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# Brevard Family Partnership

*A Community Based Care Agency*

## Board Report



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- Participated in the recent the Ready for Life Open House (a COVID friendly event) promoting the work we do in preparing youth who are aging out of foster care. We received a wonderful response from the community with plenty of donations.
- We kicked off our fundraising campaign for the United Way on November 6<sup>th</sup> and ran through November 20<sup>th</sup>. We nearly doubled our annual goal, raising over \$6,000 for the United Way. We are so proud and grateful for our FOA staff's efforts and contributions in making it a success.
- We have been approached by Don Gaus, the community relations representative with Telarus, the largest privately-held technology services distributor in the United States, as he and his team would like to assist in fundraising for BFP, stating that they appreciate the work we are doing for vulnerable children and families here in Brevard. I will be meeting with him and his leadership this month looking to begin build a long-term relationship with this generous organization!
- Our Information Technology Department took steps to improve our remote communications ability and minimizing technological challenges with an upgrade to our internet connectivity at a reduced
- Our IT team is also working to secure us a new phone contract, that will advance our ability to communicate through a variety of platforms including the computer, cell phone and desk phone. We are utilizing this opportunity to eliminate all desk phones that are rarely used as well while saving significant financial costs annually.
- We met with several Brevard County churches who expressed interest in our faith-based initiatives and look forward to partnering with them to also expand our foster care family network.
- We are working with Insperity, our Professional Employee Organization, to improve upon our healthcare costs to our staff, as this is a top reason for employees who exit working for our FOAs. We are wrapping up with a cost savings plan.
- We hosted our annual Celebration of Adoptions event at Space Coast Stadium where 14 children were adopted into their forever families. We had a wonderful community turnout recognizing the many people who have worked with these children and families ensuring their safety, well-being and permanency while in care.
- We signed a lease for free space at the Merritt Island government complex, which allows our team of NCFIE staff to have a place to “base” and work. This site we give us increased visibility and connectivity to families in the north-end of our county.
- We are moving forward with a plan to continue building our culture for our FOAs with the help of Insperity and input from some FOA leaders. Our current goal is to begin implementing the plan in March.
- I had the pleasure of attending the charity event of Machinists Shopping Day in Titusville at the beginning of December to purchase toys to make children's Christmas' special.
- We have been one of four Lead Agencies to be highlighted in the Governor's and First Lady's faith initiative entitled, “An Act of Faith,” to be broadcasted statewide ... 11:30 am after our December's Board meeting.
- We are prospecting new space for BFP, in the Rockledge area that will provide better for our organization's future growth, centralized community presence and reflect a more professional work environment ready to accommodate the engagement of our community stakeholders. I am eager to present a PowerPoint outlining all the advantages for consideration with photos and details of the site.

#### Key challenges moving forward

- Maintaining a healthy and safe workforce going into the new year in light of the ongoing pandemic will remain a highest priority. Our children and families need them to ensure children's safety, well-being and the perpetual movement towards permanency.

#### Upcoming Community Events / Any requests of the Board Members

- Keep your eyes on Facebook Live “The Real Deal” – an event for foster parents to talk about fostering children. We want to create awareness of the need for foster families. This has been very successful and increased our outreach to expand our foster family network.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer