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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

The very successful rummage sale was a lot of fun and a lot of hard work! Thank you to all the many volunteers and thank you for all the generous donations. A big thank you to our new FOCUS Interns that came to help. What great, helpful, smart and enthusiastic Coronado High School young people!!! The intern program is going to be a wonderful new facet of the health, well-being and continued success of FOCUS. Hats off to Peggy Duncan and Heidi Iverson for their vision and commitment to this invaluable new chapter.

LOTS COMING UP ~ PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **October 9 /Coffee / Q & A regarding the In's and Out's of charitable giving.** FOCUS Members CFP Hayley Beard and Attorney Sharon Sherman have generously offered their time to answer any questions you may have regarding the most advantageous way to incorporate charitable giving into your financial plan.
 - **October 15 - 23 Christmas in October** Huge Coronado Food Drive. In partnership with Rotary, Emerald Keepers, Safe Harbor, Coronado Soroptimists and various other Coronado service organizations, we will be collecting food staples for delivery to the IB Food Bank.
 - **October 17 / Annual Membership Meeting** being held at the beautiful Roeder Pavilion at Coronado Shores. This is a lovely fun and free event. We encourage you to bring guests! Invitation and details to follow.
 - **October 24 / Halloween Candy bag Stuffing Party.** FOCUS supports this traditional, local children's program every year. Please bring your candy donations and come to the Bahama Clubhouse to help us put together about 500 small treat bags to be distributed at Spreckels Park the following day.
- Please read on for more information and details regarding each one of these events!**

Projects & grants



HALLOWEEN CANDY BAG "STUFFING" EVENT - EVERY YEAR, FOCUS SPONSORS A BOOTH AT THE CORONADO REC CENTER'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT IN SPRECKEL'S PARK. PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY, OCT 24, 2024 FROM 4-6 PM AT BAHAMA VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE, WHEN WE WILL BE "STUFFING" THE ALMOST 500+ HALLOWEEN CANDY BAGS. IF YOU CAN BRING A BAG(S) OF CANDY TO DONATE - IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CARLA AND I WILL PURCHASE SOME CANDY AND BAGS. THERE WILL BE WINE/BEER AND LIGHT SNACKS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK THE FOCUS BOOTH, THE NEXT DAY (OCT 25TH) AT SPRECKEL'S PARK (GIVING OUT CANDY TO KIDS AND HELPING WITH HALLOWEEN GAMES), PLEASE CONTACT, PEGGY DUNCAN AT pduncan@focus-sdkids.org WHO IS COORDINATING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EVENT.



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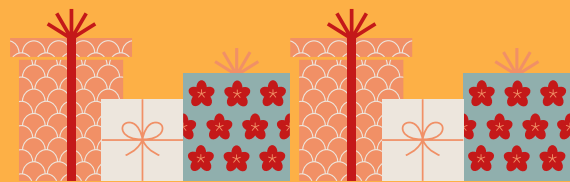
PICTURED: CARLA BACON, SHARON SHELTON, AND MARIA PROGRAM MANAGER FOR EL NIDO.

HIGHLIGHTING ONE OF OUR AGENICIES. “EL NIDO” WHICH MEANS “THE NEST” IN SPANISH, IS A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SHELTER OPERATED BY INTERFAITH SHELTER AGENCY. IT HOUSES WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE ESCAPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IN SEPTEMBER, FOCUS PURCHASED A “TON” OF DIAPERS, WIPES, TOYS AND OTHER ITEMS TO EL NIDO TO HELP SUPPORT THESE NEEDY FAMILIES. FAMILIES ARE SUPPORTED WITH A CASE MANAGER AND SHELTER UNTIL THEY ARE ABLE TO “GRADUATE” TO PERMANENT HOUSING.

FOCUS SUPPORTING “LARGE PROJECTS” IN 2024. AS YOU HOPEFULLY NOTICED LAST MONTH WHEN YOU VOTED ON SEPTEMBER PROJECTS, FOCUS CAN AFFORD THIS YEAR TO SUPPORT SEVERAL LARGE PROJECTS (MEANING \$20-\$40K). LAST MONTH YOU APPROVED SUPPORTING \$25,000 TO HELP REPAIR THE ROOF OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF DAVID’S HARP FOUNDATION AND \$20,000 TO SUPPORT THE FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT OF SUPPORT THE ENLISTED PROJECT (STEP). BOTH OF THESE AGENICIES ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF OUR SUPPORT TO THESE PROJECTS THAT WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN SUPPORTING THEIR MISSION.



PICTURED KATHY TYNER, LESLIE GRANGER AND ETHEL KALLSEN AT LAST YEAR’S GIVING TREE



FOCUS GIVING TREE 2024 - AT THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE. JUST A HEADS-UP THAT FOCUS WILL AGAIN BE SUPPORTING ARMED SERVICES YMCA HOLIDAY PARTY (FOR MILITARY FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN) AT OUR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE. THIS YEAR, SHELLEY UYESUGI HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD THIS VERY FUN AND REWARDING PROJECT. SO PLEASE BE LOOKING FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND PICK AN ORNAMENT AND PURCHASE SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN THIS YEAR!

Round Table

Complimentary

Q & A and Discussion

Hayley Beard, CPA & CFP
and
Sharon Sherman, Esq.

Dear FOCUS Members,

Hayley and Sharon have generously agreed to be available to answer any questions you might have regarding the most tax advantageous methods to use when doing your charitable giving.

Please join us at the beautiful, historic home of Peggy and John Duncan for a cup of coffee and a donut!

This is strictly for a courtesy gathering for informational purposes and is NOT a fundraiser or request for donations.

*Sharyn Blongiewicz, President
FOCUS 2024*

10 AM - 11 AM

October 9th
802 Adella Ave

Coronado

RSVP

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Light Up Their Lives

Annual membership Drive Meeting

October 17th

Coronado Shores Roeder Pavillion

6:00pm - 9:00pm

JOIN US!

For a lovely evening with drinks, food and music. We are eager to grow our membership and extend the goodwill that FOCUS brings to young children in need. Please bring a friend/relative/neighbor who might be interested in FOCUS. Our goal is to add 20 more members this year.

There will be no charge for this event, but we will need to you make a reservation so that we have the room setup for all attendees and we can make the correct food and drink order.

Make reservations by Oct 10th at

LIGHTUPLIVES.GIVEMART.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



October Birthdays

- 07 - Sharon Sherman
- 15 - Michael Alves
- 19 - Carolyn Carswell
- 22 - Michaëlle Arkin
- 30 - Fred Kallsen



We are excited to welcome our very first class of FOCUS Interns! These remarkable 10th-12th grade students are ready to make an impact. Please watch for them at future FOCUS events!



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FOCUS Holiday Boutique

November 16

Coronado Cays Yacht Club

Inquire to be a vendor

boutique24.givesmart.com



**Robert Chagolla, Thanh N. Cruz, Grace Dabbieri
Liza Delach, Austin Iversen, Samantha Korzenecki
Abbie McKissick, Katie Moreno, Achille Robert
Dante Salata, Leo Salata, Alivia Schmidgal
Ethan Schmidgal, Cadence Wright**

2024 Rummage Sale



New members

Hayley Beard

Janine Everhart

Tami Dorr

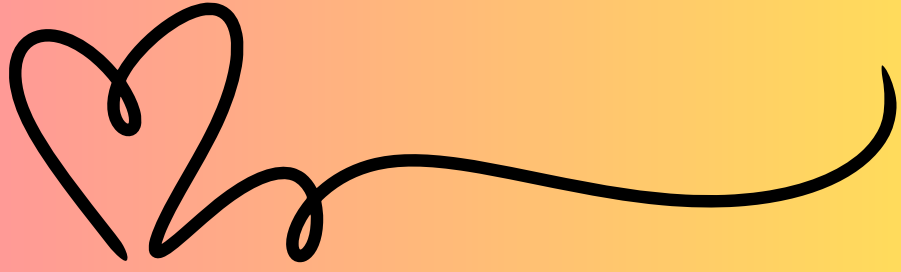
Amy Kramer

Stephanie Kuperschmid

KC Muscolino

Rhonda Fleming





FOOD DRIVE / Christmas in October

Teaming with numerous Coronado service organizations, including Coronado Rotary, Emerald Keepers, Soroptimists, Safe Harbor and others, FOCUS has been invited to participate in a big Coronado wide food drive. Please help us make the holidays a little better for some families in serious need by donating any of the following non-perishable items:

- Cake Frosting**
- Cake Mixes**
- Cereal**
- Cooking Oil**
- Canned Fruit**
- Canned Vegetables**
- Jelly/Jams**
- Mac & Cheese**
- Muffin Mixes**
- Pasta**
- Pasta Sauce**
- Peanut Butter**
- Soups / Broths**

Drop Off Locations

Jan Harrell
51 Aruba Bend
Coronado Cays
OR
Roger Clapp
629 B Ave
Coronado Village



THANK YOU ...You're going to help feed a lot of kids!!

Please submit any questions to: <mailto:info@focus-sdkids.org>