

Love and Hope in Action

2025-2026 Fall/Winter Newsletter

2025 Year End Recap

A Heartfelt Thanksgiving - Nov. 26th

Thanksgiving at LAHIA was a very special day this year — not just for us, but for the individuals we serve as well. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Brian and Dennis, who sponsored our Thanksgiving meal, we were able to create a meaningful experience for our community. The ladies from iThink Financial joined us to help our chef prepare the meal for 90 of our guests. Thanksgiving gave us an opportunity to reconnect with our folks, many of whom shared how heartfelt this was and reminding us that for so many, LAHIA is family and why our mission is so important!



Beach2Bar 5K+ Hosted by Carsons Tavern - Nov. 29th

Beach2Bar is a long-time favorite, post-Thanksgiving race in Martin County and once again we were honored to serve as a beneficiary and co-host of the annual Beach2Bar 5K+ hosted by Carsons Tavern. The event brought together 373 participants—330 runners and 43 supporters who came out simply to enjoy the day and cheer others from the sidelines. We were especially proud to see several of our incredible volunteers participate, with some even placing 1st through 5th in their age categories!

This year's event raised a record-breaking amount in support of our mission, a success made possible by the incredible generosity of our community sponsors. We are deeply grateful to: Briana Lawson Foundation, Dalfo Realty Group, Dynamix Imaging Solutions, Florida Hand Therapy, Florida Power & Light, Gateway Filters, Group One Safety & Security, Hawk Air & Mechanical LLC, iTHINK Financial, Jeff T. Gorman Law Offices, Joe Slater, John Tranter & Family, Jordan Showe Law, Karen & Tony Carpentier, Ken & JoAnn Cloak, Ken Duke & Friends, Law Office of Mark Rodgers, Love Church, Mari Huff CPA, NisAir Air Conditioning, RCP Shelters, Schoppe Foot and Ankle, Seacoast Bank, SouthState Bank, St. Vincent de Paul — HRC, Team Parks, Inc., The Griffin Team of Premier Realty Group, Tom Grimmer, Valerie Barcik, Realtor, Watson & Vasko Attorneys, William G Pembroke CPA, PA, and Zanfini Wellness Center.



Community Connections

2025 was a year full of community support and meaningful partnerships. Throughout the fall, we had the opportunity to share our mission, build relationships, network in the community and even earn a few top prizes along the way.

In early Fall, we participated in the MCSO annual Trunk or Treat, and later joined our partner agency, Family Promise, for multiple events. Our Director of Client Services, Heyward Silcox represented LAHIA on the Voice of Promise: Dear Someone panel, shedding light on the realities and struggles families face in Martin County. In mid November, we joined them for their 6th annual Bed Races, securing 2nd place for Best Construction and Design — an awesome Mario Kart made by our very own Facilities Manager, Steve Dickerson.

As the holidays approached, we welcomed several guest groups who served during meal services including Unfiltered, Safe Hayven, Maranatha and Christian Motorcyclists Association and longtime supporters, Palm City Presbyterian, and Church of the Advent.

For the first time, LAHIA was honored to be selected by Deakins-Carroll Insurance Agency as their nonprofit of choice at the Treasure Coast Children's Museum's Festival of Giving, with all funds raised from their beautifully decorated Mermaid tree benefitting LAHIA. In addition, our longtime partner, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Port Salerno, helped raise money for LAHIA's needs for Christmas with a first time ever, Give Back Angel Tree.



Celebrating Christmas at LAHIA



Christmas at LAHIA started early, with a special Christmas party on December 14 for children from the families we serve, ages 1-18. Santa himself made a special appearance from the North Pole, bringing gifts for 22 children.



Our Christmas Shop kicked off on December 17th, giving clients the chance to "shop" for gifts thanks to the generosity of our community supporters. Donations included wishlist items, purses for the ladies assembled by Alpha Phi Sigma at IRSC, gift cards, and a wide variety of Christmas gifts. Over the two days, 101 clients were blessed with holiday cheer.



We're also grateful for a new partnership with Mr. Brad Martin, who sponsored our Christmas meal, helping us serve 101 guests on Christmas Eve. Twenty-four volunteers helped prep, serve and plate meals, creating a memorable experience.

We are extremely grateful for all the new and continuous supporters who made 2025 a year of success and joy for the families we serve.

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