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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.



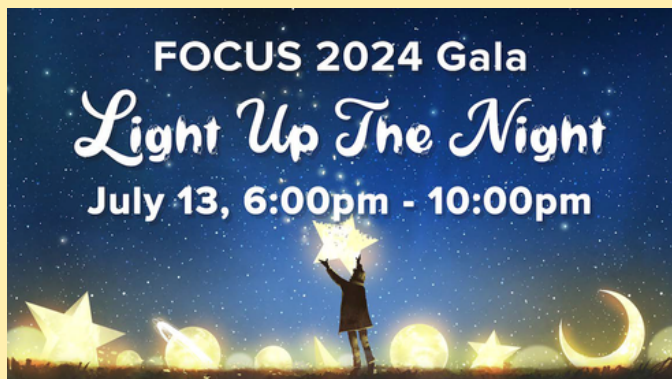
We Raise Money

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.



FINAL WEEK FOR RESERVATIONS

We are thrilled to once again have an amazing crowd joining us for our Annual Gala "Light Up the Night" on July 13th aboard the USS Midway. It is going to be a fabulous event. We would love to have you there. Ticket sales end June 30th, so don't delay. Go to FocusGala24.givesmart.com



WHY SHOULD YOU COME

FOCUS is an all volunteer organization bringing hope and help to San Diego's vulnerable children since 1982 in the areas of child sex trafficking, homelessness, foster care, mental health, disabled well being, literacy, military, and rehabilitation. This is our major annual fundraiser. With your support, we can reach more children.

What's the Word?

FROM PRESIDENT, SHARYN BLONGIEWICZ



Dear FOCUS Members and Friends of FOCUS
So much going on I hardly know where to start!

The "Light Up the Night" gala committee has done an amazing job and if you don't already have your reservation this is a party you really don't want to miss. Tickets at FocusGala24.givesmart.com

The second of many "Single Members" events was held at the Shores Beach Club. Very fun! Thank you Diane Folsom for chairing this whole new FOCUS concept. We have come to realize that we have a large percentage of single FOCUS members that welcome the opportunity to get together for these casual events...more to follow.

You will be noticing in upcoming announcements and that we need your help!

You'll be hearing about the 2024 Back Pack Program. Last year FOCUS placed more than 850 "stuffed" backpacks with Title 1 schools and low income kids. You'll be asked to come and help with this huge, wonderful and fun project.

Providing a meal every first Tuesday of the month at YAC (Youth Assistance Coalition) homeless teen drop-in center continues. We are in need of a person to be in charge of scheduling ... not providing the meal but just getting 3 members per month to deliver and serve a simple meal. Every single person (including my granddaughter and me) has immensely enjoyed the experience. A meal is so appreciated by the kids. Thank you Jeri Barsz for doing the scheduling for more than a year. She'll be happy to answer any questions you might have about the job description. 619-519-5132

Please be sure to hang onto all your saleable items to donate to the Saturday, September 7 BIG Rummage sale. Donations will be collected on Thursday and Friday ~ September 5 & 6 at the Coronado Cays Homeowners building. Mark your calendars. Roger Clapp is chairing this sale and he will be needing MANY volunteers! (Sorry but we do not have storage space available prior to those dates.)

The beautiful annual Holiday Boutique, Saturday, November 16th at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club is in need of a Chairperson. Vendors ~many new and exciting people and products that we haven't seen before ~ are already registered. We NEED someone to orchestrate the popular snacks, pastries and goodies table and to schedule volunteers for registration, raffle tickets sales, etc.

There are a lot of shopper opportunities, including a BIG back-to-school shoe shopping event, coming up. Please don't miss out on any of these rewarding experiences...it's what FOCUS is all about!

Watch for our entry in the July 4th parade! If you miss it, we'll have a photo in the August newsletter ... it's a float and it's pretty special!



AUGUST 23

LETS DANCEAGAIN

SAVE THE DATE FOCUS *Singles Club*

June's Singles event was so successful we are doing it again on Friday, August 23 at the Coronado Shores Beach Club. The time is 7:00 - 9:00. It's a time to socialize, dance and enjoy the music of the band. There is limited space so please RSVP to Dianne at dianfolsom@aol.com.

If you have already signed up for the FOCUS Singles Club you will receive a reminder in August. If you are not a member, send a note to the above email to be put on the list. This group is designed to make single members feel more comfortable in the group but sometimes you may find yourself "single" for just that event and you are welcome to join us.



New members



Angela Jensen
Dorothy Block
Douglas Chesler

HELP!

Volunteers
Needed!

Backpack Program



Contact
Sharon Shelton
619.313.7827

July
22 & 23

Let's Go SHOPPING

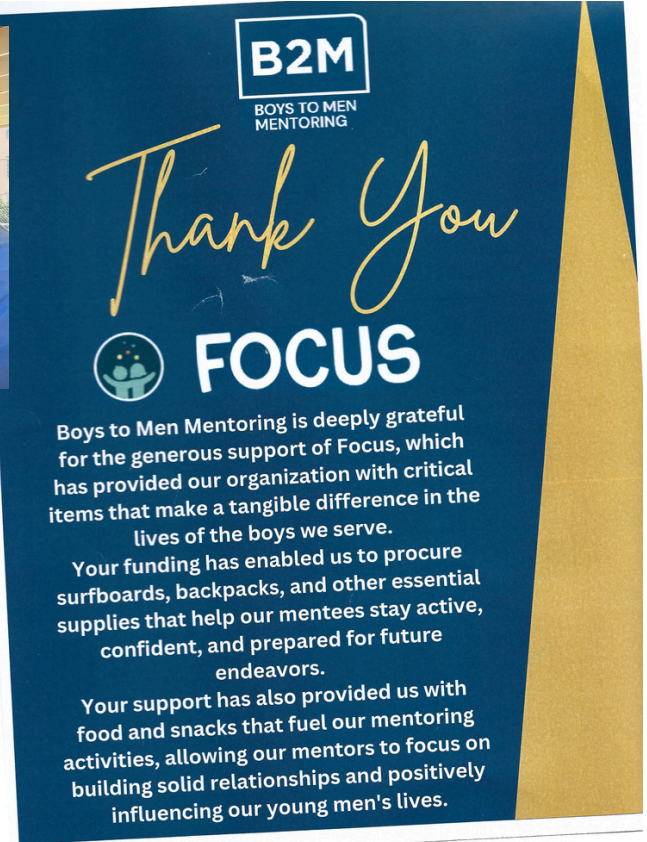
we are ALWAYS looking for NEW shoppers for agencies. Sometimes the amount of money might seem daunting, but you receive reimbursement VERY quickly through Zelle. Zelle just takes minutes. Shopping is a great way to get to know wonderful staff that run these great agencies. So many of our current board members, started out as shoppers with FOCUS and after the experience were so "hooked" that they wanted to get more involved.



Projects & grants

Thank you!

We received several really NICE thank you letters from two agencies we supported in past months; Boys To Men and Get On the Bus. So, attached are the thank yous they sent.



Executive Director
Liz Rios

CRJW

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June 17, 2024

FOCUS (Friends Of Children United Society)
PO Box 180023,
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Dear FOCUS (Friends Of Children United Society),

Thank you so much for your generous gift of games, food, gift cards and beverages to the Center For Restorative Justice Works! For over twenty years, CRJW has supported children and families with a parent in prison through programs like *Get On The Bus*. Your help allows us to continue supporting CRJW families across the state of California.

When a parent becomes incarcerated, the whole family experiences the impact of incarceration. Through your support, CRJW programs strengthen family bonds that are proven to decrease recidivism rates, mitigate the negative impacts of parental incarceration on children, and build stronger families and communities.

Your gift will:

- Reunite children and families with incarcerated parents at California state institutions through specialized family visits.
- Keep families connected throughout the year with *Stay Connected Kits*, providing letter writing materials, postage, and the opportunity to share photographs between children and incarcerated loved ones.
- Enable CRJW's family reunification programs to serve more children and families.

The full amount of your generous donation to CRJW is tax deductible in accordance with applicable laws. Please retain this letter as confirmation of your gift and for tax purposes. Contribution details are provided below, please contact us if the information is not correct.

We thank you for being a part of our important work to reunite children with parents, and to bring healing to families and communities.

With great appreciation,

Liz Rios
Executive Director

Thank you for believing in our mission and for your generous support! -Liz

Contribution Details
Date: 6/17/2024
Name: FOCUS (Friends Of Children United Society)
Donation Amount: \$3,000
Transaction/Check No.:

501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID # 68-0547196) the law requires us to state that no goods or services were received in return for your donation. This letter serves as your receipt for tax purposes.

Uniting children, families, and communities.



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Focus Highlights

2019-2020

Sweats for the boys to use at AMW, food

2022

Surfboards for our boys

2023

300 backpacks assembled for the boys in our program

2024

Mats, water bottles, 5-gallon jugs, disposable paper cones/cups, portable electric water dispense, food

Sugar & Spice AND EVERYTHING NICE



FOCUS paid for this cute ice truck guy at the ASYMCA Father/Daughter dance. This event is a huge hit every year and Suzanne Manuel was kind enough to be their shopper.



Focus members, Roger Clapp and Sharyn Blongiewicz were pleased to participate and support Rotaries 2024 Coronado Low Tide Ride & Stride.



Upcoming Events

July 13th -

FOCUS "Light Up The Night"

Annual Gala on USS Midway

Reservations:

FocusGala24.givesmart.com

Backpack Program

July 22 & 23

Volunteers needed!!

Please contact Sharon Shelton

619-313-7827

FOCUS Singles Club

August 23

Shores Beach Club

7pm-9pm

rsvp Dianne dianfolsom@aol.com

Rummage Sale

Saturday September 7th

Please find a corner in your garage or in a spare closet to start saving and setting things aside to donate to the annual FOCUS Rummage Sale.

All saleable items will be appreciated except old electronics, large furniture and clothing.

Holiday Boutique

November 16

Coronado Cays Yacht Club

Inquire to be a vendor

boutique24.givesmart.com

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)

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

Any questions will be answered
by submitting to:
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



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

- 7/2 - Dianne Lookabaugh
- 7/6 - Lois Maxam
- 7/17 - Carla Bacon
- 7/20 - Sandy Shugert
- 7/24 - Carin Cross
- 7/26 - Jeri Barsz
- 7/27 - Trish Murnighan
- 7/30 - Sue Gormican

