



Angels Against Abuse  
August 10, 2021

Angels Against Abuse met on August 10, 2021, at the Pasadena Community Church Life Enrichment Center at 8:30 am. President, Sandy Kearney, welcomed everyone and our two speakers

Our first speaker was Gloria from Foster in Hope Florida, whose goal is foster care reform. They try to keep siblings together in foster care. They provide resources such as used clothing, cribs, etc. for foster families. Hope Village, a part of Fostering Hope of Florida, does recruiting for foster care. Gloria requested assistance from the Angels for items like new underwear, socks, and diapers in various sizes.

Our second speaker was Krista Shafer from Better Together, which started in 2015. This group tries to prevent children from going into foster care. They help people get better jobs through job fairs and get the community involved. This is a faith-based organization. Their three objectives are "to prevent abuse and neglect by providing a non-threatening safety net for families with children; lifting people up and wrapping a caring, compassionate community around them to make a life-changing difference; and empowering parents to help themselves, addressing the root causes that led to their crisis, and keeping families together."

Sara Anthony, family support supervisor, announced their CPI award of the year was presented to Jennifer for her outstanding work. The Kind Mouse and Angels put bags together to be given to the CPI children.

Byron Pressley of Friends of Children reported the children are doing well. The Angels gave them laptops, back packs, and uniforms. Some of the children who were with the program from the start are now beginning high school.

Treasurer, Blake Kearney, reported our end of July revenue was \$205,511.00 and expenses were \$210,644.00 for a loss of \$5,132.00.

Bobbi Stephens with Noelle Chase reported a grant through Eckerd to provide dependent families with care and medical care.

Adrienne Conwell of the Kind Mouse announced they will have a back-to-school food drive from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Rankin  
Recording Secretary