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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

PLEASE GATHER UP ALL THE ITEMS YOU CAN TO DONATE TO THE BIG FOCUS RUMMAGE SALE. BRING THEM TO CCHOA PARKING LOT AT 505 GRAND CARIBE CAUSEWAY. HELP WILL BE AVAILABLE TO UNLOAD YOUR VEHICLE AND ON THURSDAY 9/5 OR FRIDAY 9/6 BETWEEN 10 AM & 4 PM. RECEIPTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

WE ACCEPT ALL GENTLY USED AND SALEABLE ITEMS. THIS HUGE SALE HAS HAD EVERYTHING FROM SADDLES TO ANTIQUE CASH REGISTERS!

SOME OF THE POPULAR ITEMS ARE; KIDS AND BABY THINGS, SHOES, PURSES, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, ALL HOUSEHOLD GOODS, LINENS AND DECORATOR ITEMS, MARINE AND BOATING ITEMS, JEWELRY, ACCESSORIES, TOYS, OFFICE ITEMS, SMALL FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES

WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATION OF VIRTUALLY ANYTHING SALEABLE EXCEPT, WITH OUR APOLOGIES, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT ADULT CLOTHING, OLD ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT OR LARGE FURNITURE.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS ON THE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE! EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED, FEEL FREE TO DROP-IN AND HELP WITH SORTING AND PRICING.

THE SALE IS BEING HELD SATURDAY, 9/7, 8 AM TO NOON. WE'LL HAVE SOME GREAT ITEMS AT GREAT PRICES. REMEMBER...ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SAN DIEGO CHILDREN IN NEED!!

FOCUS Rummage Sale
 Saturday September 7
 8AM - Noon

505 Grand Caribe Causeway,
 Coronado Cays HOA Parking Lot

ALL Proceeds support FOCUS Endowment Program
 Focus is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable Organization
Friends of Children United Society
Bringing hope and help to Diego County's Most Vulnerable Children



FOCUS

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN UNITED SOCIETY

Light Up Their Lives

Annual membership Drive Meeting

October 17th

Coronado Shores Roeder Pavillion

5:00pm - 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



HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Coronado FOCUS is pleased to
announce a new Internship
Program for high school
students

**Applications are due
August 31, 2024**

APPLY NOW!

**Click on QR CODE for
description of program
and a link to an application**



Questions? Email:

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FRIENDS OF CHILDREN UNITED SOCIETY

**We need more people
like you who care**

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



September

- 1 Bob Plumbley**
- 3 Jan Harrell**
- 7 Genie. Brown**
- 23 Vicki Bernitt**
- 23 Patrick McConnell**
- 23 Jace Pettit**
- 24 Pam Plumbley**





FOCUS *Holiday Boutique*

**Saturday
November 16th
Coronado Cays Yacht Club**

What a beautiful way to start the holidays!

**Clothing, Jewelry, Food
Baby Items, Books, Art
Cards, Cosmetics, Gifts,
Home Decor, Paperie
and **More! More! More!****

\$10 entry fee



New members

**Hayley Beard
Janine Everhart
Tami Dorr
Amy Kramer
KC Muscolino
Rhonda
Fleming**



Upcoming Events

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Thurs, October 17th
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FOCUS 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.

**FOCUS Holiday Boutique
November 16
Coronado Cays Yacht Club
Inquire to be a vendor
boutique24.givesmart.com**

Projects & grants

Thank you

Sep 3 BOD mtg we will be reviewing larger sized projects (those of \$30-\$50K) thanks to success of our gala and our solid financial state! Currently have 4 very exciting projects proposals from STEP, Generate Hope, David's Harp Foundation and Vista Hill.

Your projects team is ALREADY reaching out to several agencies to find out plans and potential needs for Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Many have events in early Dec, so we need to be coordinating efforts early on. If any FOCUS members, know of a worthy holiday event (focused on children) that we should support, please let Carla and Sharon know ASAP.



In the spirit of being good "recyclers", any baby or toddler items left over from our Rummage sale will be donated to Birthline and any other items such as paintings or household items will be given to Urban Street Angels for their transitional housing called The Lodge.

Merci



August 16, 2024

Dear F.O.C.U.S.,

Christie's Place would like to thank you for helping us achieve another successful backpack drive! The backpacks and Vans shoes you donated went home with our children and teens before school started. We wish you could have seen the joy of the families' faces when receiving their backpacks and school supplies. You all went above and beyond with selecting fun shoes and filling backpacks that will last them through the year.

This year, we had a RSVP list of 105 children who all went home with a brand-new backpack! We hosted a Carnival Themed party with games for the kids, a cotton candy and snow cone machine and our staff to send off the kids with well wishes and salutations to start this school year with luck and success. With your generous donation, these children are going back to school in style!

We truly appreciate the time and effort that you took away from your busy schedules to support our community at Christie's Place. You all ought to be very proud of yourselves. You made a true difference in the lives of the families here at Christie's Place.

Sincerely,

Becky Zepeda
Family Services Coordinator

