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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,

It's almost Gala Time! If you haven't already purchased your tickets, NOW is the time! Scroll down to see the "Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Speakeasy Gala." Huge thanks to our Gala Co-Chairs Kim Cimini and Pat Robitaille, along with the fantastic Gala Committee - they have been working tirelessly to make this a night to remember. Trust me - YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS.

In all seriousness, we depend on the success of the Gala to fund our critical work for an entire year. We could use your help to sell the remaining tickets - so please spread the word! Ticket sales close soon!

In the meantime, please enjoy some fun updates in this newsletter, including our entry in the Coronado 4th of July Parade, celebrating our intern graduates and more.

See you on the dance floor!

THE FOCUS FLOAT WAS A BIG HIT AT THE CORONADO 4TH OF JULY PARADE!
HUGE THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THIS HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY:
KARIN AND MEGAN MORRIS, WHO CARRIED THE BANNER
THE DUNCAN TRIPLETS, WHO GOT EVERYONE IN THE SPEAKEASY MOOD
JERI BARZ AND SHARYN BLONGIEWICZ, WHO PUT TOGETHER THE STUNNING 1920S FLOAT!





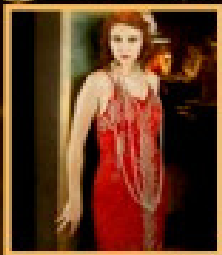
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FRIENDS OF CHILDREN UNITED SOCIETY

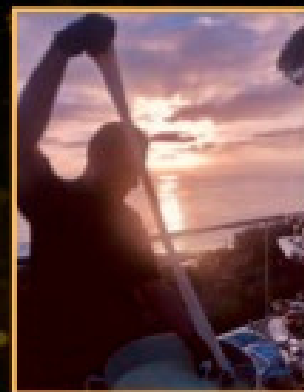
TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND THE

Speakeasy Gala

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- 10** The incredible chance to dine & socialize on board the USS Midway
- 9** Unique auction items, including trips and experiences you won't find anywhere else!
- 8** All the cool people will be there (including your friends)
- **7** Roaring 20s fashion is fun! Dress to impress!
- 6** The food! Including the fun and delicious mozzarella pull!
- 5** The allure and ambiance of the Speakeasy Lounge
- 4** Fun drinks like Bees Knees & Old Fashioned
- **3** Dance into the night with San Diego's premiere dance band- The Kicks
- 2** We got that cool auctioneer that everyone loves!



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Your presence at this Gala will provide hope and help to San Diego County children in need.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
FOCUSGALA25.GIVESMART.COM



Let the Bidding Begin!

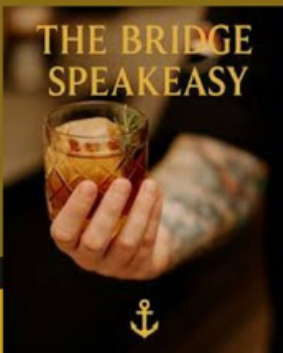
**Speakeasy Silent Auction
Opens this Weekend!**

Head to
FocusGala25.givesmart.com
and click "View Items"

**Sports tickets and
other exclusive
events!**



**Exclusive access to the new
Coronado Bridge
Speakeasy, including
Cocktails and nibbles for
20!!**



**Fun Getaways
to fantastic
hotels!**

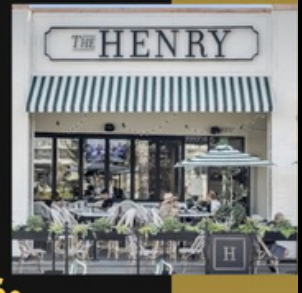


The Belagio



The Catamaran Resort

**Fine Dining
Experiences**



**Amazing
professional services,
including artwork by
Connie Spitzer,
photography by Joel
Ortiz and Julianne
Morris, and much more!**

Projects & grants

FOCUS approved four Projects for the month of July.

Chula Vista Community Collaborative asked FOCUS for some extra help feeding children in the area who are experiencing food insecurity. Many of these children are living in cars.

We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the Youth Assistance Coalition. This month we are purchasing a BBQ for summer use and a grill for outdoor cooking.

We are also supporting Angel City Sports, which hosts events for children with disabilities. Adaptive sports help these children develop important skills to keep them active and healthy. It also promotes self-esteem, leadership skills and independence.

FOCUS is helping a family whose home was destroyed in the plane crash in Murphy Canyon. We provided clothing for the three daughters and items for their bedrooms.

Finally, we provided sensory aids, calming materials and adaptive resources for kids with special needs at Harborside Elementary School.

FOCUS IS DOING WONDERFUL THINGS!!!



Many thanks to the FOCUS volunteers who helped us shop for more than 100 pairs of shoes that will be delivered to kids as part of the back-to-school program at Christie's Place.



Congrats to the winners of the May NADO Coloring Contest sponsored by FOCUS



DANCE PARTY



CALLING ALL SINGLES AND FRIENDS

FOCUS SINGLES GROUP IS SPONSORING ANOTHER SHORES BEACH CLUB
NIGHT OF DANCING AND SOCIALIZING.

JOIN US FOR OCEAN VIEWS AND MUSIC BY THE NEW CATILLACS.



WHEN: JULY 18 FROM 7-9 (IT'S BEST TO ARRIVE EARLY AS THIS IS A VERY POPULAR BAND - 6:30)

WHERE: BEACH CLUB AT THE SHORES.

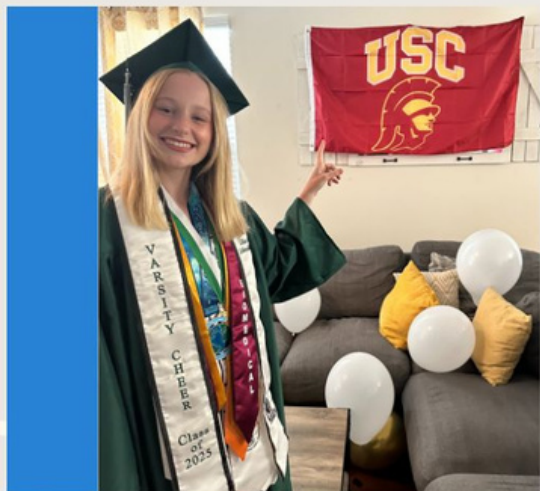
THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR AND SNACKS TO SHARE.

PLEASE TEXT DIANNE AT 925-984-3550

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US.

WE WILL PUT YOUR NAME ON THE GUEST LIST.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR FOCUS INTERN GRADUATES!



ALIVIA SCHMIDGAL

Alivia will be attending University of Southern California where she will major in Biochemistry on a pre-med track. She is attending on a Navy ROTC scholarship and she will be a part of the USC Spirit cheer team.



KATIE MORENO

Katie is heading back east to get a BFA in Musical Theatre at Long Island University.



ACHILLE ROBERT

Achille will be attending Virginia Tech to get a degree in Biomedical Engineering.



LIZA DELACH

Liza will be attending Duke Kunshan University in China.





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!



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!



New members



**Kathleen Anderson
Jenna Raskin**

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





FOCUS = Happy Kids



02 - Dianne Lookabaugh
06 - Lois Maxam
17 - Carla Bacon
20 - Sandy Shugert
24 - Carin Cross
26 - Jeri Barsz
27 - Trish Murnighan
30 - Sue Gormican



Upcoming Events

July 18th

Singles Dance Party
at Shores Beach Club
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Music by New Cadillacs

August 2nd

SPEAKEASY
FOCUS Gala 2025



6pm-11pm
on the Midway

September 18th

Member Dinner Meeting
at Coronado Cays
Yacht Club

