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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,

February was a busy month! I really enjoyed the opportunity to connect with some of our new members at our New Member Wine & Cheese social. Watch for more of these events in the coming months. Our Gala Committee has been working hard, with many new members contributing their time and talent. I am inspired by the enthusiasm and excitement of our members this year!

Speaking of the Gala, tickets for our amazing Speakeasy Gala 2025 are on sale now! Early bird pricing continues through this month - so now is the perfect time to put together a table and get those tickets. See details in this newsletter! We're also looking for individuals or organizations that would like to sponsor portions of our Gala - please reach out if you know someone who would be interested.

I hope you will join us for our Member Dinner Meeting on March 20 in the Coronado Cays Bahama Room. We will hear from Feeding San Diego about the good work they do throughout San Diego County, and specifically about the new partnership with FOCUS that will provide a food pantry for kids and their families who currently face food insecurity. It's an exciting new project for FOCUS, and we'd love to see you at the meeting to learn more.



Join Us!

March FOCUS Meeting

March 20, 2025

5:00-7:30

Join us for dinner and conversation, featuring
a representative from Feeding San Diego,
who will discuss their exciting new
partnership with FOCUS

The Bahama Room
43 Catspaw Cape
Coronado Cays



Catered by El Tapatio
\$30 pp
RSVP by March 14
focus25Mar.givesmart.com

Projects & grants

Our FOCUS members are loving the opportunity to serve dinner to homeless teens at the Youth Assistance Coalition. We are looking to increase our service days there. If you are interested in this rewarding and inspiring opportunity, please contact Peggy Duncan at president@focus-sdkids.org



Dear FOCUS Members,
February has been a month filled with incredible progress and inspiring results, reminding me just how special FOCUS truly is. As we move into March, we're excited to continue our partnership with Feeding San Diego, working to provide fresh produce, fruits, and staple items to the families at Harborside Elementary School. We are in the process of organizing the supply chain and preparing the school for this important task. Our first event will take place in the first week of April, and we encourage all members to join us in organizing and distributing food!

On **February 25, 2025**, FOCUS was honored to receive four children's bikes from Out of the Ordinary Group Adventures. These bikes will be donated to the Interfaith Shelter Network to benefit children who have experienced family abuse. These children are incredibly grateful, and we are so proud to be a part of bringing them some joy.

On **March 6th**, I took a tour of the children's area at the Naval Hospital Balboa. FOCUS has been supporting the children's program through donations of books and toys via our partnership with ASYMCA. I look forward to sharing more about this partnership with you.

On **March 19th**, our interns will be visiting Urban Street Angels ("USA") from 2-4 PM. Members are welcome to join us and see firsthand the incredible work that USA does to support the homeless youth of our community. This is also a wonderful opportunity to see how much FOCUS has contributed to their well-being.

Don't forget, **March 20th** is our upcoming Member Meeting at the Bahama Clubhouse. Join us for a casual dinner, featuring wine and a signature cocktail. It's a great chance to socialize and catch up on all things FOCUS!

Looking ahead to **April 15th**, FOCUS members are invited to roll up their sleeves and help GOT YOUR BACK by bagging meals. While we're taking a group of interns, we'd love for our members to get involved and experience the hard work that Bill and Sue McLeod make look effortless. This will be an evening event, and we'll likely rent a van to transport everyone.

If you're interested in participating in any of these activities—the Urban Street Angels tour, the GOT YOUR BACK meal-bagging event, or our Food Drive with Feeding San Diego—please let me know via email or text at cbacon@san.rr.com or (619) 850-4126. We'd love to have your support!

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Warm regards,
Carla Bacon

Projects & grants



Picking up Bikes



Feeding San Diego



Computer Delivery to Nativity Prep



Kids Using Chromebooks-FOCUS Purchase!



Nativity Prep's New Stem Center





DON'T MISS THE FOCUS SPEAKEASY GALA!



Envision yourself enjoying a meal at sunset on the remarkable flight deck of the USS Midway. You later descend to an exclusive speakeasy lounge, where an atmosphere of mystery and allure elevates the night. The evening features live music, lively dancing, and classic cocktails. All of this awaits you at the 2025 FOCUS Speakeasy Gala.

Mark your calendar for August 2!

The yearly FOCUS fundraising gala has established itself as one of the most highly anticipated community events in Coronado. This premier social gathering raises essential funds that enable FOCUS to offer crucial support to children in need throughout the year. This year's event will be better than ever.



Dress to impress in your most fabulous Roaring Twenties attire. Enjoy live music from the fantastic Kicks Band. Did we mention dancing?? There will be LOTS of dancing this year!

Tickets are likely to sell out this year - so now is the time to secure your seat and get the best price.

RESERVE TODAY AT:
FocusGala25.givesmart.com

Finally - we are offering some wonderful sponsorship opportunities this year for businesses and individuals.

Please contact Heather Canton at hcanton@focus-sdkids.org to learn more.



"It was an age of miracles, it was an age of art, it was an age of excess, and it was an age of satire."

-F. Scott Fitzgerald



Update

FOCUS Interns



Many thanks to everyone who participated in our fundraiser at Chipotle last month. The interns will be utilizing these funds for a fantastic learning experience where they will serve as a small version of our FOCUS Board. Specifically, they will be soliciting applications from Coronado High School clubs that do volunteer work in support of children. After reviewing the requests, they will vote to approve certain projects and purchase items to assist the good work of these clubs. The interns are learning how to run a non-profit, and also improving the lives of children in need. Thank you for your support!



New members

Jeanette Groeneveld
Marita Malskis Bodkin
Maggie West



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FOCUS events and photos!**



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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



March Birthdays

03 - Ethel Kallsen
08 - Frank Spitzer
09 - Paul Granger
10.- Anthea Rodgers
12 - Denise Donato-McConnell
23 - Anne Nuttall
31 - Donna Sorenson



Join /Renew

Please join FOCUS (or renew your 2024 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.
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.



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