

# END OF SUMMER!

## FUNDRAISING

### **Farm-to-Table Dinner**

Last week, FOCUS hosted the dinner that was so generously purchased by Edye Denny at this year's Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser.

Special thanks to Lynda & Jim Wilkey for donating their beautiful home for the event. Lynda added the special touches of a beautifully set table and welcoming environment.

Appetizers and pre-dinner cocktails were served in the living room, then a spectacular 4 course dinner in the dining room. Special thanks to Mayor Richard Bailey and FOCUS Members who acted as wait staff and clean-up crew: Lisa Alves, Mike Alves, Sharyn Blongiewicz, Ed and Pat Robitaille. Outstanding dishes were prepared by CCYC's Chef Lily and team who donated all their time.



### **Holiday Boutique (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>) Planning Progressing**

We now have over 25 vendors signed up for booths at the upcoming boutique. If you know someone we should invite, send us a note. We NEED volunteers!! If you have an electric boat and would be willing to shuttle Cays residents to the yacht club: Contact Diane Sadler.

### **Rummage Sale – Success.**

Special thanks to Roger Clapp for chairing a very successful rummage sale. We appreciate all the donations and time given by so many of our FOCUS team. Well done!!!

## PROJECTS

### **Foster Academic Success & Transitions [FAST] Scholars - \$3,000**

Purchase five Microsoft Surface Pros 6. These laptops will be given to 5 selected students who are most in need. Must have a good GPA and be enrolled in at least 12 units at Mesa College.

### **Coronado SAFE - \$2,000**

Purchase therapeutic tools and other materials used in counseling sessions for youth program.

*Annual Meeting  
&  
Membership Drive*

**FOCUS**  
FRIENDS OF CHILDREN UNITED SOCIETY



[www.focus-sdkids.org](http://www.focus-sdkids.org)  
Local volunteers helping homeless, disabled, foster and disadvantaged San Diego children for almost 40 years.

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You are encouraged to learn how we make life better for countless children in need and also an opportunity to visit to the newly remodeled **Historic Hansen House.**  
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*Member bringing the most guests will enjoy a great gift !*  
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*Joining incentives for new members!*

**5 - 7 PM**  
**September 19, 2019**  
**711 A Avenue**  
Coronado, CA 92118

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Meet our featured Speaker  
**CNN Hero Award Recipient**  
**Susan Munsey**  
Founder of  
**Generation Hope**  
GenerationHope.org

This lovely, informative, catered event is an opportunity for curious friends, neighbors and acquaintances to learn about the valuable service that FOCUS provides.

**We Need Your Help ...**  
Please *try* to forward this invitation to at least 5 potential new FOCUS members.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
by Sunday 9/15/2019  
Space is Limited

\$15 per FOCUS Member  
\$10 per guest

Kindly make your reservation ASAP  
**focusmbr.givesmart.com**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

September 19<sup>th</sup> / Membership Tea  
October 17<sup>th</sup> / Bingo night  
November 16<sup>th</sup> / Boutique  
December 19<sup>th</sup> / Christmas Party

 Amazon shoppers go to smile.amazon.com and make money for FOCUS each time you shop.

If you know of a local non-profit that benefits children that FOCUS has not supported, please send a note to Sharon Shelton [sharonrolf@aol.com]

**TREASURY**  
Available Funds:  
\$53,054.89

**THANK YOU FOCUS!**



Hi Lisa and Sharon,  
Thank you and your FOCUS team so much for donating such wonderful items for youth at the San Diego Center for Children! I am including a few pictures of our youth enjoying these items, along with some quotes from our staff. The children in these photos are photo-cleared, so feel free to pass along to your colleagues or include in any publications (*please see below and attached*).  
Thank you again to everyone at FOCUS. We truly appreciate your continued support of our youth!  
-Warren

The speakers, inflatable jump house, and the scooters have truly helped us to further the SDCC mission to protect the joys of childhood. When we use the speakers to play music, moods are instantly elevated. The youth dance and move to the music, giving them another form of expression and stress relief. The inflatable jump house has been a tremendous success. The youth are excited at the opportunity to use it. It gives them a sense of freedom and an opportunity to use their energy in a positive way. The scooters have been utilized on community integration outings, enabling us to go off campus thereby making the youth feel part of the larger community. **-Brenna Haller - Recreation Assistant**