

HOPE, HEART & HOME - KIWANIS CLUB OF MIAMI

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2026

## NEWSLETTER





## WHO WE ARE !

**HOPE, HEART & HOME** IS A FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY COALITION RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR CATHOLIC AND INTER-FAITH COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT FOSTER CHILDREN IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

WE **SUSTAIN AND RETAIN FOSTER FAMILIES** BY PARTNERING IN LOCAL EVENTS AND BY SERVING AS **FOSTER PARENTS,**



**RESPIRE PARENTS, MENTORS, GUARDIAN AD LITEM, PANELISTS, AND CAREPORTAL FIRST RESPONDERS.**

WE HOST MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS ON THE **SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH** WITH EDUCATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS THAT INTRODUCE OUR CHILD ADVOCATES TO EVERY FACET OF **OUR CHILD WELFARE COMMUNITY.**

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HOPE  
HEART  
HOME





Hope Heart & Home child advocates Dr. **Alecia Rodriguez**, **Panos Kourtesis**, and **Eric Schwindeman** joined the Directors of the Community Based Care Alliance (CBC) in recognition of **Child Abuse Prevention** month on April 2 to urge support of children in Miami- Dade & Monroe counties.



It was announced at the meeting that **Dr. Alecia Rodriguez** and **Panos**

**Kourtesis** were elected to the Board of Directors of the **Community Based Care Alliance (CBC)**, which oversees child welfare services in Miami Dade. They join a dedicated team of professionals including Eric Schwindeman, Gilda Ferradaz, Kadie Black, Janice Graham, Denise Beeman Sasiain, Sharon Langer, Bryttany Stringer, and 20 other esteemed Child Advocates.

Both Dr. Rodriguez and Mr. Kourtesis also serve as Trustees with Hope Heart & Home and the Kiwanis Club of Miami.



# *HOPE, HEART & HOME Partner Kiwanis Club of Miami Unites Community Behind Foster Youth*

Citrus Family Care Network hosted their annual

## **HOOPS 4 UNITY**

Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 11 at JL (Joe) and Enid W. Demps Park, named after two **Kiwanis Club of Miami** members. The event brought together law enforcement officers, firefighters, correction officers, school security guards, and first responders to shoot hoops with youth in foster care.

This was the third year the **Kiwanis Club of Miami** sponsored the fun-filled gathering. Special thanks to **Marta Torres & Nadine Rolle** from Citrus FCN and the **Circle of Brotherhood** for teaming up with local officers. The kids enjoyed a morning full of basketball skills and excitement! And each youth went home with a basketball courtesy of the **Kiwanis Club of Miami!**







**COMMISSIONER  
KIONNE L. MCGHEE**  
DISTRICT 4

# #FosterLove&Community



**HOOPS4UNITY**

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A basketball tournament presented by Citrus Family Care Network bringing youth in foster care, law enforcement & first responders together.

**JOIN US!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026**  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

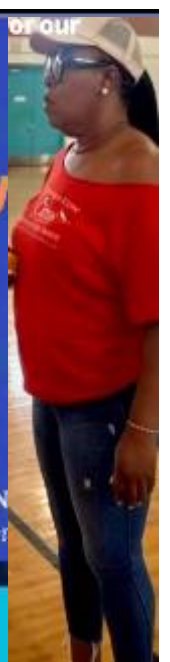
JL (Joe) and Enid W. Demps Park (aka Goulds Park)  
11350 SW 216th St, Miami, FL 33170

**SIGN UP:**  
[HTTPS://2026HOOPS4UNITY.EVENTBRITE.COM/](https://2026HOOPS4UNITY.EVENTBRITE.COM/)

Calling All Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Corrections Officers, Schools Security Guards & First Responders To Join Us!





## HOPE, HEART & HOME CELEBRATES CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Hope, Heart & Home celebrates April as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** with bio & foster families throughout Dade County.

HHH's **Mary Walton** and *Citrus FCN's* **Kim Lopez** made **Random Acts of Kindness** pick-ups with **Azal Fegghi's** *Building Kids Future Foundation* and at Holy Rosary St. Richards Catholic Church with HHH's **Kathleen Smith's** *Propelled in Christ Ministry*.

HHH **Maria Romanek & Family** and **Bernadett Horvath's** **BDW & More** team made Random

Acts of Kindness deliveries to their families over Easter weekend!  
Wonderful collaboration with all of HHH partners!







# HHH and KIWANIS



On April 20, Hope Heart & Home joined **the Kiwanis Club of Miami**, Florida who hosted their annual Divisional Council Meeting at the eclectic **German American Social Club**

in Kendall. The meeting united Kiwanis members from Miami, Little Havana, Kendall, Pinecrest, and Homestead, who exchanged success stories on engaging youth in Miami-Dade.



Representing Hope Heart & Home Ministry were Alecia Rodriguez, Eric Schwindeman, Panos Kourtesis, Mary Walton, and Paul Czenkaski. Happy birthday, Chuck Little!



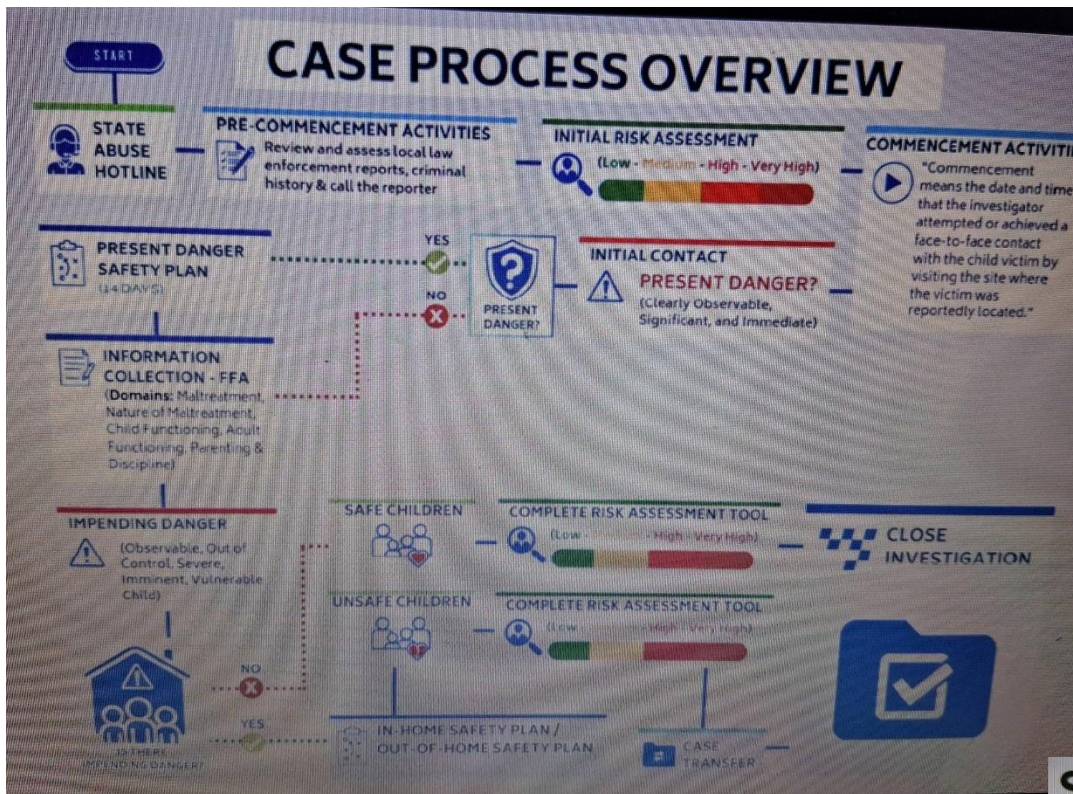


**GO GERMAN!!!**



# HHH HOSTS LESLINE ANGLADE

**Lesline Anglade**, Director of Child Protection at the **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**, offered Hope Heart & Home and child welfare partners a thorough insight into child protection services through a captivating presentation on the April 13 monthly virtual meeting.



The Child Protection Investigations (CPI) Project represents a collaborative effort between the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), local certified domestic violence centers, community-based care agencies, and other child welfare professionals that provide an optimal coordinated community response to families experiencing the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse.

The goal of the CPI project

is to bridge the gap between child welfare and domestic violence service providers to enhance family safety, create permanency for children, reduce removals of children from non-offending parents, and hold batterers accountable.

We are deeply grateful for Lesline's presence at our April monthly meeting.

## Strengthening Florida's Families

Working in partnership with local communities to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency.



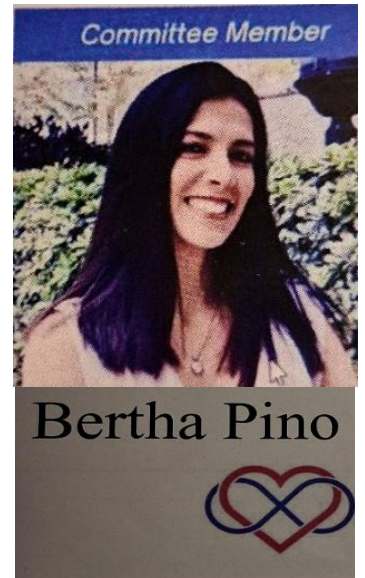


EXPLORE FOSTER  
MIAMI

# LUNCH WITH BERTHA



**Hope Heart & Home Ministry** had the pleasure of a nutritious *Crema Gourmet* lunch with the effervescent **Bertha Pino** from **Explore Foster Miami** on April 21, gaining valuable knowledge of new initiatives and the upcoming May 27 Stakeholders Breakfast. HHH is blessed to partner with such a wonderful child advocate with so many creative ideas!



## DID YOU KNOW?



-  **65%** of foster youth experience seven or more school changes (K-12) while in care.
-  **50%** of children in foster care have chronic medical problems.
-  **70%** is the approximate number of siblings who are in foster care. They are often separated while in care due to a lack of foster parents who can take in sibling groups.
-  **\$300K** is the average lifetime social cost paid by citizens for every youth who ages out of the foster care system. This includes public assistance and incarceration.



# HOPE, HEART & HOME and BDW & MORE CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY!



BDW & MORE

# 1 YEAR Anniversary CELEBRATION

A YEAR OF IMPACT, GROWTH & FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

**OUR IMPACT**

- Empowered **parents** to reconnect, rebuild, and reunify with their children
- Supported **families** through guidance, mentorship, and advocacy
- Partnered with local **organizations** to strengthen community resources
- Promoted positive **parenting** through outreach and engagement
- Helped **navigate** systems with encouragement, education, and support

**TOGETHER WE'VE BUILT**

- Stronger family bonds
- Healthier communication
- Opportunities for growth and second chances
- A community rooted in support and accountability

*Thank You!*

To every parent who showed up...  
To every family who trusted the process...  
To every partner who stood with us...  
**This year was possible because of YOU.**

**OUR MISSION CONTINUES**

*When Parents Thrive, Children Shine*

We remain committed to uplifting parents, strengthening families, and building a brighter future—together.

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1 YEAR DOWN. A LIFETIME OF IMPACT AHEAD.

Can you believe it's been a year since HHH's **Bernadett Horvath** launched **BDW and More**. "I'm humbled that I've never felt so fulfilled providing support to countless families." Bernadett exclaims. "I'm overflowing with gratitude and excited to grow alongside our community partners, continuing to make a positive impact. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of my dedicated volunteers who believed in me and the vision of **BDW**."

As we celebrate an extraordinary year of partnering with **BDW and Random Acts of Kindness**, Bernadett's team

pays tribute to "the unshakeable commitment of outstanding individuals whose selfless volunteerism and unwavering perseverance personify the very essence of community, igniting unrelenting collective resilience and propelling us forward toward achieving tangible, groundbreaking impact." Bernadett's "thank you's" include HHH and Eric Schwindeman.





# HHH Partners with Somerset College Prep Academy Key Club To Help Children in Foster Care!

KEY CLUB

# COMMUNITY Drive

MAY IS NATIONAL Foster Care Month

Join us in giving back and supporting children in foster care.

WE ARE COLLECTING:

**TOYS**  
Gently used or new

**CLOTHES**  
In good condition

**HYGIENE SUPPLIES / TOILETRIES**

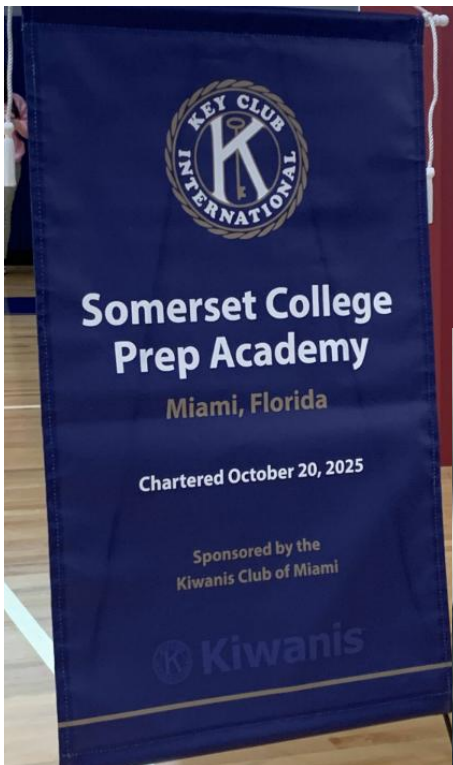
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DROP-OFF AT:  
**ROOM 203**

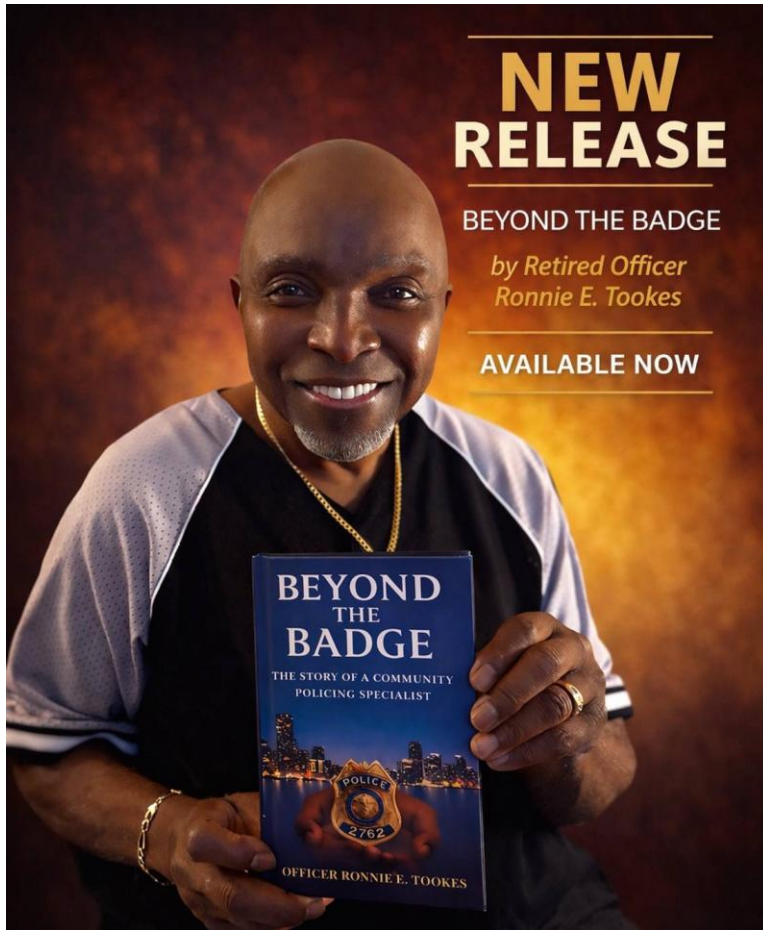
DATES:  
**MAY 1 – MAY 31**

EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.  
Thank you for helping us spread kindness!

Hope Heart & Home has embarked on a new initiative with the Kiwanis Club of Miami and the Somerset College Prep Academy Key Club. During the month of May, Mary Walton and Bernadett Horvath will oversee HHH's Random Acts of Kindness team as they receive donations collected by the Key Club for Miami- Dade's foster and bio families. Appreciation is extended to Cristy Amable, faculty advisor, for bringing together these advocates for children.



# RON TOOKES : SERVANT LEADER



Hope Heart & Home Ministry and the Kiwanis Club of Miami, Florida are pleased to announce the publication of

Trustee **Ronnie Tookes'** new book,

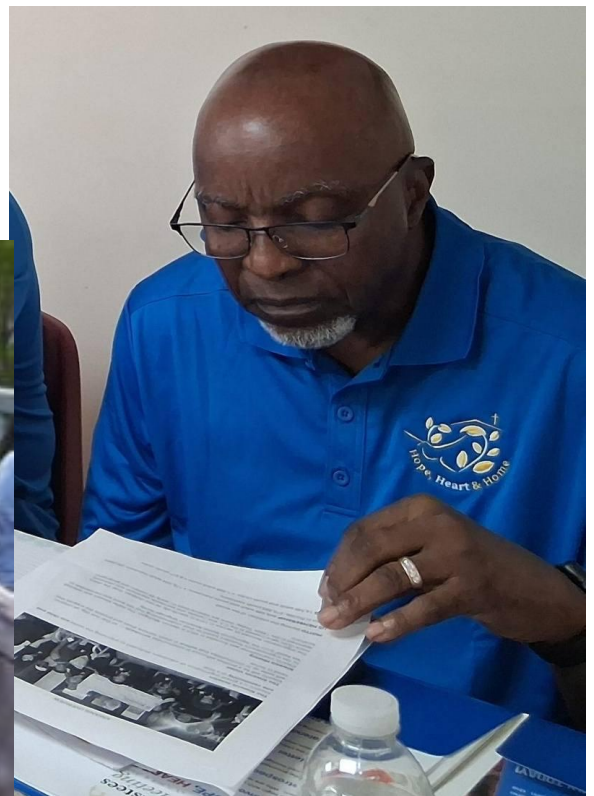
## **BEYOND THE BADGE.**

This book is more than just a story—it's a journey. It gives you a real, behind-the-

scenes look into Ronnie's life as a police officer, the heart of community policing, and the experiences that shaped his perspective beyond the uniform. It's about service, sacrifice, relationships, and the impact we can make when we truly show up for our communities.



This is personal. This is purpose. This is Beyond the Badge. A long-standing leader in the community, Ronnie joins esteemed HHH authors Drs. Alecia Rodriguez and Michelle Witherspoon with this release.



# HHH Supports

## Trade Career Pathways



**Kevin Ballard**, representing Hope, Heart & Home and the Kiwanis Club of Miami, proudly announces the launch of the **'trade career pathways for youth' initiative,** a joint venture with Deacons **Ron Tookes** and

**Peter Calhoun**, and talented teens from Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church. This Kiwanis Club of Miami's sponsored pilot program kicks off with Kevin's introductory session on the HVAC trade. Interested teens should scan the QR Code to register for classes.

**TRADE & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH**  
A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS WITHOUT STUDENT LOAN DEBT

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW** Are you a parent or student exploring career options after high school? This program introduces youth to high-demand trades and career pathways that provide:

- IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- HANDS-ON SKILLS TRAINING
- FINANCIAL STABILITY & INDEPENDENCE
- CAREER GROWTH WITHOUT COLLEGE DEBT

**EXPLORE HIGH-DEMAND CAREER PATHS**

| SKILLED TRADES                                                                                                                                  | TECHNICAL CAREERS                                                                           | SERVICE CAREERS                                                                               | PUBLIC SERVICE                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Electrical</li><li>Plumbing</li><li>HVAC</li><li>Carpentry</li><li>Welding</li><li>Construction</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Automotive Technician</li><li>Computer / IT</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Barbering / Cosmetology</li><li>Culinary Arts</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Law Enforcement</li><li>Fire Rescue</li></ul> |

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**HVAC PRESENTATION**  
**COMING SOON!**  
An in-depth HVAC Career Presentation is being scheduled.  
DATE: TBA  
TIME: TBA  
LOCATION: ON CHURCH CAMPUS  
Stay tuned for more details!

**REGISTER HERE - QUICK & EASY**  
Scan the QR Code below to complete the **PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**  
No paper forms required  
Fast and secure submission  
Directly sent to program coordinator  
All submissions will be received by: **DEACON PETER CALHOUN**  
Do NOT place forms in the offering basket or church office.  
All responses must be submitted using the QR code.

**WHY THIS PROGRAM MATTERS**  
Many students graduate high school without a clear plan. This program provides direction, opportunity, and purpose by exposing them to real career options that can lead to immediate income and long-term success.

**YOUR FUTURE STARTS TODAY!**

LOCATION: **SWEET HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10701 Southwest 107th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33176

CO-SPONSORED BY **Kiwanis CLUB OF MIAMI**



## TRADE SCHOOL



# *Kiwanis Elect New Board of Directors*

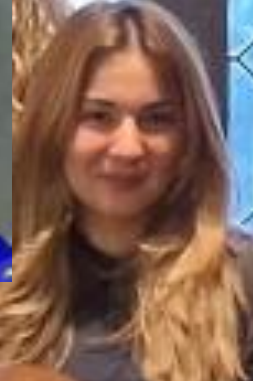


The **Kiwanis Club of Miami** achieved a significant milestone at its largest Annual Meeting on May 4th, with the election of 8 new members to its Board of Officers and Directors.

Congratulations to the incoming team comprising **Hope, Heart & Home's Alecia Rodriguez**, as President; **Eric Schwindeman** as President Elect; **Panos Kourtesis** as Vice President; and Directors **Ronald Tookes**, **Bernadett Horvath**, **Mary Walton**, **Paul Czekanski**, and **Nikki Mendoza**, who will join seasoned members **Chuck Little** & **George Cadman** on the 2026-27 Board.

Special thanks to **Chuck Gugliuzza** for successfully conducting the election.





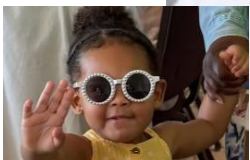
# HOPE, HEART & HOME GOES TO JUNGLE ISLAND

WITH HIS HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME  
SPONSORED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MIAMI

On May 4, the **Kiwanis Club of Miami** approved funding for a celebratory luncheon honoring foster parents of children at **His House Children's Home**. The families enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and a day at the Island's attractions! Congratulations to HH's **David Castillion** for organizing this wonderful event!

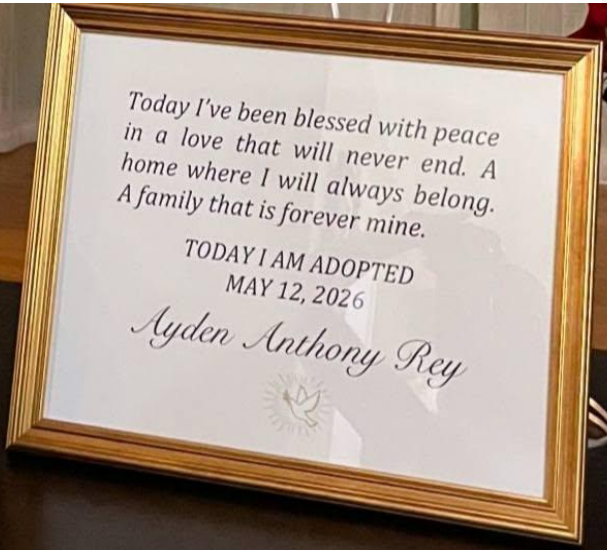


A PLACE OF HEALING & HOPE  
FOR KIDS IN  
FOSTER CARE



# AYDEN COMES HOME!

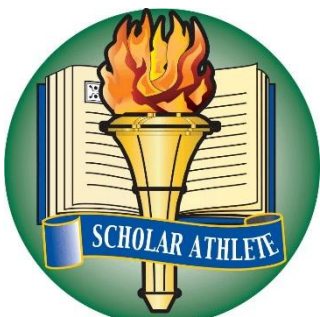
The **Hope Heart & Home** and the **Kiwanis Club of Miami** community is thrilled to extend congratulations to our **Maria Rey Family** on the adoption of young **Mr. Ayden**, marking a momentous occasion in their lives, following a joyful courthouse ceremony. Welcome home, Ayden! God bless you & your parents

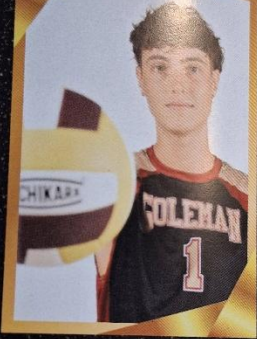


## ADOPTION

# Kiwanis Club of Miami Honors High School Scholar Athletes

Four outstanding graduates from the Class of 2026 were honored with \$1000 scholarships by the **Kiwanis Club of Miami** at the GMAC Scholar-Athlete Award Ceremony held on May 12. Led by **Chuck Little**, the Kiwanis presenters, including **Diana Morrell**, **Alecia Rodriguez**, and **Eric Schwindeman**, celebrated these individuals' academic distinction and athletic excellence.





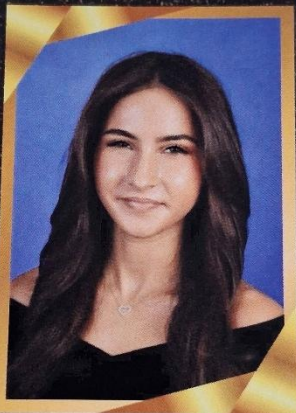
BARBARA GOLEMAN  
SENIOR HIGH

*Branley Borrego*



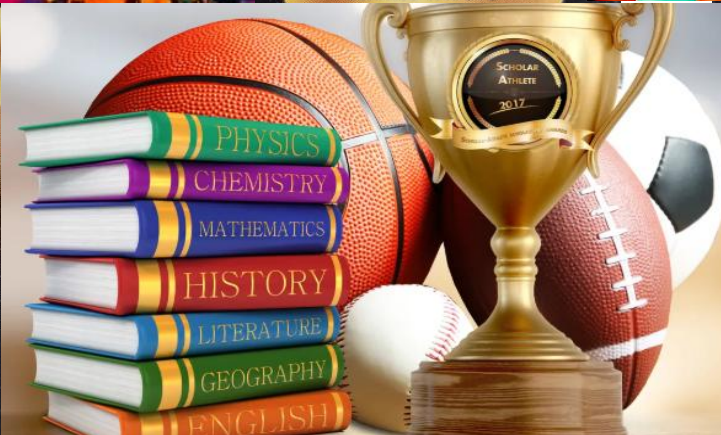
MIAMI PALMETTO  
SENIOR HIGH

*Alexis Moore*

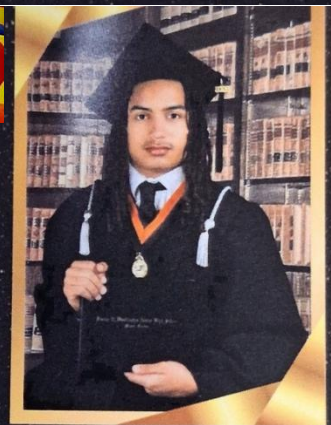


ALONZO & TRACY  
MOURNING SENIOR HIGH

*Mia Jacobi*



**Miami-Dade County Public Schools honor best and  
brightest at Scholar-Athlete ceremony**



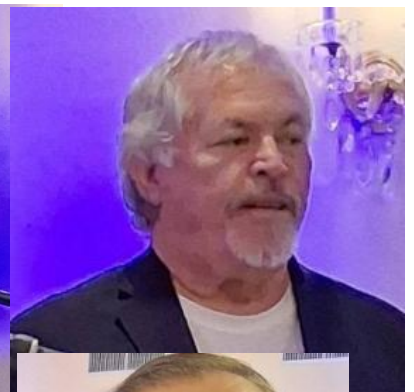
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON  
SENIOR HIGH

*Dannell Wesby*

# OUT OF FOSTER LAUNCH PARTY!



On May 13, the **Out of Foster Foundation's 6th Annual Launch Party** united child welfare partners to support former foster youth, with notable attendees including Chairman **Rudy Bustamante**, **Esther Jacobo**, **Marta Oliva Torres**, **Marcel Rivas**, **Mario Jardon**, **Maria Alonso**, and **Leslie Veiga** of Citrus FCN, **Eric Schwindeman** of **Hope Heart & Home**, **Demarco Mott** of the Youth Alliance Council, and **Jorge Fernandez**, Board Member & Kiwanis activist.





## HELPING OUR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH TODAY IS AN INVALUABLE INVESTMENT IN ALL THEIR TOMORROWS —AND OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE, TOO!

Every year, hundreds of young adults exit the foster care system without the support they need to thrive. They seldom have a family to return to, much less depend on. Many face homelessness, under- or unemployment, financial instability. And their inexperience only makes things tougher.

Out of Foster Foundation provides life-changing programs that empower these young men and women with support, skills, stability, and opportunities for success.

By providing resources, mentorship, and opportunities, we can empower them to become self-sufficient, contributing members of our community. Supporting these young adults not only changes their lives but strengthens our society as a whole.

When we **invest** in them, we help cultivate future leaders, skilled workers, and engaged citizens. A thriving community is one where **everyone** has the chance to succeed.



**Housing Stipends**  
OOFF's Excalibur Youth Empowerment Project

**Workforce Development Coaching**



**Scholarships**





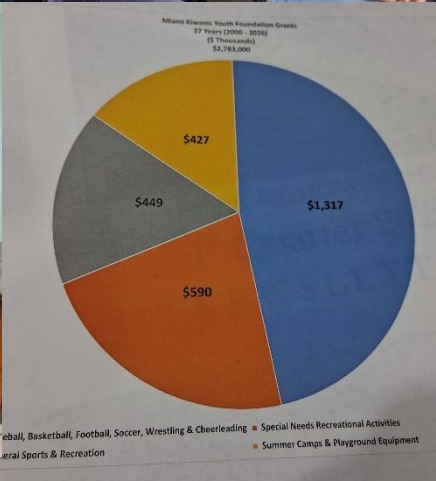
Miami  
**Kiwanis**  
Youth Foundation



**KIWANIS CLUB OF MIAMI**  
**GRANTS**

May 21 was particularly significant for the 15 small non-profits providing recreational services to local youth, as the **Kiwanis Club of Miami** presented \$200,000 in grants, with Hope Heart & Home partner **Sadie's Daughter Inc.** being one of the recipients, bringing the total donations to \$2.8 million.

Gratitude is expressed to Kiwanis Chuck Little, Nancy Little, George Lucas, Dianna Morrell, Ron Tookes, Enid Demps, Dr. Alecia Rodriguez, Gigi Devalle, Amy Gonzalez, and Eric Schwindeman for their role in hosting the event.





“Thank you to the [Miami Kiwanis Youth Foundation](#) for investing in our youth and helping make sports exposure possible for 140 PreK–5th grade students. Through golf, tennis, gymnastics, baseball, and soccer, students will build confidence, teamwork, perseverance, and positive social-emotional skills through play and movement. Together, we’re creating opportunities, expanding access, and making lasting impact in our community,” praised Dr. Alecia Rodriguez.

# Sadie's Daughter

— INITIATIVE —

**SERVING**  
**140**  
 PreK–5th Grade  
**STUDENTS**

*Excited to Share!*

SDI was awarded funds through a grant from the

**PAUL ZEE MEMORIAL FUND.**

*Thank you*

**MIAMI KIWANIS YOUTH FOUNDATION!**

These funds will support

**Sports Exposure for 140 PreK–5th grade students.**

Students will be introduced to a variety of sports that are often economically inaccessible, including golf, tennis, gymnastics, baseball, and soccer.

**EXPLORING. LEARNING. GROWING.**

**GOLF**

**TENNIS**

**GYMNASTICS**

**BASEBALL**

**SOCCER**

EACH SESSION INTEGRATES PHYSICAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT WITH SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING, reinforcing respect, teamwork, perseverance, and positive behavior.

**RESPECT**

**TEAMWORK**

**PERSEVERANCE**

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOR**

*Thank you for investing in our youth!*

AND HELPING US CREATE MEANINGFUL, LASTING IMPACT WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Grant Provided by:

**Miami Kiwanis**  
YOUTH FOUNDATION

Creating Opportunities.  
Building Brighter Futures.

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## Hope, Heart & Home Hosts Voices For Children

**Kadie Black**, President and CEO of Voices For Children Foundation, and **Alecia Curtis** presented key initiatives and projects of the organization to 32 child advocates at **Hope Heart & Home** on May 11, representing a significant collaboration between the child welfare organization and Hope Heart & Home. Thank you ladies for one of the most impressive evenings HHH has enjoyed. The lives Voices have changed have made our future brighter!



### 2024-2025 YEAR IN NUMBERS

**267**  
Children achieved permanency including reunification, guardianship, or adoption

**5000+**  
Essential items provided to support stability and normalcy to meet urgent needs with dignity

**431**  
Children participated in 39 growth-building experiences Confidence. Connection. Possibility.  
  
These included transformative experiences such as:  
• Service project in the Dominican Republic  
• Statewide college tour  
• Therapeutic Wilderness Program  
• Epic Memory Making at Disney  
• New York Life Skills in Motion  
• Local experiences

**462**  
Children were supported so they could remain safely with relatives  
  
Only 9% later entered a foster home or group home

**97%**  
Youth ages 16+ served maintained employment or schooling  
Focused support works

**1052**  
Total unduplicated youth served last fiscal year through one of our five pillars

**REAL IMPACT. REAL LIVES CHANGED.**

*Every number represents a child whose future is brighter.*

### CORE VALUES



### VOICES FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

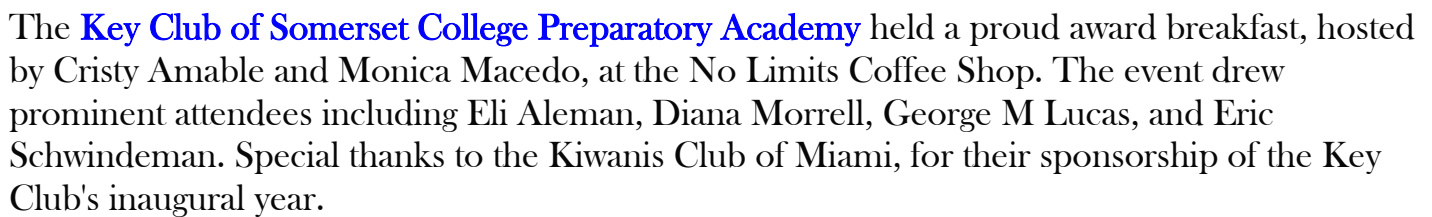


### OUR WORK



Voices For Children Foundation is committed to creating lasting impact for foster youth by providing critical resources, emotional support, mentorship, and pathways to self-sufficiency. Kadie Black's vision is to build a more compassionate and collaborative child welfare system where every child is seen, supported, and empowered to thrive beyond foster care.

**SCPA**  
KEY CLUB  
Recognition  
Breakfast

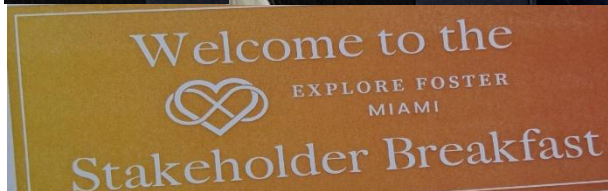


# EXPLORE FOSTER MIAMI



Explore Foster Miami brought together 120 faith-based non-profits, churches, and agencies for the Stakeholders Breakfast held on May 27, attended by 15 **Hope Heart & Home** Ministry delegates. **Panos Kourtesis** and **Bertha Pino** of Explore Foster Miami received recognition from the office of Miami Mayor Daniela Levine Cava for exceptional community collaboration, and HHH congratulates them on this achievement.





# HHH's Community Outreach Programs To Foster and Bio Families

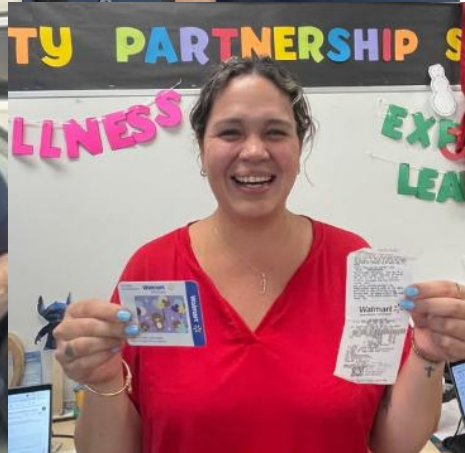


Through the **Random Acts of Kindness** community outreach program, **Hope Heart & Home**, in conjunction with **Somerset College Prep Academy's Key Club** and with sponsorship from the **Kiwanis Club of Miami**, was able to provide aid to numerous foster and biological families in Dade County. **Cristy Amable, Bernadett Horvath, BDW & More**, and **Mary Walton** are commended for their exemplary leadership and collaboration on this initiative

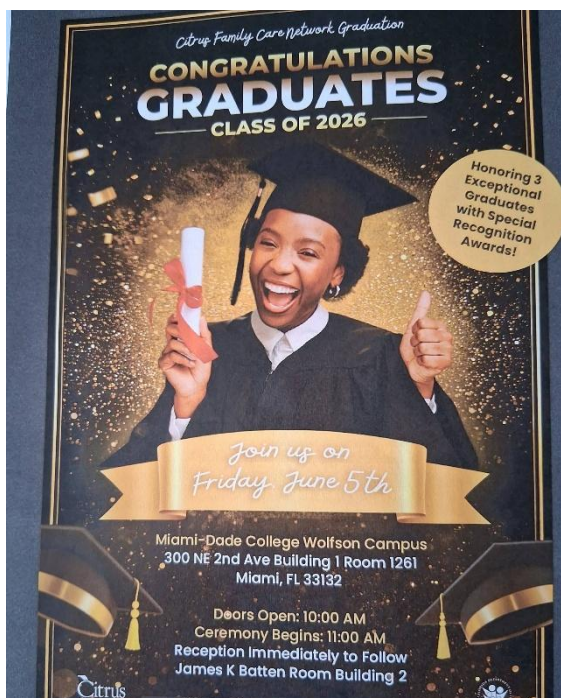




Hope Heart & Home and Kiwanis Club of Miami, Florida takes great pleasure in recognizing Trustee **Bernadett Horvath** and **Valerie VanOstran** for their outstanding community outreach efforts through **BDW & More**, **Random Acts of Kindness**, and **CarePortal**. Their tireless work has led to the creation of new innovative partnerships supporting biological and foster families in Dade County.

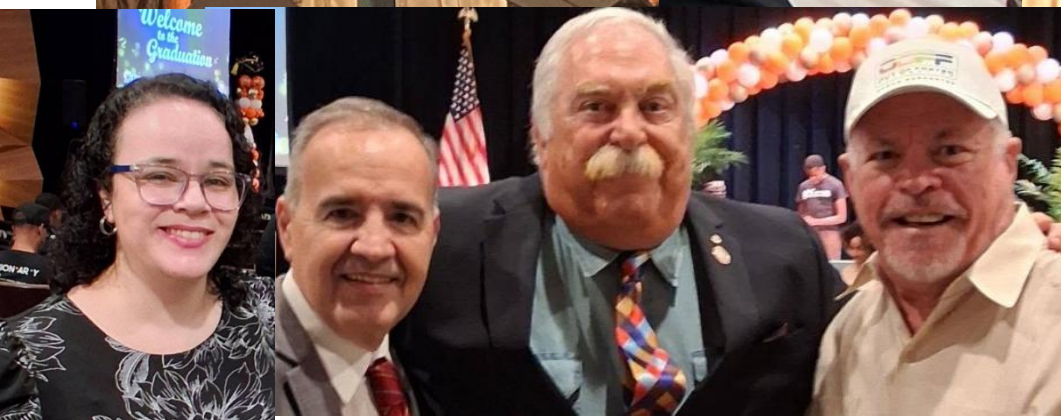
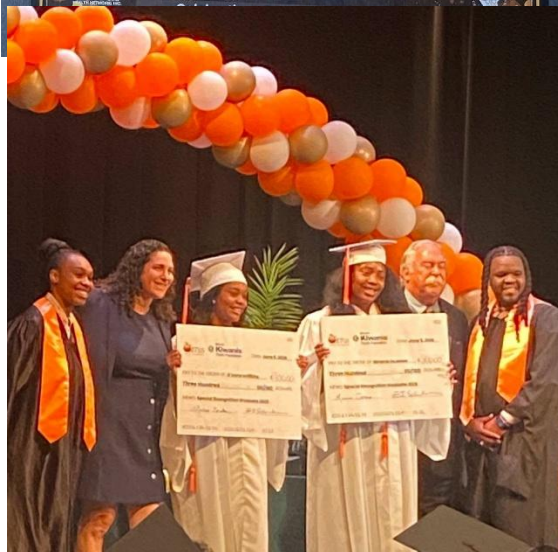


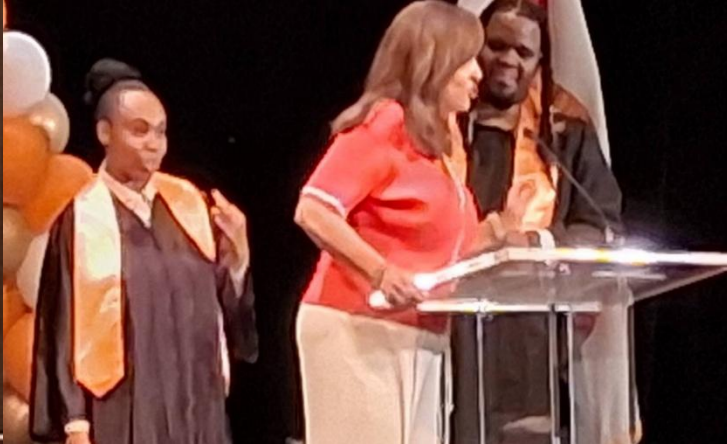
# KIWANIS CLUB OF MIAMI FUNDS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEENS AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE



**Citrus Family Care Network** celebrated a major achievement with the graduation of 60 youths from the Class of 2026, including foster care, adopted youth, and former foster youth who were awarded high school diplomas, GEDs, vocational technical certificates, and higher academic degrees.

**The Kiwanis Club of Miami** presented three outstanding graduates with generous scholarships, conferred by incoming President-Elect Eric Schwindeman at a ceremony held at MDC's Wolfson Campus June 5.





# KIWANIS CLUB OF MIAMI SUPPORTS COMMUNITY YOUTH INITIATIVES




**TRINITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IS HONORED AND GRATEFUL  
to receive our **FIRST GRANT IN 42 YEARS** from the  
MIAMI KIWANIS YOUTH FOUNDATION!**





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MIAMI, FL 33233-0823

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Trinity Christian Fellowship

FOR Donation

*Thank You!*  
Your generosity is making a difference  
in the lives of children and families.



Because of your generosity, we are preparing to bless children and families in our community  
through our *Friends & Family Summer Bazaar*.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**  
for children

**GROCERY ASSISTANCE**  
for families

**TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT**  
for those in need

**EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**  
to encourage learning

**YOUR SUPPORT IS HELPING US  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
BEFORE THE WORK  
EVEN BEGINS.**

*We are blessed to be a blessing.* Thank you for believing in our mission!



The Kiwanis Club of Miami, continued its generous support of foster youth in the community by sponsoring:

**“Friends & Family Summer Bazaar”** which provides school supplies, educational material, grocery assistance, and transportation support for youth in need. Bazaar to be held on the grounds of Trinity Christian Fellowship Church in Goulds. Kiwanis Treasurer Chuck Little presented a check to HHH & Kiwanis Member, **Pastor Lavern Harvey**.



TRINITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
PRESENTS:

## SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

**JUNE 9TH – AUGUST 13TH**  
**22801 SW 117TH AVE**

**FOR ALL KIDS  
18 & UNDER!**



**LEAP OF FAITH SCHOLARSHIP**  
FIRE IN MIAMI CONFERENCE 2026

TAKE THE LEAP. SHARE YOUR STORY. STEP INTO YOUR PURPOSE!

**CONTEST PROMPT**  
Applicants are invited to submit ONE of the following:  
2-3 MINUTE VIDEO OR 300-450 WORD ESSAY  
TOPIC: What does "Leap of Faith" mean to you?

**ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES**  
Participants may apply under one of the following categories:  
MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8  
HIGH SCHOOL Grades 9-12  
COLLEGE Admitted or Currently Enrolled Students

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**  
ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:  
✓ Full Name  
✓ Age  
✓ Grade Level  
✓ Phone Number  
✓ Email Address  
✓ Submission Type (Video or Essay)  
SUBMIT VIA EMAIL: [Fireinmiami24@gmail.com](mailto:Fireinmiami24@gmail.com)  
EMAIL SUBJECT LINE: Leap of Faith Scholarship Submission

**DEADLINE**  
MAY 17, 2026 AT 11:59 PM  
Late submissions will not be accepted.

**WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Winners will be announced LIVE during the Fire in Miami Conference 2026. Be there for the exciting reveal - you could be our next scholarship recipient!

**\$500 FIRST PLACE PRIZE**  
AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY!

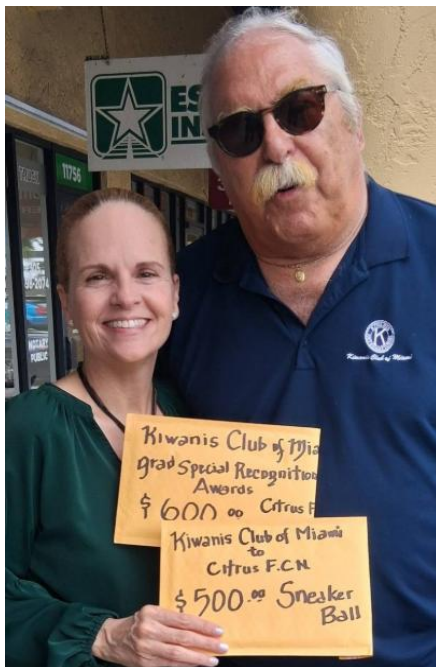


**"Fire In Miami Conference"** with Leap of Faith scholarships to under-privileged youth in middle school, high school, and college to be presented at **Grace Church** in Miami. Pastor Ramon Gordon received a generous check from HHH & Kiwanis Trustee **Mary Walton**.



**"The Annual Black Tie & Sneaker Ball"** on June 6, in collaboration with Citrus Family Care Network. Citrus FCN's **Marta Torres** received a check from Kiwanis President-Elect **Eric Schwindeman** to fund the Ball for teens aging out of foster care held this year in Palmetto Bay.

Kiwanis sponsorship and involvement remain pivotal in shaping the child welfare landscape in South Florida

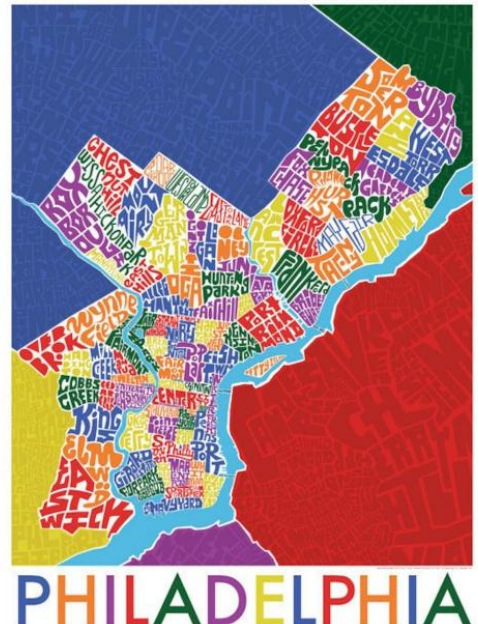




## **HOPE, HEART & HEART ENJOYS AN EVENING WITH PATTY BULACK, MELISSA TAYLOR AND KENYATTA MACK**

Legacy Looks Forward: A Powerful Live Panel on Foster Care, Healing, and Chosen Family - Where One Decision to Say "Yes!" Changed Lives Forever.

Miami Child Advocates attending **Hope Heart & Home's** virtual meeting on Monday, June 8 got to hear a touching panel discussion, featuring CAREPORTAL's **Patty Bulack**, Florida Foster Care Review's **Melissa Taylor**, and Philadelphia Catholic Charities' **Kenyatta Mack**, sharing an inspiring story of foster care, healing, and life transformation.



# HHH Child Advocates in the News!



## Who Knows BLU Nose?

by [Dr. Michelle L. Witherspoon](#) (Author)



Hope, Heart & Home and the Kiwanis Club of Miami congratulate [Dr. Michelle Witherspoon](#) on the publication of her new book, “Who Knows BLU Nose?” Filled with colorful illustrations, playful energy, and meaningful life lessons, Who Knows BLU Nose? celebrates individuality, resilience, and the power of staying true to self. This is a wonderful literary publication that is perfect for children, families, educators, and communities.



## Field Trips Offered to Homestead – Miami Speedway

by [Victoria Freitas](#)

New to Hope, Heart & Home, [Victoria Freitas](#), Event Marketing and Community Partnerships Coordinator at NASCAR - Southeast Region, met with us at the Explore Foster Miami breakfast. She is arranging complimentary field trips for our youth to the Homestead-Miami Speedway. Stay tuned!



## New Academic Program by [Leanna Roberts](#).



HHH’s Hawaiian Director, [Leanna Roberts](#), who recently completed her MA in Non-profit Financial Management from Cornell, has been accepted into the Michigan State Masters Program in *Global Non-Profit Leadership, Global Cultures and Social Enterprise*. This role will only expand her consulting, marketing, and communication services provided to HHH. Congratulations, Leanna!

Michigan State University (MSU) offers a fully online M.A. in Global Nonprofit Leadership, Global Cultures, and Social Enterprise through the Department of Religious Studies. It is specifically designed for professionals, community organizers, and nonprofit leaders who want to understand global belief systems and culture to forge social change. [Michigan State Uni...](#) +2



## CITRUS FCN JUNE 27 REUNIFICATION CELEBRATION

Hope Heart & Home Ministry was honored to attend Citrus Family Care Network's Annual Reunification Celebration, held at Jungle Island on June 27. The event provided an excellent opportunity for our bio parents and partners to come together. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to [Allison Schild](#) and [Bernadett Horvath](#) from Citrus, as well as all the professionals in the care system who work diligently to support family reunification.



**"NO MORE ORPHAN EXPERIENCE" COMES TO KENDALL!  
PRIORITIZES FOSTERING & ADOPTION!**



The **Declare No More Foundation** aims to move people to action to help vulnerable populations, addressing the connection between poverty, vulnerability, and exploitation. Its work focuses on **serving the poor, supporting orphans, and combating human trafficking** through community engagement, volunteer programs, and awareness campaigns. The foundation encourages individuals to take a stand and declare "No More!" to these injustices.

The foundation organizes a variety of initiatives, including community events, like the **No More Orphans Experience**, which provide families and individuals with insight into the realities facing vulnerable children and practical ways to help.

Hope, Heart & Home and many of our partners enjoyed the **No More Orphans Experience** service and networking opportunity held Sunday evening, June 28 at Christ Church in Kendall.



# THANK YOU Foster Families



Kiwanian volunteers  
are the **hands and**  
**hearts** behind  
every brighter  
tomorrow.

**Kiwanis**

