



Center for Family & Child Enrichment, Inc. | December 2023 | Vol. 23



### *A holiday message from our CEO*

Dear Friends and Supporters of CFCE,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared together at the Center for Family & Child Enrichment, Inc. As we embrace the spirit of the holiday season, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission.

This year has been marked by resilience, compassion, and the collective strength that comes from a community dedicated to making a positive impact.

Together, we have faced challenges head-on and celebrated triumphs that have touched the lives of countless children, individuals, and families in need. Your generosity and advocacy have been the driving force behind our success, and for that, I am truly grateful.

As we take a moment to pause and celebrate the holiday season, let us also reflect on the lives we have touched



[DONATE](#)

As we take a moment to pause and celebrate the holiday season, let us also reflect on the and the positive changes we have made together. The spirit of giving and compassion that defines this time of year is a testament to the love and unity that binds us as a community.

Looking ahead to the new year, I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities that await us. With your continued support, we will build upon the foundation we have laid, reaching even greater heights in our mission to enrich the lives of families and children in our community.

On behalf of the entire Center for Family & Child Enrichment, Inc. family, I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and moments of connection with your loved ones. May the new year bring you renewed hope, prosperity, and the fulfillment of your dreams.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and for your dedication to creating a brighter future for those we serve. Together, we make a difference.

I wish you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

With gratitude,  
*T. Dofores Dunn*





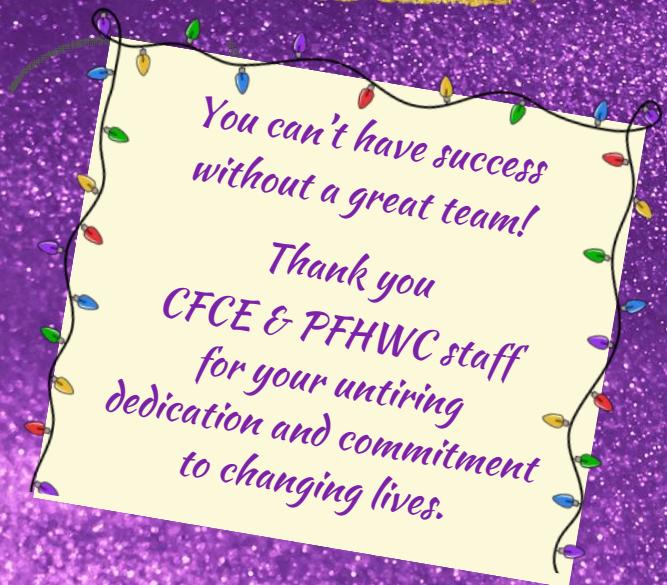
## SUCCESSFUL YOUTH PROGRAM HELPS TEENS MANAGE THEIR ANGER

S.N.A.P. is the acronym for STOP, NOW, and PLAN. SNAP helps troubled children and their parents learn how to effectively manage their emotions and minimize problems.

The program's goal is to prevent future anti-social behavior and reduce conflict among family, peers, and authority figures to keep youth from becoming mired in the juvenile delinquency system.

An evidence-based, cognitive behavioral model, the 16-week program for youth 6-11 years old was developed from three decades of research, innovative program development, and stringent evaluation by clinicians and researchers at the Child Development Institute (CDI).

New classes starting soon. For more information and to enroll your teen in an intervention program with a successful track record? Contact Mary Williams at [mwilliams@cfceinc.org](mailto:mwilliams@cfceinc.org).





## CHRISTMAS MIRACLES DO STILL HAPPEN

### *Celebrating CFCE staff members family blessing*



Lance Jackson, Substance Abuse Clinical Coordinator at the Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc. and his family have particular reason to be thankful this year.



His Niece Evelyn Sue was born in May of this year via Cesarean birth. Her parents Trey and Hannah received counseling and continued support from the Kansas City Children's Mercy heart specialist team, as immediately following her birth; heart surgery was performed in an attempt to repair Evelyn's heart. This was unsuccessful and she was soon placed on the "list" for a heart transplant. Since May her mother Hannah has lived at Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City, participating daily in

care and therapy for Baby Evelyn, while Trey travels each weekend to KC to be with his "girls". The call that a "match" had been located in the Midwest region came on Hannah's birthday on Nov 16.

Six months after birth, in the early morning, Evelyn Sue was baptized. That afternoon an amazing, highly skilled medical team performed a 12-hour transplant procedure and gave her a new heart. While our family rejoiced in Baby Evelyn's future, we also continue with prayers of support and comfort for the unknown family who grieve the loss of their child. The Jacksons are so grateful and thankful for the families most precious gift.

*continued on page 4*





Home Depot Representatives and CFCE Staff

## HOME DEPOT HELPS CREATE SMILES THIS HOLIDAY

Thanks to the Home Depot in Hialeah for donating trees to CFCE for the fourth year!

Each year, the trees are placed and decorated in our residential homes for youth, bringing smiles as they brighten up their homes with Christmas cheer!

The Child Welfare Division of CFCE provides

residential programs for youth ages 6-17 who are unable to live at home, emergency shelters for short-term "respite" from troubled families, and full case management services to abused, neglected, abandoned children, and children in foster care.

For more information on how to get involved and help keep our children safe, contact Sheila at [sforeman@cfceinc.org](mailto:sforeman@cfceinc.org) or call 305.474.1737.

## CHRISTMAS MIRACLES DO STILL HAPPEN, cont.

As joyous as we are, we must not overlook the amazing cohesion of multiple Medical Teams to facilitate, orchestrate, and perform the amazing feat of extending this life. As the call was made and the match confirmed, the scheduled procedure was set. This procedure started before the donated organ even left the hospital of origination, in order to shorten the critical window between removal and transplant of the healthy heart into this infant body. It is untold the number of members of both teams comprised of professionals; from Physicians, to nursing staff, to flight crew, Social Services, mental health staff, and other supporting roles, it took to complete this mission.

While in the present day, we seem to always see in the highlight, all the Myriad differences we have; socioeconomic, cultural, racial, etc. We have so much more in common which is love and compassion for the innocent. The passion to allow the weak to become strong through support, teaching, and love. We need to turn away from the differences that so many see and turn toward the commonalities that are inherent in our Human Nature.





## CHRISTMAS AT CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CHILD ENRICHMENT, INC.

This past Saturday, Santa's Helper Elves, CFCE Foster children, and their families, along with Santa himself, came by cars and sleighs to the Christmas at CFCE Toy Distribution Event.

Each child received multiple gifts they requested, decorated holiday cookies, and enjoyed face painting and other treats.

Kerry Lewis, Esq., Director of Child Welfare Programs at CFCE, said, "The toy distribution is always a great day at CFCE. The community support through donations and toys makes an incredible impact on the foster children and teens under our care."

This year, CFCE introduced our Digital Giving Tree. Individuals and companies could go on the [CFCEcares.org](http://CFCEcares.org) website, view our Giving Tree, and select children by age and gender to purchase gifts. Each child had at least three Amazon links for Christmas toys and items they wanted. Donors clicked the links, purchased items, and mailed them to CFCE from the Amazon site. For donors who preferred to donate cash, CFCE did the shopping for them! "It was so easy," said Michelle Swaby, "I'm spreading the word!"

While the Child Welfare team, aka Santa's Elves, are finishing up the delivery of toys to the children who couldn't make it, it looks like Santa as usual will get the job done by Christmas morning.

A huge shout out to all our volunteers, CFCE staff, Stryker Company, who hosted a company Toy Drive and attended the event to volunteer, and Dove Ministries, who hosted our Cookie Decorating table and provided the Face Painter.



*Christmas is forever! "Christmas Day will always be just as long as we have we."*  
— Narrator, Animated Special: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* (1966)



## CELEBRATING OVER 46 YEARS OF SERVICE

*You haven't seen nothing yet...*



2024 is full of new challenges but also new opportunities to expand CFCE services to the vulnerable who need our help the most.

CFCE's success over the years in care for children and families in crisis is a result of dedicated clinicians, medical and dental team, outreach workers, full case management professionals, competent administrators, and financial support from caring companies and individuals like yourself.

As we enter a new year, **we need your continued support** to help us meet the increasing demand for assistance to keep children safe, strengthen families, improve the health and wellness in our community through providing medical, dental, and mental health services, and offering an array of outreach programs and services to support communities needs.

**Help CFCE change lives! Here are ways to get involved:**

### INDIVIDUALS

- Make a monetary donation
- Become a monthly donor
- Donate Goods and services
- Volunteer
- Host a Fundraiser Event Drive
- Attend CFCE Events
- Planned Giving Community Partners

### BUSINESSES

- Make a monetary donation; become a monthly donor
- Become an Event Sponsor, i.e. Mayors Ball, Holiday Events
- Provide ProBono Services, i.e. PR, Training
- Host a Company Drive, i.e. Back To School Backpacks, Christmas Toy Drive
- Partner on Projects, i.e. Decorating a Treatment Room, Residential Housing Repairs
- Become a Board or Committee Member

*Contact Sheila Foreman, the Development Director, at 305.474.1737 or email for more information.*

**DONATE**



CFCE assists over 700 foster children and their families each year. Beyond their care, we are a fully licensed medical, dental, behavioral health, and youth intervention facility that provides health and wellness services to the Miami-Dade and Broward County community.



## KAPPA PSI PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITY INC. HOSTS STUDENT TOY DRIVE FOR CFCE

Thanks to the students of Nova Southeastern University for hosting a toy drive for CFCE. The Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc. collected over 4 bags of new toys for children in foster care and youth intervention programs.





## COMMEMORATING WORLD AIDS DAY

The Pediatric & Family Health & Wellness Center organized a special event in the adult dental waiting room. A photo booth with a backdrop and props was provided, inviting staff and the community to capture moments of solidarity and support.

Attendees received red ribbon pins and bracelets as a symbol of remembrance for those who have lost their lives due to AIDS and honor of those currently living with AIDS.

Free HIV/STI Testing was provided all day. Stay safe and get tested.



**PFHWC provides FREE HIV Test Kits and in-office testing.**  
**Call 305-474-1800 or 305-474-1726 for more information.**



When court-ordered family separations occur, CFCE Court Liaisons and Case Management staff are there to ensure parents receive training and support to reunite with their families.

