



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



Protecting Children, Strengthening Families, Changing Lives.

December 9, 2021

Phil Scarpelli, Chief Executive Officer

- Our 2nd Annual Trunk-A-Palooza event for our Foster Families was a great success with so many happy faces! Elevation Church helped us pull it all together once again and Heritage High School was kind enough to lend us their parking lot for the event.
- On November 1st I traveled to Orlando to attend the 3rd Annual Community-Based Child Welfare National Symposium. I also participated in a panel discussion with many CBC leaders across the state regarding Florida's privatized child welfare system. The panel was titled: "Lessons Learned from Florida."
- We are working with Rock Paper Simple on some promotional video opportunities for both BFP and FA. It is our hope that these promotional videos can be shared far and wide to generate positive interest and awareness of our organization, family of agencies and its mission.
- On Saturday, November 6th, we held our annual Donuts, Diapers and Duffel Bags Drive-Through event for our foster families. This event was co-hosted by Suntree United Methodist Church again this year. We are so delighted to have them as continued community partners, as they provide so much for our children and families in care.
- Each of our family agencies hosted their own Thanksgiving meal gathering for their teams. These events were greatly appreciated by our staff in recognition of their dedication and determination. We also hosted a gathering for all the Veterans currently working across our agencies. They all shared unique stories and experiences from when they served our country.
- On Friday, November 12th, I had the pleasure of meeting the new DCF Regional Managing Director, Charles Scherer at his Orlando office for some very productive discussions. I look forward to meeting with him on a periodic basis going forward to keep communication ongoing and supporting our shared vision of an untied System of Care.
- On Monday, November 15th, we held our Annual Celebration of Adoption, in which 17 children were adopted at the USSA Space Coast Complex. As with previous years, the venue was wonderful, and the turnout was spectacular in support of these "forever" families.
- On Tuesday, November 16th, I toured Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando with our Senior Director of Programs, Ashley Carraro. The Director of Hospital Affairs, Todd Glass hosted us for this tour. It was a very educational experience, and we look forward to exploring ways to partner as we mutually serve our children in need of critical medical services.
- On Tuesday, November 23rd I met with Representative Thad Altman's Aide, Riley Cornell at our office. This was a follow up from a meeting with Representative Altman's advocating for funding and policy to best serve our children in care.
- Our annual United Way fundraising campaign total was approximately \$4,500 this year in support of United Way of Brevard, and we donated heaps of non-perishable foods to the Ascension Church's food pantry right before Thanksgiving. They were extremely grateful and mentioned that our donation came at the perfect time as they were running low on offerings.

Upcoming Community Events

- Our 5th Annual Breakfast with Santa event is taking place on Saturday, December 18th at 9 AM at the USSA Space Coast Complex.
- We have several upcoming events for our staff to get everyone in the holiday spirit, including a holiday tree decorating contest, as well as a cookies and secret gift exchange event. We are also hosting a Lantern Walk for our team in the next few weeks to share an opportunity for healing and honoring our loved ones who have passed.
- Our Annual Christmas gift drive is in full swing for gift collection, and we are looking forward to another successful year for our children and families to celebrate the holidays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Scarpelli, CEO