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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,

All I can say is WOW!!!

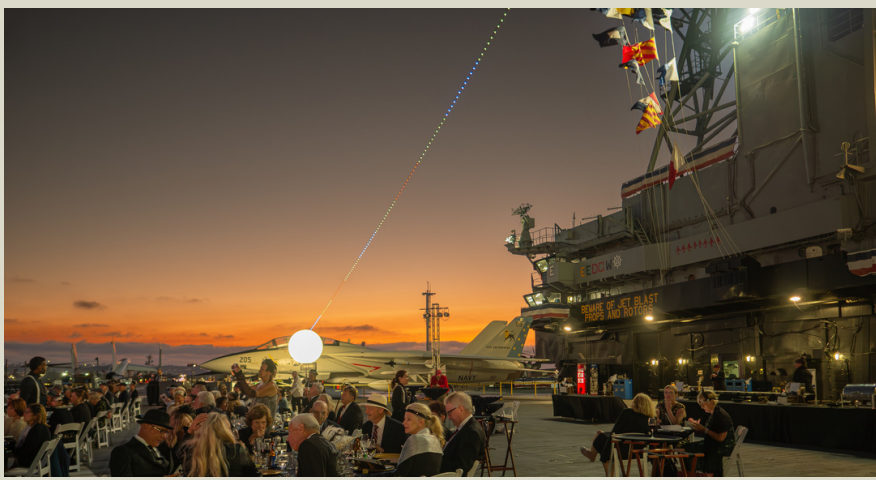
The Speakeasy Gala was a smashing success. By every metric, it was our biggest, danciest, flapper-est, and most successful event yet. I am tremendously grateful to SO many people:

First and foremost, our fabulous Gala Co-Chairs, Pat Robitaille and Kim Cimini, who worked countless hours and left no detail untouched. They were supported by an incredible team of volunteers who made the magic happen with the food, auction items, and beautiful decorations. Thank you to the huge team of volunteers who spent the evening working - setting up, checking people in, cleaning up, checking people out... it's a series of jobs - big and small - and our volunteers are amazing!

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors and everyone who donated items to our live and silent auctions. We would have nothing without you. And finally, thank you to everyone who showed up, dressed up, placed a bid, raised the paddle, and danced the night away! YOU are the reason the night was so wonderful!

It takes SO much effort from so many people to make a night like that happen. We have to ask whether it's worth the trouble. But I had an incredible time-and I know that a lot of other people did too. And - most importantly - we are fully funded for another impactful year of bringing hope and help to kids in need. There's nothing better than that.

So, as we take a breath and bask in our Speakeasy success, please pencil in August 1, 2026, on your calendar. Nothing official just yet. But please hold the date. ;) **THANK YOU!**



A Message from the Gala Co-Chairs Pat Robitaille and Kim Cimini

Thank you so much for supporting our Speakeasy Gala. While we still have final bills coming in, it appears that our Speakeasy Gala was our most financially successful ever. We were hoping to raise \$250,000 that evening, but early indications are that we will top \$300,000. FOCUS will be able to bring so much hope to kids who need it the most - thanks to YOU!



Projects & grants

By VP Projects, Carla Bacon

July Projects 2025



During the month of July, FOCUS was on fire. We helped Urban Street Angels restock their living spaces in La Mesa with new bedding, dinnerware, towels, basic cookware and kitchen utensils. Many of the young people living downtown have graduated to an apartment for independent living with continued case management support in La Mesa.

FOCUS also helped Nativity Prep Academy take their math program to the next level, with graphing calculators for their new Calculus 1 class.

Last but not least, FOCUS purchased 10 Chromebooks and four monitors for Asetline School in Hillcrest. These children work hard to overcome obstacles most children do not have to think about.

This year the backpack program filled 860 backpacks, given to 12 organizations throughout San Diego County! I want to thank all the FOCUS volunteers who came out and worked hard to fill this many backpacks. I particularly appreciate the help of Janine Everhart and Gregg Cobarr who stuck by me all three days. I could not have done this without your support and help!

The next Food Distribution for Harborside School will be held Friday, August 15, 2025.

Please join us for a very gratifying experience. I always love it when we leave knowing we have helped so many - and it is not even 10:00 am yet!





2025/2026

High School Internship Program

Applications Open Now!

CoronadoFOCUS is pleased to accept applications from Coronado high school students with a heart for service. Applications are due August 31, 2025

Details and Application:



Questions? Email:



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FRIENDS OF CHILDREN UNITED SOCIETY

FOCUS is an all volunteer organization with one goal: Improving the lives of San Diego County kids in need. Learn more at focus-sdkids.org

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!



We saw many new faces at our recent events. If you're not already a FOCUS member, please consider joining!

FOCUS Membership allows you to vote on our monthly projects. Membership cost is minimal, and there are no meeting requirements or volunteer requirements. We will keep you informed of our opportunities and you can join us when you can! Here are three reasons to join:



1

**YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT THE
CHALLENGES FACING YOUTH
IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

2

**YOU WILL MAKE A REAL
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
LOCAL CHILDREN**

3

**YOU GET TO HANG OUT WITH
OTHER LOVELY PEOPLE WHO
SHARE A HEART FOR SERVICE**

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Here are three opportunities to join!

**SEPT
18**

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Join us at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club for a buffet dinner and hear from Nativity Prep Academy about the good work they are doing and how FOCUS has supported them.

**OCT
16**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND MEETING

We will meet at the Coronado VFW to learn about military agencies that FOCUS supports.

We'll also introduce our organization to anyone who is new to FOCUS. This is a great first meeting to attend. Members are encouraged to bring a friend!

**ANY
TIME**

SIGN UP ONLINE

Sign up on our website at:
focus-sdkids.org/membership/



We hope to see you again soon!



MEMBER DINNER MEETING

Join us for our September
Member Dinner Meeting!

- ✓ Gala 25 Recap
- ✓ Hear from FOCUS partner
Nativity Prep Academy
- ✓ Update on FOCUS projects

\$40 per person. Includes delicious
buffet and wine with dinner

RSVP by September 11:

FocusSept.givesmart.com



18

September 2025

5:30-8:00 PM

Coronado Cays
Yacht Club



Coronado Cays Yacht Club
30 N Caribe Cay Blvd, Coronado, CA



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**



New Sign Up Sheet for Volunteers!



FOCUS Volunteers Wanted!

Please check out our Volunteer Sign Up Sheet for some wonderful opportunities to get involved with our agency partners. There are new dates for serving dinner at YAC, distributing food at Harborside Elementary, and helping out in the classroom at the Perkins School.

The first event is food distribution on Friday, August 15!
Please take a look and sign up! Thanks for your help!



New members



**Kathleen Anderson
Deberie Grobe
Tracey Moore**

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





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

NOVEMBER 15, 2025

CORONADO CAYS YACHT CLUB

**We are looking for a volunteer to
chair this super fun event.**

**Please contact Kim Cimini at
kcimini@focus-sdkids.org**

VENDORS CAN RESERVE A BOOTH

NOW AT

FocusBoutique25.givesmart.com





FOCUS = Happy Kids



August Birthdays



04 - Vicki Morris
07 - Carolyn Rogerson
09 - Sharon Shelton
10 - Marcia Hughes
11 - Arie Van Vugt
14 - Mary Davidson
14 - Janine Everhart
16 - Roger Clapp
17 - Mary Margaret Omohundro
17 - Paul Pettitt
18 - Alice Rodriguez
21 - Wendy Lytel
21 - Ed Morris
22 - Kathryn Cunningham
22 - Angela Jensen
25 - Inge Cornejo
25 - Marjorie Logan
28 - Marianna Polles



Upcoming Events

September 18th

Member Dinner Meeting
at Coronado Cays
Yacht Club
5:30-8:30
Buffet Dinner & Wine
\$40

October 16th

Annual Membership
Drive & Meeting
at Coronado VFW

Learn about Military
Agencies that FOCUS
supports.
Bring a Friend!



November 15th

Holiday Boutique
Coronado Cays
Yacht Club