



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,

Hi everyone! Happy Summer!



Perhaps you've noticed that FOCUS has been out and about - increasing our profile in the community. For example, take a look at our article in the June issue of Crown City Magazine! We had a lovely turnout at our first-ever Pickleball Tournament in the Coronado Cays, and FOCUS sponsored this month's coloring contest in the Coronado Eagle & Journal (watch for a photo of the winners coming soon!). It's all part of our efforts to increase community awareness about FOCUS, encouraging more memberships and sponsorships, as well as attendance at our Gala on August 2.

Speaking of the Gala - have you purchased your tickets yet? It's time to round up your friends, start planning your fabulous Speakeasy outfit, and get ready for a fantastic evening!

I hope you will stop by our reserved tent area at the Concert in the Park on Father's Day, June 15! We are co-sponsoring the event with the Coronado Community Foundation, another wonderful Coronado non-profit doing great work in the community. Bring some food or drink to share, or just come as you are! We will have a small gift for the dads as well.

With all this work on building community, we're still laser focused on our mission - bringing hope and help to vulnerable children in San Diego County. Thank you for volunteering, contributing, and supporting this important work. See you soon!

You don't want to miss the



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SPEAKEASY GALA

An Evening of Elegance, Impact and Giving Back
DINE, DRINK & DANCE
ON THE USS Midway

AUGUST

2

6-11 PM

Details about sponsorships and underwriting opportunities are available on the FocusGala25.givesmart.com website and via the QR Code.



SPONSORED BY

Arlene Inch
Carol Sommer
Ginny & Peter Jensen
Hayley Beard

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.

We had a lot of fun at our two Speakeasy preview events! Cocktails and appetizers and fun accessories- it is clear that the Gala is going to be fantastic. Get your tickets now!





focus pickleball

Despite some cloudy weather, our first-ever FOCUS Pickleball Tournament on May 17 was a great success! We had an excellent turnout, and the round-robin format provided plenty of fun as participants teamed up with different partners throughout the day.

A big congratulations to Mark Meoni, the winner of this inaugural event!

Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a memorable day. Special thanks to Michaelle Arkin for organizing the tournament. Based on the enthusiasm and energy, this is sure to become an annual event!



FOCUS is the co-sponsor of Coronado's Concert in the Park on Father's Day, June 15! Please come by our tent and say hi, or hang out in our reserved area. We hope to spread the word to other Coronado residents and visitors about the good work we do at FOCUS (and maybe sell some Gala tickets!).

If you'd like to hang out with us and contribute a potluck item, click the image below to see a Sign Up Sheet - or just come and bring something!

We will have a small gift for the dads who stop by! Hope to see you there!

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**IS PROUD TO
CO-SPONSOR
FATHER'S DAY
CONCERT
IN THE PARK
SUNDAY, JUNE 15
AT 6 PM
FEATURING**

RON'S GARAGE

**STOP BY OUR TENT FOR FOOD
AND DRINKS AND LEARN ABOUT
THE GOOD WORK FOCUS IS
DOING IN OUR COMMUNITY!
TICKETS TO OUR AMAZING GALA
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE!**

SPRECKELS PARK - CORONADO



4th of July



JULY 4 FOCUS PARADE ENTRY

*A FOCUS float is being designed and built to promote our immensely important, biggest annual fundraiser; FOCUS Speakeasy Gala.
Here is where we need your help ...*

Two "Flapper Ladies" to ride on the float – we'll help get the fun "20's costumes together for you!

Two People to precede the float and carry the FOCUS banner.

Two Newsboys (or girls) to walk the parade route and display a newspaper with headline: "Extra Extra

Read All About it!! FOCUS does it again!!" We help happily help with your costumes.

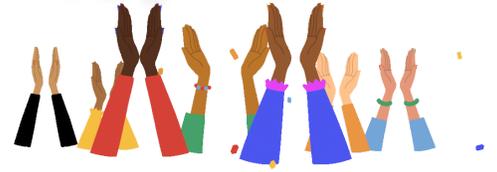
Once again we will headquarters out of Betty & John Lepore's driveway at the corner of F & 2nd ...

(water, snacks & real bathroom!!!) Thank you Betty & John!!!

To volunteer or ask any questions please contact Jeri Barsz ASAP at 619-519-5132 (phone or text)



Projects & grants



FOCUS approved four Projects in May.

Working with the Armed Services YMCA, we provided \$2,500 worth of games, puzzles, craft supplies, and activity books for military children getting medical treatment in the hospital.

Voices for Children, an organization that supports children by getting them Court Appointed Special Advocates, was given 10 car seats and 10 booster seats to take children to court proceedings and medical appointments.

We updated the computer lab at Urban Street Angels with three laptops, one Lenovo Think Center, and one iPad. Urban Street Angels supports homeless teens and young adults with job training and supportive housing.

We approved the purchase of 120 pairs of shoes for Christie's Place, an agency that provides HIV/AIDS education and support.

Finally, again working with the Armed Services YMCA, we approved emergency funding for children's supplies in the neighborhood affected by the plane crash in San Diego.

Our annual backpack program is coming up SOON! In July we will be filling 800 backpacks for children all over San Diego County. We need some additional help organizing this event. Please contact Carla Bacon at cbacon@focus-sdkids.org or (619) 850-4126 to learn more.

Thank you for all your support.



FOCUS Interns

Our Interns prepared and served dinner at Youth Assistance Coalition again ast month. A great experience for all!

Thank you to our first-ever class of high school interns who worked so hard on FOCUS projects throughout the school year. And a huge thank you to Heidi Iversen, FOCUS Executive VP, who stepped up to spearhead this new program with me.

We plan to continue this program next year, and expect many of our interns to return. If you know of any Coronado high school students who would be interested in the FOCUS internship, please watch for information about the application process, coming later this summer.



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**



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!



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



Upcoming Events

June 15th



FOCUS is co-sponsoring the Father's Day Concert in the Park.

July 4th Parade

FOCUS Float



August 2nd

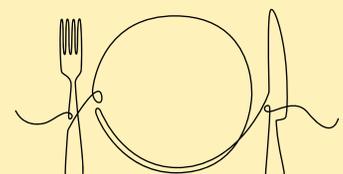
**SPEAKEASY
FOCUS Gala 2025**



**6pm-11pm
on the Midway**

September 18th

Member Dinner Meeting
at Coronado Cays
Yacht Club



June Birthdays

- 07 - Therese Pallares**
- 08 - Patricia Fitzgerald**
- 12 - Shelley Uyesugi**
- 21 - Dotty Turner**
- 29 - Jill Tortosa**

