



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,

Hello FOCUS Members and Supporters! It has been another wonderfully busy month at FOCUS. Our fabulous interns staffed FOCUS booths at the Coronado Flower Show and the Art & Wine Festival - offering fun activities for kids and helping us to spread the message about FOCUS. We were so proud to celebrate the grand opening of the food pantry at Harborside Elementary School, sponsored by FOCUS in partnership with Feeding San Diego. Several FOCUS members took a field trip up to Got Your Back San Diego, delivering hundreds of jars of peanut butter and helping to prepare bags of food to alleviate weekend hunger. And of course, we have continued our important work with agencies throughout the county that bring help and comfort to kids in need.

Thank you to our featured speaker at our April member meeting, Heather Lezon, the Executive Director of Youth Assistance Coalition. We are so proud of our partnership with YAC and the huge impact we are making to end youth homelessness in San Diego County.

We are getting excited for the Speakeasy Gala, coming up on August 2! Preview events have offered a fun sneak peek at the food, beverages and ambiance we can expect at the wonderful event. If you haven't already, please get your tickets now! It's not too late to become a sponsor of the event as well!

Excitement is building...



Speakeasy Gala

AUG | 2 | 6 PM

THE DELECTABLE MENU

WILL INCLUDE:

- Fun & delicious 1920s-style appetizers and salad
- Gatsby's Grand Surf & Turf, featuring short rib & Old Bay crab cake -or-
- Black truffle & mushroom ravioli with roasted broccoli rabe

INCREDIBLE LIVE AUCTION ITEMS, INCLUDING:

- Exciting international travel
- Fantastic yacht excursions
- A 1920s-themed dinner for 12, hosted by Coronado icon Doug St. Denis

**GET YOUR TICKETS
TODAY!**





PICKLEBALL

Tournament

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

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH - 2-4PM

**CORONADO
CAYS**



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**\$35/PER
PERSON**

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!**



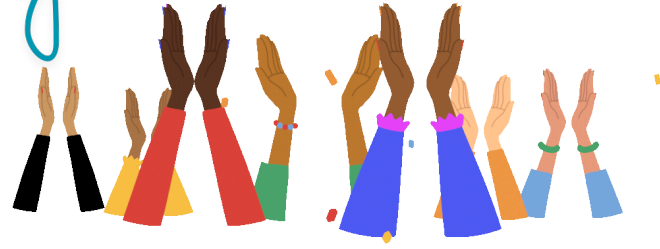
New Sign Up Sheet for Volunteers!

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!

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!



Projects & grants



It was such an amazing pleasure meeting you and the rest of the FOCUS group this morning at Harborside Elementary! The work your group is doing for the community is so inspiring, thank you so much for your support of this school pantry. I wanted to share with you some of the news clips from this morning and some photos I took! Liz Albizati





★ THANK YOU
FOCUS MEMBERS
FOR DONATING
HUNDREDS OF JARS OF
PEANUT BUTTER!!



FOCUS Partner Got Your Back let us know that they were running a bit low on peanut butter for their weekend food bags. With very little notice, our members stepped up!! We delivered the jars, and helped fill nearly 300 bags of food- almost 300 kids did not go hungry that weekend.

THANK YOU

FOCUS Interns



At their final meeting of the year, the FOCUS interns evaluated the three applications submitted by clubs from Coronado High School that assist children in need. They allocated approximately \$900 in resources across three different organizations, specifically supporting Safe Harbor Coronado, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Islander Helping Hands Club. The interns are scheduled to procure and deliver the requested items shortly, thereby fulfilling their responsibilities as a smaller representation of the FOCUS Board. This experience provided them with valuable insights into the operations of a non-profit organization.

The interns also did a terrific job working the FOCUS booths at the Coronado Flower Show and the Art & Wine Festival. They helped kids plant flower seeds and make fun pinwheels, while increasing community awareness about FOCUS. Great job, interns!



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



May Birthdays

- 04 - Leslie Granger
- 04 - Helen Kupka
- 05 - Connie Spitzer
- 08 - Mary Shapiro
- 10 - Don Swanson
- 11 - Pat Robitaille
- 15 - Lynda Pippenger
- 22 - Lynda Willkie
- 26 - Kathy Tyner
- 28 - Kaye Sharp



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



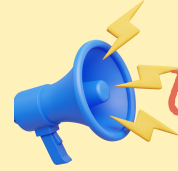


FOCUS = Happy Kids



**New
members**

**Wendy Lytel
Inge Cornejo
Sharon Raffer
Wayne Strickland**



Upcoming Events

June 15th



FOCUS is co-sponsoring
the Father's Day Concert
in the Park. **More details
coming soon.**



August 2nd

**SPEAKEASY
FOCUS Gala 2025**



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

September 18th

**Member Dinner Meeting
at Coronado Cays
Yacht Club**

