

BFP E-NEWS

# July 2016

## Message from the CEO

July is National "Make a Difference for Children Month". Many of us look back on the adults that made a difference in our life; those who challenged and inspired us and those who were there to support us through the more challenging times; teachers, family members, coaches, clergy, neighbors, family friends, etc.

There is no greater need in life than to belong, to be connected, and know that our life matters and has a meaning and purpose.

Many hours are spent each day, week, month, and year investing time and resources in many things. There is no greater investment to be made than in a child's life to help shape, direct, guide, lead and inspire their life's direction.

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## National Make a Difference for Children Month

In honor of National *Make a Difference for Children* month, we would like to recognize those among us who go above and beyond each and every day to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Brevard's children.

We have highlighted a few of the many outstanding child advocates in our community who tirelessly invest in our children and families. Thank you for being an integral part of Brevard's System of Care.

Make a  
DIFFERENCE  
in the  
LIFE  
of a  
CHILD!

**Jamie and William Russell:** Foster and soon to be adoptive parents

**Tony Subia:** Foster Parent

**Milton and Gloria Mazariegos:** Foster Parents and Faith Leaders

**Raymond and Bonnie Ferguson:** Foster Parents

**Brooke Deretany Goldfarb**

**Marie Fraser:** GAL

**Candice Howell:** IMPOWER Senior Case Manager

**Pam Washington:** IMPOWER Supervisor

**Judge Kelly McKibben**

**Rebekah Pope,** DCF Child Protective Investigator

**Ashley Carraro**

[Read more about these amazing child advocates »](#)

## Make a Difference



There are many ways that you can make a difference in the lives of the children and families that we serve.

### **Volunteers Make a Big Difference**

Offering your valuable time and talents can help change lives. Read the article below for additional information on volunteer opportunities with Brevard

Family Partnership (BFP).

### **Provide In-Kind Donations of Products or Services**

Sometimes, it's the little things that can make a big difference in a child or family's life. An oil change. Automobile or appliance repair. A haircut and new outfit for a child heading back to school or parent interviewing for a new job.

Any of these can be a positive game-changer for a family in need.

### **Learn More About Your Community Based System of Care!**

You can also invite a staff member from BFP to speak to the employees of your business or the members of your organization, association, or congregation.

### **Support BFP Through Your Generous Financial Contributions**

Through your tax-deductible [financial gift](#), BFP can continue to provide the support and services that help so many children and families. Your contribution stays right here in our community, helping Brevard's children and families.

For additional information on how you can help, please contact Melissa Breckenridge, Public Relations Coordinator at 321-752-4650 Ext. 3047 or [melissa.breckenridge@brevardfp.org](mailto:melissa.breckenridge@brevardfp.org).

## **We Need Your Help!**



Brevard Family Partnership is looking for volunteers who are passionate about children's issues and would like to volunteer their time to support our agency.

Volunteers are being sought for Brevard Family Partnership and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. The agency's mission is to protect children, strengthen families and change lives through the prevention of child abuse and the operation and management of a comprehensive, integrated community-based System of Care for abused, abandoned and neglected children and their families. For the past ten years, Brevard Family Partnership and its many community partners have led the way in reducing the incidences of child abuse and neglect in Brevard, while strengthening families so that parents and children can safely remain together, in their homes and community.

Volunteer opportunities exist in the areas of in-office administrative and clerical support, child mentoring, child and family transportation, special event staffing and community outreach.

Please contact Cyndi Hernandez, Human Resources Manager, via email at [Cyndi.hernandez@brevardfp.org](mailto:Cyndi.hernandez@brevardfp.org) for more information, or visit our website to complete the [volunteer application here](#).

Don't miss this opportunity to help give back to your community!

## Back to School Donations Needed



Brevard Family Partnership has a total of 200 school-aged children in foster care who are in need of school supplies. You can help give local foster children the confidence they need to succeed in school by donating school supplies. It's a great way to give back to your community.

For most kids, the start of a school year is an exciting time, filled with new supplies and hope for success. Together we can help foster kids enjoy the same experience! Donations of backpacks, paper, pens, crayons, pencils, rulers, calculators, dictionaries and more can be dropped off at one of our three Brevard Family Partnership offices.

### Items Needed:

Backpacks (boys and girls)	Crayons
Paper (wide and college rule)	Binders
Pencils	Pens
Kleenex	Glue
Folders	Scissors
Markers	Composition Notebooks
Rulers	Spiral Notebooks
Colored pencils	Erasers
Flash drivers	Sticky notes
Dividers	

### Drop-Off Locations

Brevard Family Partnership - Main Office

2301 W. Eau Gallie, Suite 104, Melbourne, FL

Brevard Family Partnership - South Care Center  
1591 Robert J. Conlan, Palm Bay, FL

Brevard Family Partnership - Central Care Center  
4050 Rio Mar Drive, Rockledge, FL

**The deadline to drop off supplies is August 1, 2016.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact  
Monica Martin at 321-752-4650 ext. 3026 or [Monica.Martin@brevardfp.org](mailto:Monica.Martin@brevardfp.org).

[Save the Date! Decades in Revue Lip Sync Battle](#)

Save  
the  
DATE



# Decades

IN REVUE

*Fabulous 50's*

benefiting  
Brevard Family Partnership

October 29, 2016  
Melbourne Hilton Rialto  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## *Second Annual Lip Sync Battle*

Where local stars battle it out with performances inspired by the 1950's musical era.

Come dressed in your favorite fashion or icon from the 1950's for a chance to win best dressed in the look-a-like contest. Don't be a drag ... come and hang out with us!



**\*Vote!**

**Cruise on over**

and support your favorite cool cat by voting online at [www.brevardfp.org/decadesinreview](http://www.brevardfp.org/decadesinreview). Proceeds benefit Brevard Family Partnership and Brevard's most vulnerable children.

For additional information about the 2nd Annual Decades in Revue Lip Sync Battle, please [click here](#).

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