



# FOCUS

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN UNITED SOCIETY

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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 2024 Annual Holiday Boutique, November 16th at CCYC, with more than 40 vendors, is going to be bigger and better than ever! We have lots of new, unique and exciting products for sale and we look forward to seeing you all there. Here's two ways you can help support this much loved event...

Marjorie Logan is accepting items for the eclectic and popular "FOCUS Table." Please drop off your saleable items at the bench by her front door by November 15th (13 Tuna Puna). Please include your name and phone number in the event she has any questions. [milogan@san.rr.com](mailto:milogan@san.rr.com)

With more than 200 guests expected, the complimentary food table that we host every year needs lots and lots of individual servings of pastries, cookies, fruits, breads, bars, cheese, crackers or candy, etc. Please bring your donated snack to the CCYC conference room Saturday morning...on a tray or dish that you do not need returned. Please let me know if you'll be bringing something! Thanks!! [sharynb@focus-sdkids.org](mailto:sharynb@focus-sdkids.org)

See you there!





CREATING MAGIC

# Holiday PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

CORONADO CAYS YACHT CLUB

5:00PM TO 10:00PM

PROGRESSIVE COCKTAILS  
ABOARD DECORATED BOATS IN THE YACHT BASIN  
PLATED 3 COURSE DINNER WITH WINES  
MUSIC & DANCING

RESERVE TODAY. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!  
\$ 75 ADULT / \$ 25 CHILDREN UNDER 16  
TABLE OF 8 ONLY \$575!

RSVP  
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# Projects & grants



OUT OF THE ORDINARY, ONCE AGAIN  
SELECTED FOCUS TO BE THE RECIPIENTS  
OF THE BIKES FROM THEIR TEAM  
BUILDING/BIKE BUILDING EVENT. CARLA  
BACON, PROJECTS VP AND SHARYN  
BLONGIEWICZ WERE HAPPY TO PICK THEM  
UP. A COUPLE MORE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE  
HAPPY THIS SEASON!



## Christmas Projects



**Giving tree ( toys for 70 special needs kids)**



**Marine corp families- 50 bikes for enlisted families with MCRD**



**Toys for coronado police holiday event for military families**



**Voices for children — 300 books as gifts**



**Chula Vista police toys for low income families**



**CCSA. Holiday baskets to feed large low income families**



# Halloween Stuffing Event



# Halloween

*Fun*







# Calling ALL members...

## BOUTIQUE HELP NEEDED!

Helpers are needed to assist the boutique vendors in & out. Every year, as a much appreciated courtesy, we offer the vendors some help to get their cars unloaded early AM and reloaded at the end of the event.

This helps to keep the parking lot traffic under control and reminds the vendors that parking is at a premium and they really must park their cars off site.

### **We need help:**

**6:30AM -8AM to “load-in”. (generous amounts of coffee and donuts will be available)**

**2PM - 3PM we need help to “load-out”**

We look forward to help from our new, young, Coronado High School Intern Program volunteers (Thank you Peggy Duncan & Heidi Iverson!) but we need some adult OJT and assistance. Because CCYC has a back-to-back event, we NEED to be out of CCYC by 3PM

PLEASE let me know how you can help! [sharynb@focus-sdkids.org](mailto:sharynb@focus-sdkids.org)  
Thank you!!







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## Holiday Boutique

9AM ~ 2PM

Saturday

November 16th

Coronado Cays Yacht Club

*Wonderful way to start the holidays!*

*40+ Booths offering beautiful shopping  
opportunities:*

*Clothing, foods, gift ideas, jewelry, soaps,  
chocolates, cosmetics, handbags, home & holiday  
decor, paperie, pet accessories and so much  
more!*

Champagne cocktail, coffee, pastries and snacks while you shop



Full bar

Taco bar lunch menu offered

Register & Pre-pay \$10 Entry Fee

**Hosted by FOCUS and CCYC**

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





# TRIVIA NIGHT

## ATTENTION FOCUS SINGLES:

If you are ready to challenge those brain cells we have a Trivia Night scheduled at Quigley Fine Wines. We thought we would take advantage of happy hour which runs from 4-6 and then stay for trivia at 6:30.

**WHEN: Tuesday, November 12**

Arriving about 5:00

Trivia from 6:30-7:30

**WHERE: Quigley Fine Wines: 1551 Fourth Avenue**

RSVP: Dianne at 925-984-3550

Or dianfolsom@aol.com

COST: cash bar

If interested, car pools can be arranged leaving at 4:30 or you can just meet us there. We do need to know how many people are planning on attending as space is limited.

Hope to see you there.

Dianne



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## 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



## November Birthdays

02 - Dave Fleck  
08 - Juliane Morris  
15 - Carol Dobi  
23 - Heather Pettit  
24 - Steve Bowman  
26 - Ed Robitaille



### 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)





## Upcoming Events

**November 12**

**FOCUS SINGLES CLUB - TRIVIA NIGHT**

If you are ready to challenge those brain cells, we have trivia night scheduled at Quigley Fine Wines. If interested, car pools can be arranged.

RSVP Diane 925-984-3550

dianfolsom@aol.com

Limited Space



**November 16th**

**FOCUS Holiday Boutique**

Coronado Cays Yacht Club

**9:00 - 2:00**

[boutique24.givesmart.com](http://boutique24.givesmart.com)



**December 14th**

**Creating Magic Holiday Party**

5:00pm - 10:00pm

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## CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

FOCUS was so happy to join several other great Coronado service clubs in an extremely successful food drive.

## FOCUS Interns



## New members

Elaine Edwards  
Pam Eisenberg  
John McWilliams  
Laura McWilliams  
Liz Merrill  
Keith Prentiss

