



# KIDS HOUSE

## WHERE HOPE AND HEALING BEGINS



### KIDS HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CYNTHIA!

Cynthia Blackwell has been a part of the Kids House family for many years being on our board. On October 11th, she celebrated her birthday and was kind enough to spend it with the Kids House staff! She made Tex-Mex for everyone to enjoy. We are blessed to have Cynthia on our board and even more for all her support of Kids House!

#### CPT STAFF EVENT

Every other month, Kids House chooses a department to organize and execute a staff meeting to promote togetherness and staff bonding. For the month of October, it was our Child Protective Team's turn. They did an amazing job with their "Hocus Pocus" themed event. They made pumpkin white hot chocolate, rice Krispy treats, cake pops, and cupcakes! With these treats, they set up "nailed it" games! Each randomly selected team had to choose a different treat to recreate. Team Orange choose the recreation of "Book" from the movie Hocus Pocus onto rice Krispy treats. Team Green choose mummy cake pops. Lastly, Team Purple had the cupcakes and had to recreate the hair of each of the Sanderson Sisters. As each team designed its treats, CPT played Hocus Pocus 2 in the background in honor of the new release. Congratulations to Team Green for winning the Nailed It challenge with their detailed cake pop mummy!

#### KIDS HOUSE ANNIVERSARIES

**Patrick Van Dyke** - 9 years of service  
**Felicia Moyer** - 4 years of service  
**Melody Salinas** - 1 year of service



### PARENTS CORNER

#### HOLIDAY STRESS

This holiday talk to your children about what being grateful means and how to be grateful, not only for the toys they receive but for people and experiences too!

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. Let the child choose their own boundaries. If they don't want to hug, someone suggest a high-five instead. Make sure you schedule a time to recharge during the holidays after celebrating with family and friends. This could be as simple as reading a book or going to bed early so that you can be well-rested.

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and count your blessings. Take this time to spend with family and friends. Watch an annual Thanksgiving day parade on television and enjoy a morning of togetherness. Bake your favorite Thanksgiving goodies as a family while listening to holiday music or playing Thanksgiving movies in the background. Once all the baking is done and you're waiting on dinner to be done and ready, consider doing some crafts! Make paper plate turkeys or a leaf wreath that displays each thing you are grateful This may even be the year to start new traditions that you may not have started in years past.



### GET INVOLVED

#### BE A STAR!

For every \$20 Donation, we will display a star on our giving wall at Kids House. With your help, we hope to get 1,000 stars displayed on our wall!

<https://www.kidshouse.org/be-a-star>

#### IN-KIND DONATIONS

A lot goes into helping the children work through their trauma and heal, which includes actual items we use when working with those children. Below is a list of things we use to aid in the healing process and offer additional support to our families. All in-kind Donations must be NEW and UNUSED.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bKhUaKJkOVHTdyumT8VkWIsRHD-JS\\_bjrcgMWUDzt6U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bKhUaKJkOVHTdyumT8VkWIsRHD-JS_bjrcgMWUDzt6U/edit?usp=sharing)

#### 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 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.

**For more information on how to get involved for the holidays please contact Patrick Van Dyke at [vandyke@kidshouse.org](mailto:vandyke@kidshouse.org).**

## -NOTEWORTHY NEWS-

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lake Mary Fire Department Open House**  
 November 12th, 2022  
**Kids House Annual Gala**  
 April 15th, 2023

### KIDS HOUSE OPEN POSITIONS

**Grant Manager**  
**Mental Health Therapist**  
**Advocacy Receptionist**  
**To apply, visit:**

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

### DONOR SPOTLIGHT

**Florida Blue Foundation**  
**Alan Wiginton Foundation**  
**Rohrer Family Foundation**