



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, PEGGY DUNCAN

Dear FOCUS Members and Friends of FOCUS,

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S BEEN A BUSY MONTH!

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TURNOUT FOR OUR MARCH MEMBER MEETING, FEATURING HARBORSIDE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL LUIS APARICIO. WE ARE SUPER EXCITED TO LAUNCH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH FEEDING SAN DIEGO THAT WILL BENEFIT THE KIDS AT HARBORSIDE WHO FACE FOOD INSECURITY. OUR FIRST DISTRIBUTION WILL BE APRIL 11!

OUR SPEAKEASY GALA IS GOING TO BE SUCH A FUN EVENT - PLEASE DON'T MISS IT! IT TAKES A HUGE TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE THE BEST OF THE BEST, WORKING EXTREMELY HARD TO BRING YOU FABULOUS AUCTION ITEMS AND A DELIGHTFUL SPEAKEASY EXPERIENCE. AUGUST 2ND - BE THERE!

WE JUST LAUNCHED A NEW INTERACTIVE SIGN UP SHEET FOR FOCUS MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR EVENTS EACH MONTH. FIND DETAILS BELOW IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF FOCUS. I AM SO PROUD OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND ALL ITS MEMBERS. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE APRIL MEMBER MEETING ON APRIL 22!



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AT

THE FLOWER SHOW

Come say hi!
We have a great activity for kids and we are excited to talk about FOCUS, our incredible work with children, and our upcoming fundraising Gala.
Friday & Saturday, 4/11 and 4/12

See you there!



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**APRIL
22
5:00-
7:30**

SPRING DINNER MEETING

*Join us for a buffet dinner and updates
about the incredible work FOCUS has
been doing in the first quarter of the year.*



**\$40 PP
RSVP BY APRIL 16:
Focus25Apr.Givesmart.com**

**CORONADO
CAYS
YACHT
CLUB**



*With Guest Speaker Heather Lezon,
Executive Director and Founder of
Youth Assistance Coalition (YAC)*



We'd like to invite you to a

SPEAKEASY FOCUS GALA '25

**DINE, DRINK & DANCE
ON THE USS Midway**

With entertainment by the amazing Kicks Band!

6:00-11pm Saturday, August 2



FOCUS is a 44-year-old all-volunteer non-profit organization based in Coronado with the one goal of improving the lives of children and teens in need.



Join us at the Speakeasy Gala to dine under the stars on the incomparable USS Midway, followed by dancing and socializing in the top secret Speakeasy Lounge, generously sponsored by Arlene Inch.

Tickets, Auction and Underwriting
Opportunities available at
FocusGala25.givesmart.com



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It's an invite...

What It's a **SPEAKEASY** Cocktail Party!

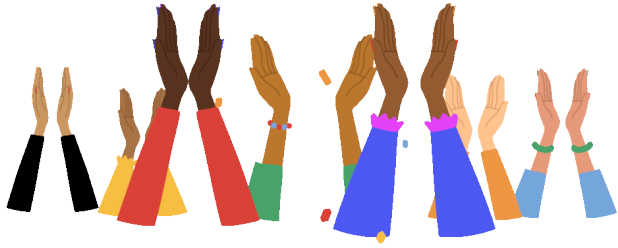
When May 15th ~ 4pm-7pm

Where Trinidad Clubhouse
Coronado Cays

rsvp Dianne at (925) 984-3550

PSSST. Hear the news....there is speak easy at Trinidad clubhouse on May 15 from 4-7. It's a sneak peek at what's happening for this summers gala. Signature cocktails, decor and music will help get you in the mood. Tickets for the big event will also be available for purchase. RSVPs are not necessary but helpful in planning for drinks and snacks.

Projects & grants



DEAR FOCUS MEMBERS,

I INVITE YOU TO COME FILL BAGS AT GOT YOUR BACK IN OCEANSIDE, TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025.

WE WILL LEAVE CORONADO AT 6:00PM (TO ALLOW TRAFFIC TO SUBSIDE) AND SPEND AN HOUR FILLING BAGS AND END WITH A TOUR.

BILL AND SUE McLEOD NOT ONLY OPERATE THIS AMAZING ORGANIZATION, BUT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF FOCUS AND REGULARLY COME DOWN TO CORONADO FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. (AND WE COMPLAIN ABOUT GOING OVER THE BRIDGE.) THIS PROGRAM SENDS FOOD HOME WITH 400 CHILDREN ACROSS NORTH COUNTY TO ASSURE THEY DO NOT GO HUNGRY. WE PLAN ON RENTING A PASSENGER VAN TO MAKE THIS TRIP, SO LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME.

WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO GET A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT THE WAY OUR FUNDING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

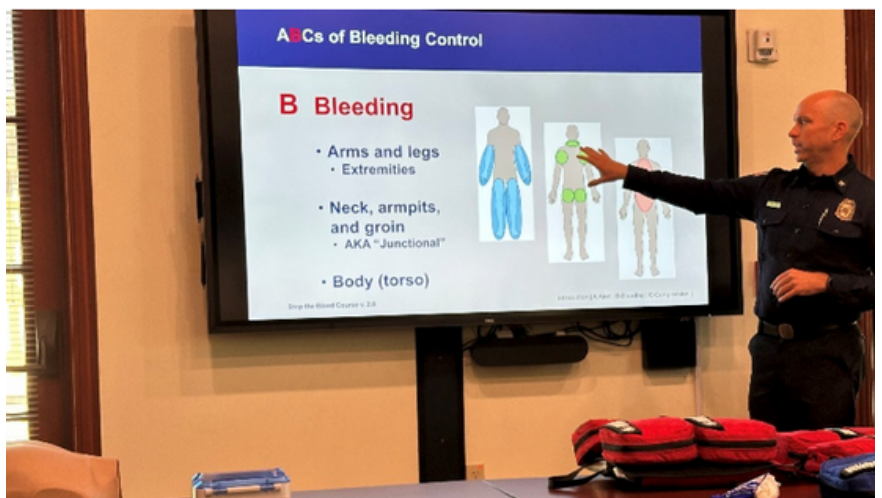
SPEAKING OF A DIFFERENCE, OUR FIRST FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT HARBORSIDE SCHOOL IS ON APRIL 11TH, 2025. THE CHILDREN WERE ON VACATION THE WEEK OF APRIL 4TH. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS SIGNED UP TO HELP THAT DAY, BUT ALL ARE WELCOME!



RECENT TRIP TO URBAN STREET ANGELS- JERRY WAS SO PROUD TO POINT OUT ALL OF THE PARTS OF THEIR PROGRAM THAT FOCUS HAS FUNDED! FROM COMPUTERS TO A VAN, THEY ARE VERY THANKFUL!



ROTARY AND FOCUS MEETING AT THE NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER, LEARNING ABOUT THE NEEDS OF HOSPITALIZED MILITARY CHILDREN.



FOCUS MEMBERS ATTENDING THE CCAT TRAINING. WE LEARNED HOW TO STOP BLEEDING IN A GUN SHOT SITUATION AS WELL AS THE USE OF AN AED IN CASE OF A HEART ATTACK. THEY ALSO TRAINED US IN PROPER CPR TECHNIQUES



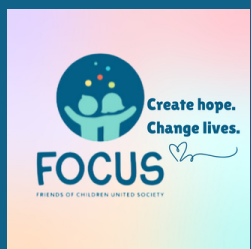
New Sign Up Sheet for Volunteers!

With more members and more volunteer events, we have implemented an online Sign Up Sheet to keep track. Go to our FOCUS website (focus-sdkids.org) and scroll down to find the "SIGN UP TODAY!" button. Or – scan this QR Code. There, you can sign up to prepare and serve dinner to homeless youth at the Youth Assistance Coalition, volunteer to distribute food at Harborside Elementary School, and more! This month, we are taking a field trip to Got Your Back, the incredible agency that prepares weekend food bags for kids who rely on school lunch for their food. The trip is in the evening on April 15. You can sign up on the new Sign Up Sheet!

FOCUS is committed to preparing and serving dinner at YAC on the first Tuesday of each month. As you review the volunteer opportunities, please consider filling those slots first!



FOCUS Interns



OUR INTERNS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR URBAN STREET ANGELS, ONE OF FOCUS' ORIGINAL NON-PROFIT PARTNERS. THERE, THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO HOMELESS YOUTH INCLUDING JOB TRAINING, LIFE SKILLS TRAINING, PEER COUNSELING, AND DORM LIVING. THEY ALSO GOT TO SEE THE FOCUS SMART CLASSROOM - A WONDERFUL ROOM WITH MODERN COMPUTER EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY FOCUS THAT URBAN STREET ANGELS USES FOR COMPUTER TRAINING, RESUME BUILDING AND MORE.

THE INTERNS HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH OTHER PROJECTS, AS WELL, INCLUDING HELPING TO SECURE AUCTION ITEMS FOR OUR UPCOMING GALA!



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



April Birthdays

4/12- Peggy Duncan
4/20- Sharyn Blongiewicz
4/25- Dianna Durgin
4/27- Jeanne Nigh
4/29- Amy Haines



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.



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





PICKLEBALL
Tournament

Please join us for our Annual Pickleball Tournament in support of
FOCUS San Diego

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH - 2-4PM

CORONADO CAYS |  **FOCUS** | **\$35/PER PERSON**
FRIENDS OF CHILDREN UNITED SOCIETY

Advanced beginners and intermediates - Round Robin Format
Social picnic to follow from 4-5pm - bring a plate to share

**Text FOCUSPickleball to 41444 to sign up -
Limited places available!**




**New
members**

**Jennie Ellsworth
Carie Mickel
Linda Charles**



April 22nd
**SPRING
Dinner Meeting**



5pm-7:30pm
**Coronado Cays
Yacht Club**

May 15th
**SPEAKEASY
Cocktail Party**



4pm-7pm
**Trinidad Clubhouse
Coronado Cays**

August 2nd
**SPEAKEASY
FOCUS Gala 2025**



6pm-11pm
on the Midway