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NEWSLETTER

CENTER FOR FAMILY & CHILD ENRICHMENT, INC.

Pediatric and Family Health & Wellness Center

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We welcomed 2022 in with a bang! Congratulations to our CFCE staff who have received accolades for excellence in service delivery and meeting the needs of our clients. Thank you for the time, passion, energy and resources that you devote to providing support for the children and families we serve.

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Happy 45th Birthday CFCE!

March 18, 2022 marked the 45th year since CFCE first opened its doors. Since 1977, we have remained committed to our mission - "helping children and families help themselves to live a better life and build a stronger community". Through our federally qualified health center (FQHC) which opened in 2013, we offer an array of behavioral health and primary medical care services for children and adults, as well as youth intervention and educational programs. CFCE also provides residential services for children in foster care and full case management services for them and their parents.

Throughout the year, we will highlight CFCE's accomplishments and celebrate this important milestone in the life of our organization.

In November, we will continue the celebration by hosting our first **City of Miami Gardens Mayor's Ball**. Proceeds will be donated to CFCE, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We invite you to join us on this year long journey! For information on how to become a member of our host committee, purchase a table, become a sponsor or volunteer, or to learn more about CFCE programs and services, contact Development Manager Karen Guy @ kguy@cfceinc.org or 305.474.1737.

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Cherishing our children since 1977!

United Way Honors Our CEO!

February 2022



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATION



MAURICE WOODS
PRESIDENT/ CEO
EASTERSEALS SOUTH
FLORIDA



T. DELORES DUNN
PRESIDENT/ CEO
CENTER FOR FAMILY AND
CHILD ENRICHMENT



DR. TERRY JOSEPH JR.
PRESIDENT/ CEO
THE FAMILY CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



We are proud to congratulate our very own CEO, Delores Dunn, who was recognized by United Way Miami during Black history month as a Black leader who is addressing and championing health disparities in Miami-Dade County. Ms. Dunn, CEO Maurice Woods of Easter Seals of South Florida and Dr. Terry Joseph, CEO of The Family Christian Association of America were all selected because they exemplify this year's theme of Black Health and Wellness, and for all that they do to strengthen our community through health services and initiatives. KUDOS to each of the honorees!!

CFCE Celebrates Black History

"Promoting Black Business"

February 2022



(clockwise) CEO T. Delores Dunn and Guest Speaker Dr. Marvin Dunn, Marjorie Hollingshead (Zainabu Natural Skincare Corp.), Stephanie Carre (InHerDefense), Janee Butler (Fitneen Fitness) and Program Administrator Mary Williams



Special thanks to the small business owners who shared with us during this year's event (Chic in Prints African Fashion, Dreadlocks Meme, Garden of Soulfood, Fitneen Fitness, Honta African Fashion & Entertainment, InHerDefense, Nazhi Thee Baker, and Zainabu Natural Skincare Corp.), our soloist, Jayden Nelson, for his rendition of "Color Blind" and the members of our Black History Committee whose hard work made it all possible!



Board Member Spotlight



Rev. Dr. Fernie Johnson *Director*

In this quarter's Board Member Spotlight, we highlight Rev. Dr. Fernie Johnson who joined the Board of the Center for Child and Family Enrichment (CFCE) nearly seven years ago.

Rev. Johnson is a consumer board member who serves on the Resource Development Committee. He links faith-based organizations to CFCE, promotes program awareness and encourages others to raise funds to support the mission of CFCE.

"CFCE has great programs that help the community in so many areas" said Rev. Johnson. Currently, he serves as a Chaplain with the City of Miami Gardens Police Department and a mentor with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

As a 5000 role model mentor, Rev. Johnson provides at-risk boys with alternatives to distract them from those things that could lead them into a life of crime and violence.

Rev. Johnson began his career as a teller at SunTrust Bank and retired as a bank manager after 32 years. Since retiring in 2013, he joined his brother in ministry as the Associate Pastor of the 93rd Street Community Baptist Church. Rev. Johnson praises God for any opportunity to serve and he is most proud of the outreach work being done by his church. He recently accompanied members from his church to CFCE's quarterly Pastor's lunch. Before leaving, they made a public pledge to support CFCE in its efforts to increase foster parent recruitment in North Dade.

Rev. Johnson has received numerous accolades. He served with distinction as a counselor at the Miami Dade Corrections T.G.K. Facility for ten years with the assistance of Elder Marietta Freeman. He was nominated as Florida Finest by the late Gov. Lawton Chiles for his services mentoring Miami Dade County Public School students with learning disabilities. Most recently, he was recognized as an Outstanding Leader by Miami Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime.

Rev. Johnson has five daughters and six grandchildren. After graduating from Miami Central Senior High School, he attended Miami Dade County Community College, but went on to obtain his Bachelor's degree from Bethune-Cookman College. He later went on to Jacksonville Theological Seminary where he earned a Master's degree in Christian Education and a Doctorate of Divinity.

Community Advocate Highlight

Why I support CFCE and why you should too!

Ms. Doretha Nichson

volunteer

foster parent

past board member

donor & fundraiser



I first became involved with CFCE in the 1990's when they organized a North Dade coalition of community organizations serving children and families. Supporting these organizations in coming together to have a greater impact on the lives of children was a driving force for me.

I am strongly committed to family, which for me, extends to church and community. I believe we are called to support each other in this life. I wanted children to have the experience I had with a strong extended family. Throughout the years, *I continued to be a CFCE supporter, donor, volunteer, board member, and eventually becoming a foster parent myself.* I feel a great sense of responsibility to help future generations.

Like "the village", we have an obligation to

support children and youth and that is what CFCE does. CFCE steps in the gap as needed to strengthen families, provide temporary homes for children who through no fault of their own are abused, abandoned or neglected; finding themselves in foster care and reunification support; and delivering services such as CFCE's Wellness Center that provides general health and dental services for children and adults right here in Miami Gardens, Florida.

If you can contribute financially, serve as a foster parent, volunteer or offer support to CFCE, I encourage you to do so. I am proud to be involved and have CFCE cherishing children right here in our backyard. To get more involved, learn more about programs or give today, visit CFCE's website: www.cfcecares.org.



Meet CFCE's Child Welfare Superstars



When you're good, people notice. Special thanks to these CFCE Superstars who are making our stakeholders sit up and take notice!



Kendia Aikens



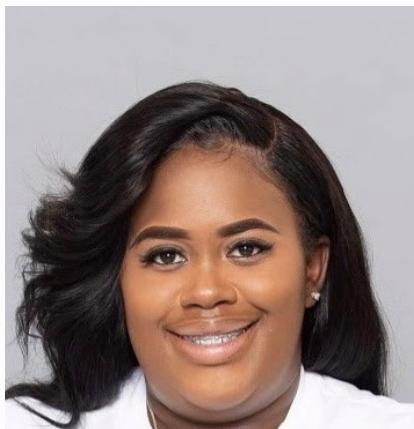
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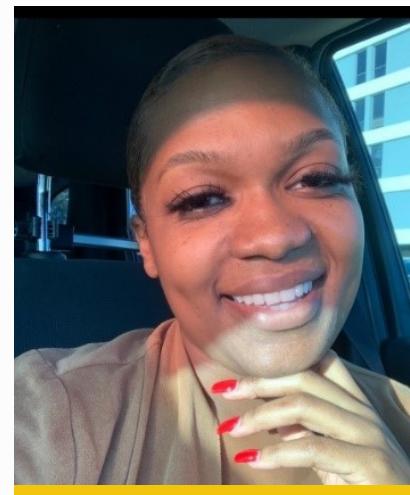
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Bianca Harris



Davina Jackson



Ketsia Mathurin



Ashley Mond



Florence Thelusma



Shkiear Whitehead

Staff Recognition



Valerie Dukes
SNAP Parent Facilitator
Staff of the Month

Thank you for your dedication,
passion and hard work!



Krizia Santana
CINS-FINS Lead Case Manager
Congratulations Krizia on being
CINS-FINS Staff of the Month
for January!

You rock!



Become a Foster Parent

No experience necessary,
No experience compares!
For more info contact
Wanda Brantley at 305.474.1741
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CFCE Partners with Citrus FCN and the Circle of Brotherhood



Photo from Press Conference and Town Hall with Citrus FCN & the Circle of Brotherhood (Feb 15, 2022)

Citrus Family Care Network (FCN) has joined forces with the Circle of Brotherhood and the Center for Family & Child Enrichment (CFCE) to boost its efforts to locate loving foster homes for youth in care. At a recent press conference, CFCE President/CEO T. Delores Dunn stated that "[t]he number of foster homes in the Northern areas of Miami-Dade County has steadily declined, . . . We want to ensure children can remain in the communities in which they grew up close to relatives and support systems."

Esther Jacobo, Director of Citrus FCN. Foster parents can provide safe, loving and temporary homes for children and teens who entered the foster care system through no fault of their own after suffering abuse, neglect or abandonment." "We're calling on everyone to play their part," said Brother Lyle Muhammad Executive Director, Circle of Brotherhood." For more information on how to become a foster parent, contact Program Administrator for Child Welfare Services, Bruce Baskin, 305.493.4303 (ext. 2735), BBaskin@cfceinc.org.

"As the local child welfare agency, it is our job to find innovative ways to address the needs of our community,"

Pastor's Quarterly Luncheon

February 23, 2022



CFCE CEO T. Delores Dunn



L-R (John Turner, Wanda Brantley, Lawrence Tyler, Panos Kourtesis, Georgia Downey, Rev. Michael Hallman, Rev. Dr. Pastor Carl Johnson, Minister Otha Davis, Dr. Hussein Anan, M.D., Minister Derick Peters and wife Arethia)

CFCE Board Member Rev. Fernie Johnson, Associate Pastor of the 93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church, welcomed pastors from local churches to hear about the programs offered to the community by the Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc. (CFCE). "The agency has grown from a small grass roots "store front" operation to an organization, touching the lives of more than 5,000 children and families annually across Miami-Dade County," said T. Delores Dunn, President/CEO of CFCE.

After lunch, Dr. Hussein Anan, led the group on a tour of CFCE's Pediatric, Family, Health and Wellness Center (PFHWC) where services are offered to the

community. The PFHWC, is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides an array of preventative health services from experienced doctors in Miami Gardens.

Visit us @ www.cfcewellness.org





WISH LIST

Thank you so much for considering a donation to the teenage girls in our "Better Days" program. The Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, Young Lawyers Division's partnership with the Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc. will support teenage girls in the foster care system. The "Better Days" program will provide support for the girls through donations, educational enrichment, health and wellness events, and mentoring.



OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT \$5,000 TO ASSIST IN THE PROGRAMMING FOR 2022-2023

Below are items needed to allow us to make this program successful.

HOME ITEMS

Luggage/Duffle Bags
Bed in a Bag (girly colors)
LED Lights for decorating their rooms (The Cloud Version)
TV for rooms
Full Length Mirrors
Room and Bathroom décor like (girly colors)
Canvas pictures for the walls
Shoe Racks
Picture Frames (Big and Small)



REDECORATION REQUEST

Feminine living room

ELECTRONICS

Game systems for the house
Ipad or Iphones
Ring Light

MISC

Mannequin Head (for hair and wigs)
Gift Cards



BODY AND HYGEINE

Skincare/ Body care
Haircare for women of color
Body wash/Body Splash/Body Lotion

CLOTHING

Pajamas | Robes | Sandals

MISC

Spa Days (Birthdays)
Hair Done (Birthdays)
Outings (Movies, Busch Gardens, Disney)

Only new items are accepted as donations. For donation of physical items please contact Chair, Sherria Williams at williams.sherria@gmail.com or 305-986-1860.

To make a monetary donation, please donate using the following: <https://gscbwla.org/foundation> -- Click Donate - Other – Add Better Days.

Better Days



Event Calendar



**CFCE Board
Meeting
Apr 20, 2022**

*Still offering COVID
vaccines, boosters &
testing for ages 5
and up!*



Pediatric &
Family Health
& Wellness Center



**Join Our
Team**


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click here](#)



**Lunch & Learn
Topic: Sexual Healing
Apr 27, 2022**



**CFCE Annual
Meeting
May 21, 2022**

save the date
City of Miami Gardens
Mayor's Ball
November 5, 2022

***We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!
Center for Family & Child Enrichment, Inc.***