

FOCUS' "COME TOGETHER" FUNDRAISER IS A HUGE SUCCESS



For ninety minutes, during the concert portion of FOCUS' "Come Together" fundraiser, attendees got to step back in time to the 60's as they listened and danced to the music of the Beatles performed by tribute band "Britain's Finest", who sounded and looked very much like the real Beatles. The well attended four hour event, held on Sunday, May 15th at Camp Surf in Imperial Beach, was FOCUS' major fundraiser for the year. The event included a social hour with wine, beer and margaritas, both a silent and live auction, buffet dinner, and a concert. Emcee for the event was Coronado's Mayor Casey Tanaka. Some in attendance came dressed as though they were still living in the hippie days of the late 60's with bell bottoms, tie dyed shirts and headbands. The evening was viewed as a huge success and a good time was had by all.

FOCUS (Friends of Children United Society), an all volunteer non-profit, raises funds with the goal of providing necessary items to underprivileged, disabled and military children within San Diego County. While welcoming those in attendance, FOCUS President Lorna Perez-Caster added "Without the support of everyone here, as well as the contributions of our many underwriters, donors of items for our auctions and all of the volunteers who worked to put on this event, we wouldn't be able to continue our mission of helping the many San Diego County children in need. Thank you, everyone!"

In just the first four months of 2016, FOCUS has committed over \$52,000 to purchase a variety of items for fifteen different children's agencies and schools, including Aseltine School, Youth Emergency Shelter, Community Christian Services, Any Body Can Youth Foundation, STEP, Jr. Adaptive Sports Camp, and Nativity Prep Academy. By having volunteer members purchase and deliver needed items to these organizations, FOCUS controls how funds are spent and eliminates additional administrative costs.

Recently FOCUS approved funds for the purchase of food, clothing, hygiene kits, sleeping bags, cots and bedding for Urban Street Angels, an organization that aids homeless youth and provides them with temporary shelter, along with medical and employment assistance.

To learn more about FOCUS please visit their website at www.focus-sdkids.org. To become a member of FOCUS contact either Marsha Boyle at 619-862-3046 or Lynn Walsh at 619-424-6195.