

# KIDS HOUSE

## WHERE HOPE AND HEALING BEGINS



### KIDS HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

#### CAPM PROCLAMATION

Kids House of Seminole had a kick-off to Child Abuse Prevention Month with the annual Proclamation. This event was held on March 28th at the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners office. In attendance we had Kids House staff, Chief Bryan, Captain Coscia, Embrace Families, members of the Kids House board, and Seminole County Commissioners. Kids House spoke about the importance of preventing child abuse and thanked our community partners for their help!

#### PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION

In honor of April being Child Abuse Prevention month, put out **blue pinwheels** in your garden and use the hashtags, **#KidsHouseCAC** and **#PinwheelsForPrevention** to help bring awareness. The pinwheel serves as the national symbol of the childhood we want for all children. Planting pinwheel gardens in honor of children supports this belief.

#### 14TH ANNUAL GALA

Kids House is gearing up for our 14th Annual Kids House Gala! This event is on April 15th and will include food, a silent and live auction, and live music all to help raise money and awareness for Kids House! We are so thankful for all our sponsors who bought tables and tickets, our Kids House staff for helping behind the scene, our amazing board members for donating items and helping fill tables and spread awareness, and all our volunteers! We have so many fun auction items to bid on this year and can't wait to see the fun outfits inspired by the different decades! Our silent auction will be available for those that aren't attending our gala as well! Check out our social media accounts for the link to our silent auction so you can bid at home too!



### PARENTS CORNER

#### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. April is only one of 12 months a year that Kids House advocates to prevent and help child abuse victims and their families. April was designated as National Child Abuse Prevention month. This is the time to increase awareness and inspire action so that we can conquer child abuse and neglect! Help spread awareness by wearing a **blue shirt every Friday of April** and don't forget about planting **blue pinwheels** for prevention in your garden!

#### RECOGNIZING CHILD ABUSE TIP

It's everyone's job to protect children. The first step is knowing how to recognize the signs of child abuse. Not all signs of child abuse look the same. Some signs of abuse can include behavioral signs such as Excessive crying, depression, eating issues, fear, and anxiety. Some physical signs would be bruising, malnutrition, poor hygiene, bites, and burns. **To report abuse or neglect, please call the Florida Abuse Hotline to make a report at 1-800-96-ABUSE or 1-800-962-2873.**

#### PINWHEEL CRAFT

In honor of child abuse prevention month, you can make your own paper pinwheel! All you need is a piece of Square-shaped paper, a straw, a Pushpin, scissors, a pencil, and masking tape. Use the scissors to cut down the diagonal lines that you just marked on your paper. Then, fold every other point into the center dot and put a pushpin through the paper. Attach the straw as a handle and voila!



### GET INVOLVED

#### SUPPORT CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The pinwheel serves as the national symbol of the childhood we want for all children. Show the community you are a Kids House champion by supporting Child Abuse Prevention Month. You can put them on display, pass them out to friends and family, or start a pinwheel garden, then take pictures and tag us. Have fun with it while showing your support. If you want to make a more significant impact to help eradicate Child Abuse in our community, **for every \$15 donation we receive, we will plant a pinwheel in our garden.**

<https://www.kidshouse.org/CAPM>

#### 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.

[www.kidshouse.org/donate](https://www.kidshouse.org/donate)

#### HOST A BENEFICIARY EVENT

Are you interested in helping Kids House raise money for our children? Hosting your own event for Kids House can be as easy as putting on a bake sale, workplace events such as "wear jeans day for a donation to Kids House," or even a car wash.

#### SHARING SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Help bring awareness to child abuse and neglect through social media. Every like, comment, repost, share, mention, and tag helps spread the word on what Kids House does and how we help our children. Be sure to follow us on all social media.



## -NOTEWORTHY NEWS-

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Kids House Annual Gala**  
April 15th, 2023  
<https://kidshouse.org/gala>

### KIDS HOUSE OPEN POSITIONS

**Mental Health Therapist**  
To apply, visit:  
<https://www.kidshouse.org/employment-opportunities>

### DONOR SPOTLIGHT

**Sherry Samantha**