

KIDS HOUSE

WHERE HOPE AND HEALING BEGINS



KIDS HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

ANNUAL MEETING

Kids House held our 2023 Annual Meeting. This meeting included the Kids House Staff, partnering agency officials, and board members. At the meeting, celebrated this year's success and shared exciting updates about Kids House. We highlighted several of our community partners by presenting the following awards:

Volunteer Group of the Year:

Project Linus

Individual Volunteer:

Mike Morton and Bobby Sams

Community Partner Award:

ECPI University Nursing Program

MDT Partner in Excellence Award:

Altamonte Springs Police Department

Lieutenant Anthony Van Cleave

Outstanding Leadership Award:

Jennifer Hodges

THANKSGIVING SPONSORSHIP

For the Thanksgiving holiday, we are asking for baskets with non-perishable food and a \$25 grocery gift card for a family of 4-8 members.

For more information on how to get involved for the holidays please contact

Carina D'Agostino at 407-324-3036 ext. 248 or dagostino@kidshouse.org.

KIDS HOUSE ANNIVERSARIES

Eunice Carasas-McIntosh - 9 years of service

Christine Cornell - 7 years of service

Julie Swope - 5 years of service



PARENTS CORNER

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Traditional Halloween festivities include trick-or-treating; as you are, look both ways when crossing the street and use crosswalks, cross at street corners, and use the traffic lights. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them so that the driver is visually aware and can make a complete stop and wait. Children are encouraged to always walk with adult supervision, especially at night. If an older child is mature enough to go by themselves, remind them to only go in familiar areas that are well-lit and with a group. In addition to walking during the holiday, be vigilant when driving. Slow down and be alert at all times while in residential areas. Anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and eliminate any and all distractions so that you can concentrate on the road and those enjoying trick-or-treat

HURRICANE SEASON

It's still Hurricane Season! It is so important to be prepared and to prepare your children during Hurricane Season. You can start by talking to your child about what a hurricane is and why it happens. Know the risks for your area and have a plan for what to do during a hurricane or an evacuation. More importantly, stay informed about storms affecting your local area. During a storm, evacuate if instructed to do so by local officials. If not told to evacuate, stay inside to ensure the safety of your entire family. Also, talk to your child about their feelings and assure them that they are safe. After a hurricane, please instruct your child not to go near loose or dangling wires.



GET INVOLVED

MONETARY DONATIONS

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Kids House relies on our donors' kindness and dedication to further our efforts to prevent and treat child abuse. We accept cash, credit, and checks as forms of payment.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

A lot goes into helping the children work through their trauma and heal, including items we use when working with those children. Items such as **individually wrapped** snacks, drinks, and office supplies are items we always need. All in-kind donation items must be NEW and UNUSED.

HOLIDAY HELP

From donating Thanksgiving goodies, volunteering at our annual holiday event and setting up a crafts table, donating gifts for Christmas, gift wrapping presents, and sponsoring a family's entire Christmas, Kids House often needs help to ensure that we provide for our families in need during the holiday season.

SUPPORT OUR UPCOMING EVENT

To raise awareness and money for Kids House, we organized several events throughout the year. Fundraising events are vital to us because they help fund our departments so that we can continue to grow and support all the children and families of Seminole County. Our next fun fundraising event is our Clay Shoot! This event will be held Friday, October 20th, 2023, at 8 a.m. For more information, go to:

<https://kidshouse.org/kids-house-sporting-clay-shoot>

-NOTEWORTHY NEWS-

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clay Shoot
October 20, 2023

KIDS HOUSE OPEN POSITIONS

Advocacy Receptionist
Child Advocate Program Director

To apply, visit:

<https://www.kidshouse.org/employment-opportunities>

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