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Adopt-A-Family is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, charitable organization established in 1983. Our mission is to strengthen families with children in their efforts to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by providing access to all-encompassing services.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY *of the Palm Beaches, Inc.*

TEAM CELEDINAS WINS NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - RAISING \$62,000 FOR AAF!

On August 11th, 2016, we learned that Joe Carron and Team Celedinas WON the AIG Private Client Group Invitational to benefit their charity of choice, Adopt-A-Family! This summer, Adopt-A-Family and Project Grow welcomed this special team from Celedinas Insurance Group for a check presentation in recognition of their national championship winning efforts in Pebble Beach.



Pictured from left to right; Cachi Velez, Michael Katzenberg, Ray Celedinas, Joe Carron, and Daron Morse. The group is pictured with students from Project Grow's K-1st grade class.

We also had a very special visitor, Celedinas Insurance Group President & CEO (and long-time Adopt-A-Family supporter), Ray Celedinas!

Adopt-A-Family CEO, Matt Constantine, had this to share after the incredible victory by AAF Better Ball Invitational committee member Joe Carron and the Celedinas team. "Joe - thank you for your continued support of Adopt-A-Family and for your incredible golf skills! This is a tremendous gift to our agency that will greatly benefit the families we serve."

The AIG Private Client Group Invitational Championship winnings, in addition to the Team's Regional Championship at PGA National Resort & Spa this Spring, resulted in \$70,000 raised for Adopt-A-Family. Thank you Team Celedinas!

32ND ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

This year marks the 32nd Annual Tree Lighting Celebration, one of the most exclusive charitable events in Palm beach. Tree Lighting will once again take place at the esteemed Sailfish Club of Florida on December 6, 2016. The event is co-chaired by Penny Heller and Holly Maisto. The much anticipated evening includes a vibrant live auction conducted by Tim Luke, a featured appraiser on HGTV's show "Cash in the Attic" and the former Director of Collectibles at Christie's Auction House in New York City. Tree Lighting also features one of the most beautiful silent auctions on the island with a large selection of live orchids, holiday décor, and an array of themed gift baskets. The highlight of the evening will be the lighting of the 'Angel Tree'—which is decorated with holiday angels representing the generous supporters who have helped our families over the past year. **Tickets for the event are \$350.**



Featured Tree Lighting Live Auction Items Include the Following: Florida Power & Light box seat package for 4 to an upcoming Andre Bocelli concert!; A private dinner for 10 sponsored by The Breakers featuring their very own Sous Chef and the Executive Chef from Echo Palm Beach; "A Nantucket Getaway" for 2 package including airfare and transportation; A one-week cabin stay in beautiful Telluride, Colorado; and much, much more!



QUANTUM FOUNDATION GRANT STRENGTHENS ADOPT-A-FAMILY COMMUNITY

We are proud to share a high-impact grant announcement with the Adopt-A-Family community!

The Quantum Foundation, the largest Palm Beach County funder in the area of health, has awarded Adopt-A-Family a 2-year grant to fund a full-time licensed mental health therapist position. This position will serve all families who reside in Adopt-A-Family programs at our Lake Worth campus. Matt Constantine, CEO of Adopt-A-Family had this to add about the vital Quantum Foundation grant. “The majority of the families we serve have experienced significant trauma in their lifetimes. For our families to move forward, whether it is pursuing a college education or advancing their careers, it is critical that mental health needs are addressed. With Quantum Foundation’s support, we can now provide on-site mental health therapy to strengthen our families in building a foundation of confidence and well-being.”

We send our gratitude to the Quantum Foundation for playing a significant role in strengthening the well-being of the community and the families we proudly serve!



DEDICATED FUNDERS SUPPORT SERVICE ENRICHED HOUSING PROGRAMMING AND EXPANSION



Earlier this summer, the BankUnited team visited Adopt-A-Family for a check presentation in support of Service Enriched Housing. We are humbled to receive BankUnited’s continued funding support. Service Enriched Housing is an innovative homeownership incubator program that serves 28 families on-site at our Lake Worth campus. Each participating family is dedicated to the pursuit of increased financial stability and homeownership. BankUnited is also a committed partner in providing financial literacy trainings for our families and students in Project Grow. Thank you BankUnited!

A generous and innovative grant from the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties will allow Adopt-A-Family to rehabilitate two apartments on-site at our Lake Worth campus. After renovations are complete, our Service Enriched Housing program will be expanding to serve two additional families! We look forward to showing our community before and after pictures later this year after renovations are complete. Special thanks to the Community Foundation for playing a direct role in addressing one of our community’s most pressing needs -- access to quality affordable housing.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY RECOGNIZES LONG-TIME BOARD MEMBER, JOHN CASTRONUOVO

This September, we honored long-time board member John Castronuovo, who has been involved with Adopt-A-Family for nearly two decades.

Adopt-A-Family CEO, Matt Constantine, had this to share about John’s dedication.

“We are incredibly fortunate to have John as part of our family here at Adopt-A-Family. He always leads with such humility and generosity. When I think of Adopt-A-Family’s growth, vision, and innovation over the years, John has played an instrumental role every step of the way.”

We also took the opportunity to ask John why Adopt-A-Family has such a special place in his heart.

“Adopt-A-Family is important to me because it is about helping the people who live within our community. My neighbors are not just the people who live on either side of my home, but also the people with whom we share our community. And, just as I would help my next door neighbor if he or she needed it, my family and I will help our Palm Beach County neighbors who need assistance.

Adopt-A-Family has reached out to our neighbors for over 30 years and we are there with them.” Thank you John!





BACK-TO-SCHOOL EFFORTS BENEFIT HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS IN ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAMS



On Thursday August 25th, our friends from Mack Insurance Group hosted “Chocolate for Charity” at their office in Boca Raton to benefit students in Adopt-A-Family (AAF) programs. Their staff cooked up delicious chocolate treats and invited all members of the community to give back while enjoying a snack at their office. In all, dozens of school supplies were collected, including backpacks! Mack Insurance Group even surprised our staff with a brand-new Zootopia DVD to screen for AAF families during Movie Night the following evening. *Thanks to the incredible staff at Mack Insurance Group for always keeping our families in mind!*



We also send our thanks to the Office Depot Foundation for once again selecting AAF as a recipient of their Annual Back to School Sack Pack Drive! This summer, the Foundation provided more than 300 colorful backpacks to students participating in our programs.

To date, The Office Depot Foundation has provided more than 4 million colorful backpacks to students world-wide in preparation for the new school year.

Pictured, Project Grow students showing off their new gear from #ODFcared!



SUPPORT ADOPT-A-FAMILY’S HOLIDAY PROGRAMS: HOLIDAY ADOPTER & SANTA SHOPPE 2016!

Make a difference for a Palm Beach County family this holiday season: become a Holiday Adopter.

Each holiday season, Adopt-A-Family coordinates the Holiday Adopter program that matches a generous donor to a family we serve. The 2015 season was a special one, with more than \$30,000 raised by our Holiday Adopters for families in Palm Beach County.

You can make a difference in two ways:

A cash donation allows a family to experience holiday shopping and empowers them to buy things that are most needed for the family.

OR

You purchase gifts directly for each family member from their holiday “wish list.” (We recommend \$75-100 per family member)

Sign up today and help make the holidays special for a family in need.

For participation information, please call Maria Evangelista at (561) 253-1361 ext. 107 or email mevangelista@aafpbc.org.

SANTA SHOPPE 2016—WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



On Saturday, December 10th, Adopt-A-Family will host the annual Santa Shoppe at First Christian Church of West Palm Beach. More than 300 children from our programs are expected to attend. Each child served through Santa Shoppe receives a gift from their wish list. In addition to receiving a gift, each child also has an opportunity to “shop” and pick out a gift for each of his/her family members.

You can make a difference by purchasing gifts for participating children or making a monetary donation.

Please contact this year’s Santa Shoppe coordinator, Christina Hewitt, at 561-253-1361 ext. 102 or chewitt@aafpbc.org.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING WHILE SUPPORTING ADOPT-A-FAMILY!



Adopt-A-Family Day at Mildred Hoit in Palm Beach will be Tuesday, November 8, 2016. A percentage of the day’s sales will be donated to our agency!

Known for their beautiful gift-wrapping, Mildred Hoit is located in Palm Beach at 265 Sunrise Avenue. The shop offers a wide range of fashion and designer products including ladies apparel, jewelry, handbags, and home furnishings. Representatives from Adopt-A-Family (AAF) will be in the store to help guests and answer any questions they might have about AAF.

To learn more about Mildred Hoit Day, contact Director of Agency Relations, Layren Calvo at (561) 253-1361 x112.



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