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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



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,

FOCUS remains busy as ever as we approach the last few months of the year. We are still basking in the glow of our Speakeasy success, which has fully funded our work for the upcoming year. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who made that magical night possible!

Please review this newsletter carefully - it is full of information about important events as we close out 2025. These include our September Member Meeting, our October Meeting and Membership Drive, the fantastic Holiday Boutique on November 15, and our annual Holiday Party in December. Mark your calendars and don't miss a thing! (While you're at it, mark down August 1, 2026 for the next fundraising gala. Based on some preliminary conversations, this is an event you won't want to miss.)

Please bring a friend or two to our Dinner Meeting and Membership Drive at the VFW on October 16! FOCUS membership is easy and rewarding. We'd love to welcome new members!

Finally, congratulations to our new group of FOCUS High School Interns! We have four returning and five new interns who will be working with us this school year. Look for them doing good work in our community!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of FOCUS. As we've increased our fundraising and our positive impact on the community, we could use more volunteers to help with various events. If you'd like to get more involved, please let me know!!



Huge thanks to our wonderful FOCUS VOLUNTEERS WHO RECENTLY SERVED DINNER AND HUNG OUT WITH THE TEENS AT THE Youth Assistance Coalition!

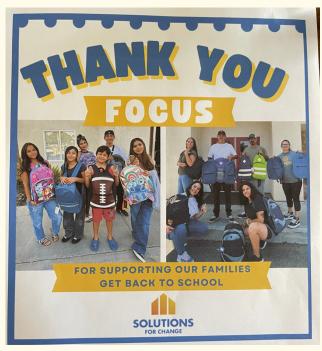




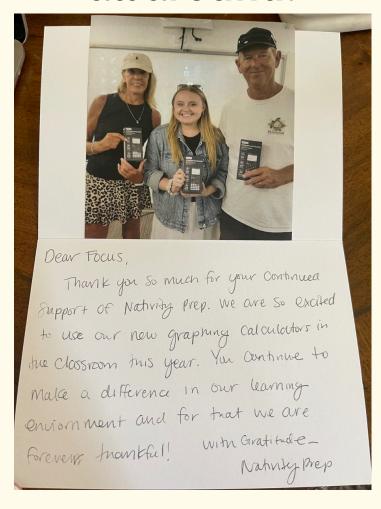








"Thank You's" all around!



Projects & grants

Projects August 2025 Carla Bacon, VP of Projects



Here we are, heading into Fall. Can you believe it? I am thinking about FOCUS Holiday giving already!

This month, we approved bicycles for the E-5 and below Marines children. This is done in collaboration with Rotary 33 and active-duty service members. We purchase the bikes, and they put them together and distribute them. It's quite a day and I will let you know when it is going to happen, if you would like to join in! (\$5,000)

We also partnered with Urban Street Angels to outfit their new facility in Vista. Congratulations, USA, you are knocking it out of the park. FOCUS is so proud to be a Partner. (\$3,300)

The FOCUS Board decided to allocate some increased spending for Youth Assistance Coalition. We would like to make some extra special holiday meals for these young adults. One evening in their kitchen and you know why! Please join us! If this is something you would like to be part of, please let me know. (\$1,200.)

To round out our August giving, we purchased playground equipment for Perkins School for K-2nd graders. (\$700.)

FOCUS is growing and the demand is great. I appreciate all the help we receive from 15% of our membership. We really need more help! Please think of signing up for First and Third Friday Food Distributions at Harborside School. We are usually done by 9:00am. (Leaving plenty of time for other pursuits.) Not to mention the

tremendous joy from serving the young adults at YAC. Also please, if you have time, please come help with our Halloween events and our Holiday Boutique. Without you, the workload falls on a few people.

It's much more fun to gather with friends and share the work.

Remember: you can sign up for these and other volunteer opportunities on our Sign Up Genius. The QR Code is below or just go to our website, and scroll to the bottom to find the button under "Volunteer." We will update the sign up sheet often as we approach the holiday season,

so please check back!!





FOCUS INTERNS



Congratulations to the FOCUS High School Interns for the 2025-26 School Year!

SAMANTHA KORZENECKI PRESIDENT

DANTE SALATA VICE PRESIDENT

GRIFFIN HART TREASURER

ELLA CHIOUS SECRETARY

AUSTIN IVERSEN PROJECTS COMMITTEE CHAIR

LEO SALATA FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Projects Committee Members: Aniella Orgill
Fundraising Committee Members: Julieta Rugama, Zoe Cocanig



Volunteering is the selfless, priceless value of helping others, emphasizing that true fulfillment comes from giving, not just receiving.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart"

Elizabeth Andrew

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve" reminds us that service is an accessible act of heroism that changes the world.

Martin Luther King, Jr.







Join us for our September Member Dinner Meeting!

- 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:

<u>FocusSept.givesmart.com</u>





Coronado Cays Yacht CLub

30 N Caribe Cay Blvd, Coronado, CA



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September 2025

5:30-8:00 PM

Coronado Cays Yacht Club



Join Us!
Annual Membership
Drive Dinner and

MILITARY NIGHT!



Thursday, October 16 5:30-8:30 PM



Coronado VFW Post 2422

\$25 for ribs or salmon dinner Cash bar, complimentary dinner wine

Open to FOCUS members and anyone who wants to learn more about FOCUS





WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- Learn about FOCUS, our long history in Coronado and the good work we do each year.
- Hear from some of our charity partners about how FOCUS assists children and teens from military families.
- Discover how easy it is to be a FOCUS member, and start making a difference today.
- Meet current FOCUS members who share a heart for service and helping kids.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

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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



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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





September Birthdays



1 Bob Plumbley3 Jan Harrell7 Genie Brown23 Vicki Bernitt23 Patrick McConnell24 Pam Plumbley



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!

October 22nd

Halloween Candy Bagging
Time and Location TBD

October 24th

FOCUS Booth at Halloween
Happenings
Spreckels Park
3:30-5:30

November 15th

Holiday Boutique Coronado Cays Yacht Club

Saturday, December 13th

FOCUS Holiday Party Coronado Cays Yacht Club 5:30