-old was not something Janet had anticipated; therefore, securing a bed, car seat, and other items for Isabella were priorities that her CHN Emotional Support specialist was able to quickly resolve.

Isabella and her mother (aunt) Janet are fully engaged in the support services that CHN linked them with and they continue on their healing journey. The adoption was recently finalized and because the family received the support and direction needed in the early stages of their case, they are able to continue without the involvement of child protective services or Emotional Support Services. Janet knows that she can contact CHN at any time should the need arise, but she is confident and independent as families should be. Janet's deceased sister can safely be at peace to know her sister adopted her daughter Isabella and that family is restored for her little girl.

Children's Home Network Grant Spotlight







Thank you to the **Joy McCann Foundation** for sponsoring fun outings for the children residing in Kids Village and Adolescents in Motherhood. Boys and girls enjoyed a trip to the bowling alley, as well as a snow slide trip!



The Francis and Gertrude Levett Foundation's grant of \$35,000 enabled CHN to purchase a much needed new truck with a lift gate. The old truck was outdated, but the new one (pictured on the left) has already made daily tasks on campus easier and more efficient. Thanks to the Levett's, this truck will help keep our campus maintained and safe for the children in our care.

The David and Leighan Rinker Foundation graciously gifted \$18,500 for the Children's Home Network's CARES initiative, Campus Activities Recreational and Educational Services. We are so grateful for them helping making fun off campus learning activities a reality for the boys and girls. Thank you, thank you, thank you!





The **Spurlino Foundation** graciously funded a large portion of the budget for the eLearning initiative in the Pulte Promise Learning Center due to COVID-19. We are so appreciative for their support of the children residing on campus in the Kids Village and Adolescents in Motherhood programs.

Congratulations, Susan Cohen!

Congratulations to Susan Cohen for winning the Respect 90 Volunteer Spotlight Award! Susan is an 18-year vounteer of CHN, advocating for the boys and girls on campus through educational and moral support.



Donors and Supporters Spotlight



Thank you to the MBA of Tampa Bay - Mortgage Banker's Association for hosting a Virtual Cooking Class benefiting the Children's Home Network at the Tampa Club. The class raised over \$6,000 for the boys and girls in our care. We are so thankful! covidence covidence community from supporting the children and families we serve!

Thank you, to our "Virtually"
Amazing Supporters, MBA of Tampa Bay,
Wetherington Hamilton, P.A. and
Bobby Friss for your continued
generosity.



Wetherington Hamilton, P.A. graciously held their 6th Annual Cocktails for a Cause fundraiser virtually due to the pandemic. Proceeds benefitted the children and families we serve, and they presented CHN with over \$13,200. Thank you, friends for your continued support!



Our friend Bobby Friss has been hosting benefit rock concerts for CHN since the 80s. Although this year's concert had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, Bobby still raised 7K through an online fundraiser dedicated to CHN. Thanks, Bobby!



Due to COVID-19, the PulteGroup had to cancel its annual Building to Make Lives Better Charity Golf Tournament benefitting the Children's Home Network. Despite the circumstances, Pulte still supported the children in our care and presented us with a check for \$158,475! This gift will assist with e-learning in the Pulte Promise Learning Center — which is needed now more than ever for the boys and girls living on campus. We are so grateful for Pulte, their partners, vendors, and community for improving lives and changing life stories.



Special thanks to CHN guardians Liz and David Kennedy, for sponsoring baby showers for two of our "mothers to be" living here on campus in Lykes cottage, the home of our Adolescents in Motherhood program.



The FGCAR - Florida Gulfcoast Commercial Association of Realtors Golf Tournament at Cove Cay raised \$1,500 for CHN. The winners generously donated back 1st prize of \$300 gift cards to the boys and girls in our care. We are so appreciative of the FGCAR members, participants, and volunteers of this event for their generosity.









Thank you to Karolina Kurkova and our friends at Payless Shoes for providing the boys and girls in our care with a delicious spaghetti dinner and Christmas gift bags! Your generosity makes this season brighter for children healing from abuse, neglect, and abandonment.



A special thank you to Tampa Electric and the team at the Western Service Area for their generous donation of \$4,637 to the Children's Home Network. Your gift will continue our mission of improving lives and changing life stories.



On September 13th,
National Grandparent's
Day, our Kinship services
supported and celebrated
grandparents and caregivers
throughout Florida.



Yellowfin Yachts held their 6th Annual Charity Classic with a goal to collect toys and cash donations for CHN. Founder of the charity event, Yellowfin's VP, Heath Daughtry, shared that they love and support our mission, and look forward to another great event in 2021.



We are so appreciative of our friends at the New York Yankees Foundation for providing a new pair of Nike shoes and duffle bags to all of our campus youth! Having new shoes is a tremendous treat for our kids, and we are very grateful for the chance to spread so many smiles.



The The Junior League of Tampa continues to serve children in foster care during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing more than 30,000 diapers and backpacks filled with supplies for boys and girls healing from abuse, neglect and abandonment. In order to keep our campus staff safe, JLT has graciously ordered diaper donations online and had them shipped to us. Thank you, JLT for supporting our Foster and Kinship families, as well as our AIM program.



The TB3 (Tampa Bay Business Builders) networking group meets each Tuesday at Carrollwood Country Club, and collects 'Happy Bucks' in order to support the boys and girls living in CHN's care.

Thank You For Making the Season Bright!

The boys and girls residing in Kids Village and Adolescents in Motherhood had a magical Holiday Season, thanks to many of our incredible community partners. Thank you to WILD 94.1 and Orlando & The Freakshow's Toy Tower, Wal-Mart, Stepp's Towing, and the Bullard Family Foundation for collecting 568 bikes, 4 full PODS containers of toys, and over \$110,000 in gift cards and cash donations. All items benefitted the boys and girls in our care and families in our CHN programs. A special thank you to the PulteGroup, Sunshine Health, Bay Area Apartment Association, Suncoast Credit Union, Absolutely Amazing Refinishing, Ciccio Restaurant Group, the DeBartolo Family Foundation, and JPMorgan Chase for decorating the cottages for the holidays, fulfilling Christmas wish lists, wrapping gifts, staffing Santa's workshop, donating Christmas dinners, and much more.

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