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Unity Light of the World and CFCE Recognize Outstanding Foster Parents



(l-r, Renant Saintilmon, Dorothy Tremble, Doretha Nicholson, and Delores Dunn.)

In recognition of National Foster Care Month, on Sunday, May 9th, Ms. Dorothy Nicholson of Unity Light of the World, and past chair of CFCE's Board of Directors and Advisory Board Member, gave appreciation awards to Lori Hill, Angela Johnson, Adria Watson and Dorothy Tremble for their hard work and dedication as foster parents. In addition to their awards, the four ladies received Mother's Day flowers and goodie bags. The ceremony and reception took place at Unity Light of the World Fellowship Hall. CFCE staff, CEO Delores Dunn and Intake and Placement Liaison Renant Saintilmon, shared in the festivities.

CFCE Community Yard Sale

CFCE held a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 15th to raise funds to benefit at risk children and families. Our Board of Directors hosted the event and several board members participated by manning booths and donating items to sell. CFCE thanks the Girl Scouts of Troop #1098 for volunteering their time to help set up, sell snow cones and other refreshments.

Special thanks to CFCE Board Members Dr. Deborah Finley, Pablo Bermudez, Elvis Caines, and John Turner who worked throughout the event and to all other board members who came out in support.

Shout out to CFCE staff members Mary Williams, Kerry Lewis and Michelle Prescott for their donations and sales. Keep watching for future Yard Sales at CFCE!



Michelle Prescott and the Girl Scout volunteers make refreshing snow cones on a hot day.



New Board Member Elvis Caines made CFCE shirts to sell at his booth.

CFCE Community Yard Sale



Dr. Finley and the CFCE team setting up their booths.



Great deals for a great cause!



John Turner, Vice Chairman of CFCE's Board of Directors, is ready for customers.



Jorge Jorge, CFCE's Maintenance Specialist grills hot dogs with the Girl Scouts.

Mr. James Hazel – A Life Well Lived



Sunrise 6 May 1951 – Sunset 9 May 2021

A Tribute by Ms. Delores Dunn, CFCE President /CEO

Mr. James Hazel, an ordained minister at United Family Baptist Church, joined the Center for Family and Child Enrichment (CFCE), as a clinical on-site therapist for teenage boys, in 1995. Later, he became the program director for CFCE's children's day treatment program, which he led until it closed in 2000. In subsequent years, he continued his work with children in a variety of agency programs, including clinical outpatient therapy and as a prevention specialist with Too Good for Drugs. His last position is that of Outreach Coordinator for our Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

In this role, he developed and implemented a number of innovative

programs, such as the Quarterly Pastor's Luncheon, Men's Health Symposium, and Health Center Farm Share Food Give-a-Way, to name a few. Mr. Hazel contributed greatly to the success of CFCE and the well-being of its clients. In addition to his professional duties with the Agency, he was always willing to give the invocation at our programs and blessings for our special occasion meals. We are all so much better for having known and worked with him. We at CFCE mourn his passing but rejoice in his legacy of kindness, generosity, integrity and his long career of healing broken families and helping children grow to their full potential.

CFCE at the MDCFAPA-Post Adoption Fair

The Miami-Dade County Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (MDCFAPA) held a Post Adoption Fair on Saturday, May 22nd. The Association invited all the adopted children and parents in Miami-Dade County to attend. Parents learned about all of the benefits that are available to them and their adopted children. The day-long event included vendor booths, sessions with speakers from the Department of Children and Families and Citrus Family Care Network, entertainment, give-a-ways and free refreshments. Visa Gift Cards were raffled off to all participating Adoptive Families.



Staff members provide information about CFCE programs and services .



(l-r, Lance Jackson, Ron Gay and Nadjeda Cherilian greeting all the Adoptive Families at the event.)



Special treats were available for all the children and families attending..

Board Member Spot Light

Celebrating the Life of Lona Fountain



Sunrise 19 October 1941 – Sunset 12 May 2021

The Center for Family and Child Enrichment fondly remembers Ms. Lona Fountain – a cherished member of our Board of Directors. On October 19, 1941, Lona Rosemary Fountain, a loving and peaceful soul, was born to the late Curtis Thompson and Edith Sands Garnett. She was born in Eleuthera, Bahamas and one of four children to this marital union. Lona was raised in Nassau, Bahamas and moved to the United States in 1960. She lived in Oxnard, California for 30 years before moving to Miami, Florida.

A graduate of Oxnard College, Lona began her career at Bank of A. Levy where she retired as an Operations Manager after 30 years of service. Lona was a proud member of Bethel AME Church and Onyx Club until she moved to Florida in 1994.

Lona was a consummate Networking Promoter and Entrepreneur where she used her professional knowledge to advise and connect businesses as well as build her dream business as a bed and breakfast host. She had

many interests, but she was known by family and friends as an amazing cook and baker. She gifted her famous 7-up cakes as an expression of her love to many. And her cakes were the highlight of many CFCE board meetings.

Lona's greatest past time was dancing and it was a joy for all to see her on the dance floor. She left many cherished memories of her networking parties at her home which displayed all of her accomplished skills including her classy style and dress.

Lona was active in several charities and supportive of fundraising and social events. She volunteered her time and talents to Girl Power Rocks, Inc. and Center for Children and Family Enrichment, Inc., where she served on the Board of Directors, and was the Chairperson of the Development Committee.

Lona passed away on May 12, 2021, which brought an abundance of messages of condolences and memories of her generosity, delicious food, and nurturing to others. Most memorable were her lovely personality and beautiful smile.

CFCE Child Welfare Professional Recognition Day

Every year CFCE celebrates its Child Welfare Professionals. Our staff work tirelessly in the Child Welfare Division, making sure that needy children and families know that they can count on CFCE. At this year's event CFCE employees at our HUB location were treated to a Pollo Tropical lunch and fresh Italian Ice. The DJ and tents kept everyone cool and entertained during this well deserved break. Thank you Child Welfare Professionals for all of your hard work during this challenging year!



CFCE Hub employees take a break from work to relax.

If you have an inspiring story about a CFCE employee or client, we would love to hear it! Contact Development Officer *Meg Garza* at mgarza@cfceinc.org or 305.474.1737

