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### OUR MISSION

We raise funds for charitable purposes for the comfort and betterment of battered, abused, homeless, disabled, disadvantaged, military and foster children within San Diego County.



### We Raise Money

From fundraisers, yearly membership dues, special events and contributions from corporations, members and concerned individuals.



### We Help

By giving needed items to San Diego County disadvantaged, disabled and military children either directly or through accredited organizations that support them.



## What's the Word?

FROM PRESIDENT, SHARYN BLONGIEWICZ

Dear FOCUS Members and Friends of FOCUS,

I hope everyone saw the great article about FOCUS in the Coronado Eagle & Journal Newspaper. We have been getting more recognition, support and appreciation than ever in our history. This is the result of the years worth of valuable donations of time, talent and money. It all allows us to help so many more children in need.

**Thank you to all members - old and new!**

Committee members are meeting regularly and making amazing preparations for the 2024 Gala, July 13, on the Flight Deck of the USS Midway. The printed membership directory is coming out soon, preparations are underway for the July 4th Parade entry, some exciting meetings will be announced soon and the backpack program this year is going to be huge! Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer. We need your help!

**Start saving your saleable items to donate to the Sept. 7th FOCUS Rummage Sale - Details to follow.**



**Salute to Military**



**Invites you**

at the **Famous I Bar**  
North Island

**Will Sell Out Fast - Must Book By May 2**  
[FocusIbar.givesmart.com](http://FocusIbar.givesmart.com)



UNITED THROUGH READING



CoSTEP  
SUPPORT THE MILITARIANS

*Honoring*  
**MILITARY AGENCIES**

May 16th  
4:30 - 8:00 PM.  
Open Bar  
Taco Dinner  
\$50

Come meet the Military Agencies that we support  
Will be boarding buses in Coronado to go onto base - details to follow

# Light Up The Night Gala



**"Light Up the Night" Annual Gala on USS Midway - What's new! - from Pat Robitaille, Gala Chairperson**  
As you know, tickets are already on sale and we quickly surpassed 100 ticket sales in just 2 weeks. This is sure to be an event this summer that you will not want to miss out on. Get your tickets or put together a table with family and/or friends. **Reserve now at [FocusGala24.givesmart.com](https://FocusGala24.givesmart.com).**

Lot's of planning is happening to make this a banner event. I would like to share with you one of the recent decisions made:

**Continental Catering** is back with an upleveled dining experience. In addition to four different delicious passed appetizers, your entree selections will include:

**Quajillo Braised Short Ribs** with romesco sauce, poblano hominy mash, pattypan squash

**Seared Salmon** with burnt lemon orzo with charred cherry tomato, fresh herbs, dill chimichurri, pattypan squash

**Portobello Wellington** (vegetarian) phyllo-wrapped and stuffed with Boursin, cherries and swiss chard, red wine cherry reduction, cauliflower puree, seasonal vegetables

Additionally, **Opera Patisserie/Diane Anderson** will be donating amazing desserts that include a

**Chocolate Trio and Lemon Meringue Tartlet**

Please join us.



# Filling Baskets & Hearts

Jeri Barz, and Carolyn Carswell holding Easter baskets that they made and filled with candy for Perkins Elementary school.



## Upcoming Events

**April 16 - Happy Hour**  
**Coronado Shores Beach Club**  
**5:00- 7:00**

**Join Us!**

Complementary Beer,  
wine house/well drinks



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**May 16th - Salute to the Military** at the Ibar  
For just \$50 join us to honor the Military and those agencies we support at the **FAMOUS I BAR on North Island.**

\* Enjoy this iconic venue that many have only seen in "Top Gun" and "Maverick"!!

\* Order a drink (on us) at the historic iBar surrounded by amazing naval aviation memorabilia!

\* Sit at tables in the lovely courtyard or in the adjacent event space with a chips and salsa.

\* Visit the excellent Taco Bar for a delicious dinner.

\* Honor military veterans whose friends and families have helped make this event possible.

\* Learn about the Military Agencies that FOCUS members support in their work to aid families in emotional or financial crisis.

If you don't have base access, you will be boarding FOCUS buses to be transported onto the base. To meet the coordination deadlines,  
**Reservations must be made by May 2.**

[Focusbar.givesmart.com](http://Focusbar.givesmart.com)

### RUMMAGE SALE

The FOCUS rummage sale has been rescheduled to early September. When you do your Spring cleaning be sure to save your saleable items to be donated to FOCUS. The exact date will be confirmed in the April newsletter. It's a lot of fun and camaraderie so be prepared to help out!

**July 13th - FOCUS "Light Up The Night"**  
**Annual Gala on USS Midway**

[Reservations: FocusGala24.givesmart.com](http://Reservations: FocusGala24.givesmart.com)

**4/20 - Sharyn Blongiewicz**

**4/25 - Dianna Durgin**

**4/27 - Jeanne Nigh**

**4/29 - Amy Haines**



# HAPPY HOUR



**JOIN US!**

Complimentary  
Beer, Wine

Well/House drinks!!



**APRIL 18TH**

**5:00-7:00PM**

**CORONADO SHORES BEACH CLUB**

**Come enjoy an evening meeting FOCUS  
members and enjoy a Gala Preview.**

**Special Shores pricing at the event for  
FOCUS Gala tables & tickets  
(July 13th on the USS Midway)**



**LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING**

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**FOCUS ... Bringing hope and help to San Diego County's most vulnerable children since 1982.**



## WE INVITE YOUR SUPPORT

WE ARE AN ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE. WE HAVE ONE GOAL: HELPING TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHILDREN AND TEENS IN NEED.

**LEARN MORE**

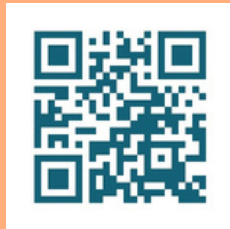
- Foster Care**
- Homelessness**
- Schools**
- Literacy**
- Safe Housing**
- Rehabilitation**
- Military**
- Health & Well-Being**

### **Volunteers Needed**

**Host a FOCUS Monthly Meeting (room setup/check-in)**

**Work on the Gala Committee (varying roles)**

**Serve Dinner at Youth Assistance Coalition**



### **Join /Renew**

Please join FOCUS (or renew your 2023 membership)

Good for January 1 to December 31

Your dues go directly to helping children in need

This QR code will take you directly to the website renewal page. Please renew as soon as possible. To be included in the 2024 Annual Membership directory we must receive your payment not later than March 15th.

The join/renew page can also be reached via our website:

[www.focus-sdkids.org](http://www.focus-sdkids.org)

Any questions will be answered

by submitting to:

[membership@focus-sdkids.org](mailto:membership@focus-sdkids.org).

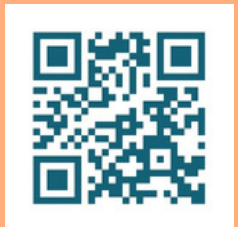


### **Donate**

As always, donations are accepted and greatly appreciated by using this QR code.

Our website has a "Donations" opportunity as well:

[www.focus-sdkids.org](http://www.focus-sdkids.org)



**welcome New Members!**

Mary Ann Carroll  
Josee Couvinard-Cox  
Kip Davis  
Janice Howard  
Heidi Iverson  
Sandi Henderson  
Laura Orozco  
Parmela Sawhney