



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



May 25, 2023

Phil Scarpelli, President and Chief Executive Officer

- The Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard spearheaded many Pinwheel Plantings and Proclamation Readings across the county last month in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Our family of agencies participated and encouraged the community to do so as well! We took the opportunity to connect with our partners at DCF and many of our providers.
- The month-long activities ended with the 27th Annual CAPTF Awards Banquet honoring our providers and partners for their superior service in the in child welfare system of care. Among our provider partners nominated, I am pleased to report our very own board member Bishop Merton Clark, Executive Pastor of Truth Revealed International Ministries and his Health Community Initiatives Director Terri Smith were nominated and received the prestigious Faith-Based Community Outreach Award for their unwavering dedication and commitment to ensure the safety and well being of our children, youth, and families in need of wraparound supports to achieve a sustainable life plan through the Open Table model. Table volunteers have developed and maintained ongoing relationships with the “Friend” and have helped to reunify children with their families, linked families to permanent housing and community resources, aided in the prevention of homelessness and child abuse by providing loving support during critical circumstances.
- We are navigating some changes in our Out-of-Home Care Division. Hilary Farnum will now handle our Adoptions, Melissa Eady will take on Level 1 Homes, as well as continuing her role as the Director of Licensing. Kathleen Yokley will assume the other responsibilities of the Out-of-Home Care Director, and we also are bringing on board a Supervisory position for support as well in an effort to continue to build capacity for our children and youth.
- We took time last month and this month to celebrate our teams during Earth Day, Administrative Professionals Day, and Public Service Recognition Week. This month we have been celebrating our Foster Parents during Foster Parent Appreciation Month! Our recent monthly adoptions at the courthouse were a joyous event for all as well with a single day high of 17 adoptions! Our Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic was a splendid success again with ample opportunities for engagement and support for our beloved foster parents!
- In fact, one of our current shining foster parents, Brittnee Joseph recently requested my support and guidance at a Champions for Education Luncheon which she hosted with Voices of the Moment and the Brevard Schools Foundation as a representative of Education Advanced. This event was geared towards supporting students and teachers alike.
- In response to our staff’s eagerness to connect with one another more often we held our most recent “all Staff” at Ascension Catholic Church for our quarterly FOA All-Staff Meetings in which the majority of our 300-person workforce attended and completed trainings and to celebrate a variety of our operational progress. For the first time, we opted to include the celebration of our Case Manager Pre-Service class graduates. This form of recognition was very well received, and we are considering continuing this format in the future to allow their hard work to be witnessed by a room full of their encouraging peers.
- In Vanessa’s absence, our small but mighty Communications Team is keeping an active presence on social media as well as attending multiple community events to increase awareness highlighting the need for foster families.
- I am very proud and humbled by the support of our Board Members, both tenured and new! We are delighted to have your help in spreading the word about our mission, the need for foster homes and our growing philanthropic drive through community engagement and events awareness.
- Upcoming Community Events
 - Our Back-to-School donation drive will run from the end of June to the last week of July! This drive requires so much help from our community to make it happen. We would be grateful if you would help us spread the word when the information regarding needed supplies and donations is released in the coming days.

- The 3rd Annual Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, November 3, 2023, with a Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM at Turtle Creek Golf Club in Rockledge. We have released sponsorship and golfer informational packets to the community, and we would greatly appreciate your sharing this information far and wide!
- The Annual Celebration of Adoption will take place on Monday, November 20th, 2023. The “Save The Date” will be released in September, followed by a more formal invitation in October. We look forward to welcoming you all to this beautiful and heartwarming celebration of uniting our children with their forever families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Scarpelli, CEO