



# Friends of Foster Children

## Quarterly Newsletter

3rd Quarter: July, August, September 2024 &  
Upcoming Events

### Topics:

- summit
- holiday kickoff
- staff retreat
- navigating adulthood
- legacy luncheon
- pba career fair
- rising leaders graduation
- night out in delray
- business expo
- delvin scott
- bridges builders market
- back to school pbc
- iddeal night
- spirit of giving
- national nonprofit day
- brandscaping
- champions event
- focus on women
- tea
- monthly giving
- collaborative training
- nonprofits first networking event
- leadership lantana kickoff
- storage day/altria
- birthday bags

upcoming

- woman volunteer of the year
  - holiday toys
- office parties  
--toy collection boxes  
--amazon wishlist  
--donate money

## *Letter from the Executive Director*

Dear Friends,

As we approach the final months of the year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to Friends of Foster Children. The holiday season is a time of joy and reflection for many, but for the children we serve, it can often be a time of uncertainty and longing. Your generosity ensures that these children feel the warmth, love, and sense of belonging they deserve.

Because of you, the children in foster care in Palm Beach County feel the magic of the holidays—the excitement of receiving a special gift, the comfort of knowing they are thought of, and the joy that comes from feeling part of a community that cares deeply about them. Your contributions, whether through donations, time, or resources, make a world of difference.

This year, more than ever, the challenges facing foster children have highlighted the critical role our community plays in their lives. As we continue our work together, please know that your involvement—large or small—creates lasting memories and impacts these children's futures. You are giving them more than just presents; you are giving them hope.

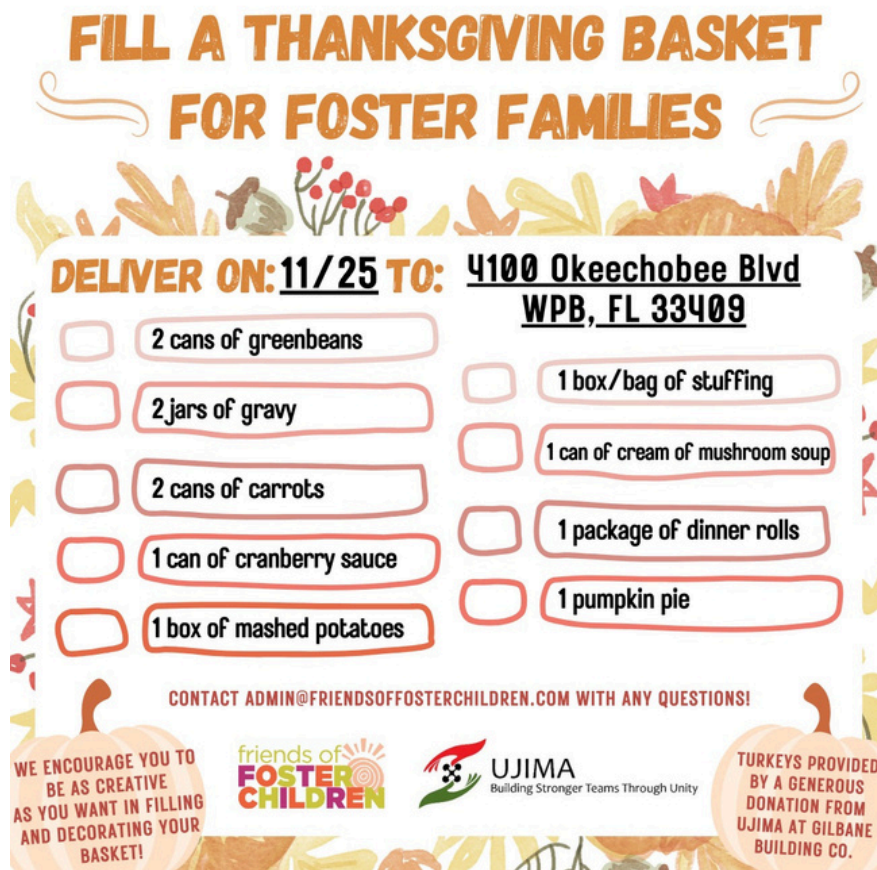
On behalf of our entire organization, thank you for your kindness, compassion, and ongoing commitment to helping foster children thrive. We couldn't do this without you, and we look forward to continuing our mission with your support in the new year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and joyful holiday season!

With heartfelt gratitude,

**Jane Denny Richardson**  
*Executive Director*

# Upcoming Events...



## Thanksgiving Basket Drive

- Monday, November 25th
- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- 4100 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Our signature Thanksgiving drive is back! Will you help fill a basket for our foster families? You can be as creative in decorating and filling your basket, but it must include the items on the flyer:

- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 jars of gravy, 2 cans of carrots
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 1 box/bag of stuffing
- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1 package of dinner rolls
- 1 pie

*Can't bring a basket in but still want to support?*

Donate towards turkeys

here!



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## Holiday Toy Drive

It's as easy as 1..2..3..

- 1 Shop Amazon Wishlist**  
  
[bit.ly/ffcamazontoy](https://bit.ly/ffcamazontoy)
- 2 Shop & Drop Off**  
 **Until Dec. 18**  
 **9 am to 5 pm**  
 **4100 Okeechobee Blvd. West Palm Beach FL 33409**
- 3 Donate Funds for Toys**  
  
[bit.ly/ffcholidays24](https://bit.ly/ffcholidays24)

For more information email [admin@friendsoffosterchildren.com](mailto:admin@friendsoffosterchildren.com)

### Holiday Toy Drive

- From now until December 18
- 4100 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Looking to give JOY to children in foster care this holiday season? There are multiple ways to do so! We need your help providing 3 gifts each to all 1,300 of our kids.

Shop Amazon wishlist  
HERE

Donate funds for toys  
HERE

### CWLA Annual Conference

This year's annual Child Welfare League of America conference, Creating Meaningful

Change, was incredible! Our staff has already begun to implement change to benefit our families.



**Shred Event with the Lantana Chamber**  
The Drive Up Shred Event was a success! We are grateful for the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce for partnering with us, and all those who came out to shred for a cause.

## *SunFest*

Another year, another adventure with the SunFest community! We had a blast sharing our mission and listening to great music while doing so. We couldn't have done it without our outstanding volunteers!



### **L.O.T Health Services**

L.O.T. Health Services are located in our office! They accept all insurance and provide care at a low cost for those without insurance.

- Tuesdays



- After 2 pm

Call to make an appointment:  
**561-693-5143**



## *2nd Annual Holiday Kickoff*

The annual Foster Parent Appreciation Brunch was a success! This year, we celebrated foster parents of both Palm Beach County and Broward County. Double the love for these incredible caregivers!





## Graduation

We are immensely proud of our 2024 graduates! Whether they received their high school diploma, GED, vocational certificate, or college diploma, 42 foster youth are embarking on the next part of their journey.

## Father's Day at the Zoo

Lions and tigers and bears—oh my! We had the privilege of taking dads in our Responsible Fatherhood program to the Palm Beach Zoo. What a fun, Father's Day field trip!



## NPHC Picnic

We had such a blast at the National Pan-Hellenic Council GREEK PICNIC! We had the privilege of speaking about our mission and sharing our programs with the community.





## Community Friends



Delvin J. Scott, Troop #116



Kiwanis Club of Wellington



Dylan Craib, Troop #122



Kiwanis Club of North Palm Beach



Primrose School of Royal Palm Beach



Grandview Preparatory School



Delray Green Market



Community of Hope Youth Camp



Sharon Lietzke and Friends

## Welcome, Karen!

Please welcome Karen A. Bodwell as the newest member of our Board of Directors! We are thrilled for the passion, dedication, and experience she's bringing to the team.





## *Navigating Adulthood*



*CPR Certification*



*Kick-Off to Summer*



*Creative Pursuits Workshop*



## *Hubbard Radio*

We've been chatting with our friends at Hubbard Radio... Catch us on a few episodes of South Florida Sunday!

[Listen Here!](#)

## *Monthly Giving*

Step into our Circle of Friends! Join our monthly program and be part of something greater than yourself. By becoming a monthly donor, you are creating a continuous ripple effect of change. Together, we'll shape a brighter future for children experiencing foster care in Palm Beach County.

[Give \\$10/month here!](#)



## JOIN OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS!

Join our monthly giving program to positively impact a child in Palm Beach County's child welfare system.

*Choose your impact*

**\$10**

Offer comfort by gifting a foster child with a fresh pair of pajamas!

**\$30**

Equip a child with the school supplies needed for academic success!

**\$75**

Empower a teen by ensuring they have all they need for an interview, including a complete outfit and transportation!

**\$100**

Extend a caring hand by funding an emergency bag filled with essentials such as clothing, hygiene products, and comfort items!

Give \$30/month here!

Give \$75/month here!

Give \$100/month here!

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