

KIDS HOUSE



WHERE HOPE AND HEALING BEGINS



KIDS HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

GRATITUDE LUNCH

The last Friday of October, our generous board member Cynthia Blackwell provided lunch to Kids House staff! Social Distancing in place, Cynthia joined us for some engaging conversation while everyone shared their Halloween plans. Cynthia has been on our Board for 6 years, Chairs our Marketing Committee and has supported Kids House for many years! It is always a happy day when we get to see her smiling face. From everyone at Kids House, thank you Cynthia!

WELCOME

We'd like to introduce two new staff members!

Catherine McCarthy- CPT Case Coordinator

Sierra Brown-Child Advocate

KIDS HOUSE ANNIVERSARIES

Felicia Moyer 2 years of service
Patrick Van Dyke 7 years of service



PARENTS CORNER

MANAGING HOLIDAY STRESS

This time of year can be a stressor for both parents and children so we wanted to share a few ways to reduce stress going into the holidays. Use the winter holiday as an opportunity to talk to children about what being grateful means and how to be grateful, not only for the toys they receive but for people and experiences too! If you're traveling this holiday season, far or near, make road trips fun by bringing snacks, coloring and play car games such as eye spy. Children can get overwhelmed especially being surrounded by so many adults that may not be as familiar to them. It is important to let your child set and maintain their own "body" boundaries. One way to do this is to let the child choose if they want a hug from that adult. If not, offer alternative ways such as a high five or fist bump. Lastly, it is important for all parents to schedule time to recharge especially after late nights celebrating the holidays with family and friends. This may be as simple as going to bed early the next night so that you wake up at your best.

THANKSGIVING TIPS

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and count your blessings. This year celebrate with family by watching parades on TV with those in your household and host a virtual dinner party with other family and friends.



GET INVOLVED

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.

HOLIDAY GIVING

The holiday season is right around the corner and will be here before we know it! Every year, Kids House asks for toy donations so that the kiddos we see can each receive a toy for the holiday!

HOLIDAY FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

Every year, we pick families to be sponsored in which they will create a wish list for everyone in the home. The generous donor who sponsors the family purchases gifts directly from the selected families' wish list.

For more information on how to get involved for the holidays please contact Patrick Van Dyke at 407-324-3036 ext. 244 or vandyke@kidshouse.org.

-NOTEWORTHY NEWS-

EVENTS

Kids House 13th Annual Gala -
Saturday, May 15, 2021

Jim Payne 5k to benefit Kids House presented by Wops Hops-
Saturday, May 29, 2021

For more information about events please contact Jennifer Napier at 407-324-3036 ext. 241 or napier@kidshouse.org

THANK YOU!

Florida Blue Foundation- \$2,500 Grant

7th Grader at Sanford Middle School- 50 Mask Donation and \$300 to help protect the children who come to Kids House stay safe

2020 Gala Sponsors- Thank you to those who graciously agreed to reallocate their 2020 Gala Sponsorship and allow us to use it as an unrestricted donation or as an advance for our 2021 Kids House Gala Sponsorship.