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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, PEGGY DUNCAN

Dear FOCUS Members and Friends of FOCUS,

Happy New Year! I hope this holiday season was full of friends, family and joy. As the world begins a new year, we at FOCUS start a new year as well. I am honored to follow in the footsteps of our outgoing President, Sharyn Blongiewicz, who has served on the FOCUS Board in many different capacities for more than two decades. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Sharyn, and to all of our Board members and volunteers who have enabled FOCUS to make such a tremendous impact on kids in need throughout San Diego County.

PLEASE join us at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 14. We will recap some of our incredible work over the past year and share plans for an exciting 2025. In addition, our fantastic new Board of Directors will be sworn in by Coronado's new Mayor, John Duncan. I am so excited to work with this new Board, composed of returning and new members, all of whom share a passion for improving the lives of children (and having fun while doing it).

So - start the new year off right by joining us for a great meal and celebration of our good work here at FOCUS. Invite a friend to come along! I hope to see you there.

Warm wishes,

Peggy Duncan

Congratulations!

**to the incoming 2025
Board of Directors**

President: Peggy Duncan

Executive VP: Heidi Iversen

Secretary: Peggy Curtin

Treasurer: Linda Plambeck/Carol Dobi

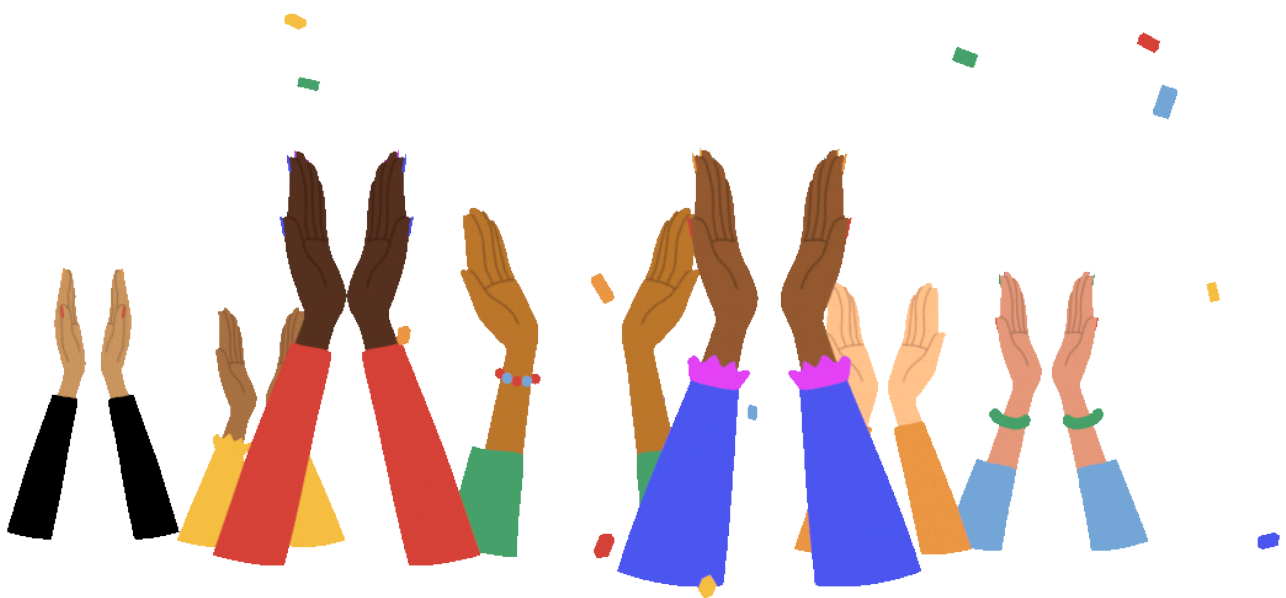
VP, Fundraising: Kim Cimini

VP, Marketing: Heather Canton

VP, Membership: Michaelle Arkin/Arie Van Vugt

VP, Projects: Carla Bacon/Rhonda Fleming

VP, Technology: Jill McCormack/Pat Robitaille



Projects & grants

2024 sorting presents into age groups for Coronado Military Families and our fabulous Holiday Party!



FOCUS Interns



2024 marked the launch of the brand new FOCUS High School Internship Program. Our inaugural class of hardworking interns has done a wonderful job assisting at events and learning about non-profit work. We plan to continue this program in the future. Watch for more information over the summer.



FOCUS Holiday Party

On December 14th, over 110 FOCUS supporters joined us for a fun evening to celebrate the holidays. Guests were greeted with a holiday necklace and pictures in front of the tree by our incredible photographer Joel Ortiz.

Jeff and Mary Shapiro, owners of Quigley Fine Wines, started us off with glasses of their CODA Prosecco as the staff at Coronado Cays Yacht Club served beautiful appetizers followed by a delicious plated dinner with wines. Thanks to our lovely Diane Anderson, we enjoyed an amazing pineapple cheesecake dessert.

Our guests were very generous with allowing us to raise over \$5,000 with our Raffle. Not only did we offer a ticket to our Annual Aug 2 Gala, but the Yacht Club donated a Beer/Bocce/Burger event for 8 and the Shapiro's donated a private Quigley Wine Tasting for 8. But the big money came in when the Shapiro's added 3 more tastings that sold for \$1,000 each! Thank you so much Jeff and Mary.

After dinner, Sharon and Rolf got the dancing started to our amazing DJ Allen Walker. It was a delight seeing everyone out on the dance floor and enjoying themselves. Thanks to all who joined us. Happy New Year!



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

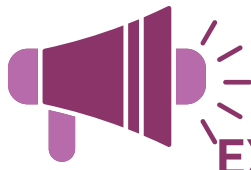
As always, donations are accepted
and greatly appreciated by using
this QR code.
Our website has a "Donations"
opportunity as well:
www.focus-sdkids.org



January Birthdays

01/01. Bob Blongiewicz
01/03. Jeanine Gardner
01/06. Hayley Beard
01/07. Suzanne Manuel
01/08. Susan Pettit
01/09. Sharon Kuebler
01/17. Karen Korcheck





Reminder

EXTENDED RESERVATION

JANUARY 7TH

So - here is another reminder to make your reservation to attend the FOCUS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club.

Click here: Focus25.givesmart.com

(If you already made your reservation -
THANK YOU!)

This is an important meeting! We are starting a new year with a new Board of Directors and we want to share with you our success of 2024 and our vision for 2025. Coronado's new Mayor John Duncan will offer some comments and will officially swear in our new Board of Directors.

Event begins at 5:00 pm. Buffet dinner starts at 6:00. Program will begin around 6:30 or 6:45.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JAN 7TH

Make your reservation right now, before you forget again! Just \$35 for dinner and wine and a lovely evening... Here's that link again: Focus25.givesmart.com

You are encouraged to bring a friend who wants to learn about FOCUS and meet some great people! Hope to see you there.



Upcoming Events

January 14

FOCUS ANNUAL MEETING

Cays Yacht Club

5:00pm

Join us for the swearing in of the new 2025 Board of Directors
\$35.00

REGISTER UNTIL JANUARY 7TH

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New members

Martha Bruns
Arlene Inch
Dana Langham
LuAnn Miller
Veronica Worthington

