



JUNE 2011 Newsletter

Dear NANA's House Supporter,

Happy Summer! This is the second of our quarterly newsletters. We have been blessed with many successful fundraising events and the support of loyal volunteers and community donations! The paragraphs that follow are updates on what's been happening at NANA's House. If

you find it in your heart to volunteer or contribute in some way that will surely make a difference in the lives of the needy children of our community... please contact us. Also, we are ready to expand our efforts. Please pray that a donated space for a thrift store and donated land for our gated community will become available in the near future! Thanks so much for caring and supporting our unique cause.

Sincerely,

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Vision- Transform the hearts and minds of children by instilling Godly character which will guide them through

***** A NOTE FROM OUR HOUSE PARENTS *****

Hello to All Our Great Supporters!

I want to begin by personally thanking everyone who has donated meals these past months. It helps reduce our grocery bill and gives the kids a glimpse at the wonderful things we can do for our God. We call each of you our 'angel' and the children are so precious in remembering to pray for you; thanking God that you listened to Him when He asked you to help.

The family is so excited to have new grass in the back yard! We spend almost every morning and evening either on the screened porch painting, water splashing or simply playing with toys or in the back yard enjoying our clean outside play space. We are also still enjoying horse ranch therapy where the children feed the horses, sometimes paint a horse or give one a bath. We are finally beginning introducing the kids to sitting on and riding the horses! They are super excited; we just hope they don't get too afraid.

Our week is full of great stimulating activities including music & play classes at Gymboree Play & Music, free play at Play Plus, zoo trips or hikes at Turkey Creek and lots of family get-togethers. Our home schooling is going well and we hope to have the twins well prepared for preschool next year.

We hope you are as proud of these children as we are for facing each day in spite of the uncertainty of their families. Please, continue to sponsor our efforts to give them plenty to keep their minds occupied with happier thoughts. From one volunteer to another- Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

NANA's House Parents

Mission Statement: *To provide a safe, secure, loving, Christian home for neglected, abused, needy, or abandoned children.*

NANA'S HOUSE FUNDRAISERS ++++++

DINNER DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION

Our 4th Annual Semi-Formal Dinner Dance and Silent Auction, held on Saturday, May 14th, held at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront was a huge success! This year's theme, ***"A Promise for the Future,"*** turned out to be a huge success. The event raised \$16,500 and a special presentation of \$10,000 from the neighborhood WalMart stores helped us to exceed our goal for this annual event. This year's auction had over 75 various items and there was dancing to the music of ***"Anything Under the Stars"*** featuring DJ Rick. **Dona with Chocolicious** was back with her chocolate fountain that accents **The Produce Place of Suntree's** delicious fruits. **Heather from Couture Candy Buffets** also provided a nice display of candy and cupcakes, along with desserts from **Petra's Kitchen**.

Thanks to everyone who attended the event, volunteered their time and efforts, and donated to the Silent Auction to make this such a fun, memorable, and successful event! **Mark your calendars- FEBRUARY 11, 2012- for next year's Dinner Dance! It will sell out fast because it will have a Valentine Theme!**

Thank you to the following businesses who sponsored this event:

- ♥ East Coast Plumbing, Berman Hopkins, Wright, & Laham CPAs
- ♥ Eric the Gas Man, "Fight Like A Girl" in Memory of Linda Sue Randy
- ♥ Classic Wood Flooring, Mr. No Fuss Meals- Heavenly Treats
- ♥ J & T Insulation, Imported Car Store
- ♥ Space Coast Licensed Roofer's Association, Life Paths
- ♥ Intercoastal Accounting, Morgan and Barbary, P.A.
- ♥ Weichert Realty- Scott Case, Pearce Power Spraying and Pest Control
- ♥ Hayworth, Chaney, & Thomas, P.A., Scott Dixon, P.A.
- ♥ Southeast Engineering, Re-Max Alternative Realty, World Class Investigation

"LINKS OF LOVE" JEWELRY LINE

If you love jewelry and entertaining, *then hosting a party is the perfect way to volunteer for NANA's House.* 100% of the profits go directly to help needy and abused children in our community. **Please call Lisa @ 321-508-0209** if you or someone you know would be interested in hosting a jewelry party.

BOWLING FOR NANA'S HOUSE FUNDRAISING EVENT: Our first bowling event will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 11 am to 2 pm at Brunswick harbor Lanes on Wickham Rd. The cost per person is \$10.00 and includes 3 hours of bowling, free shoe rental, and soda. There will be a bake

sale, raffle drawings, bowling contests, and a 50-50 drawing. **COME ON OUT AND BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY SOME BOWLING FUN AND TO BENEFIT A GREAT CAUSE!** *Contact Laura Clawson @ 321-243-8583 for tickets and more details. YOU MUST PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE!*

4TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/ WALK-A-THON/ FAMILY FUN DAY

Mark your calendars- Saturday, October 8th, 2011- will be the day for our fourth 5K event! We are bringing back the **RUN part of the event this year** with professional timing for avid runners in the community, a walk-a-thon portion for all ages who like raising money by taking pledges, and a family fun portion with games, relay races, music and face painting. There will be trophies, snacks, and massages available like in our past 5Ks. We are currently looking for sponsors, runners, and walkers. Paperwork will be available soon. Check our Website for more info as it is released. Call Kim @ 321-266-3829 or Donna @ 609-510-3947 for more details, if interested.

NANA'S HOUSE THRIFT STORE- Help find a donated space in a great location!

NANA'S House is preparing to expand by **opening a thrift store** in the near future. We are looking for donated space and someone who would like to be the **Thrift Store Manager**. Contact us with any leads. Our storage units are full and ready to be moved to a thrift store space!

WALL OF HOPE

It's never too late to send in your **\$20 donation** to have your name added to our **Wall of Hope** which will be displayed in the community center on the property of our NANA'S House Community. *Thanks so much* to all of our supporters and contributors to this fund raising campaign.

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ *Please spread the word and encourage others to participate.* ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

GRANTS

If you are aware of any grant money available for 501c3 organizations such as ours, please contact Kim.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY PLEDGES

Thank you to our supporters who pledge monthly and quarterly! Many of you are so FAITHFUL and COMMITTED to our cause and **send a check on your own each month**. Others of you have decided to **pledge through your payroll at work**, and we receive your generous donations that way. Now that we have a home up and running, the monthly bills are coming in steadily...so your monthly pledges are *greatly appreciated*. Please **PRAY** that more people will consider donating to our cause in this manner.

TD BANK AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

This is a brand new way to support Nana's House! Nana's House is participating in the new Affinity Membership Program with TD Bank.... and we are asking all **those who support Nana's House, and bank**

with TD, to let them know that **you support Nana's House**. By doing so, **TD Bank will contribute 1/2 of 1% based on annual average balances of all checking accounts, and 1/4 of 1% for savings accounts and CDs**. What an easy way to raise money for our organization! Please ask your TD Bank Representative to go over the details with you and get you signed up!

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

If you are interested in knowing more about NANA's HOUSE, how we came about, what our mission is all about, and how you can help, we are having a Volunteer Orientation Meeting on Thursday, August 25th, at 7:00 pm at Calvary Chapel on Minton Road in the Chapel area. There are many volunteering opportunities available. Our committees are: Communications, Promotions, Special Events, Jewelry, Creative Projects, Chamber Events, Home Support, Garage Sale/Thrift Store, House Meals, Transportation, and Office Assistance.

Call Donna @ 609-510-3947 for details.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Kim will be speaking at the Indialantic Rotary Club in the next few weeks. If you would be interested in a presentation for a community group that you belong to, or know of such a group that would like a presentation, (a club, a church group, PTA, sports organization, business, etc.)...please contact Kim. She is more than willing to travel to do a short presentation about NANA's House and how they can help needy children in our community.

MEALS

We are currently filling up the monthly calendar with donated meals for the NANA's House family. If you would be interested in committing to providing one meal a month, or you know a restaurant who would like to give back to the community in this manner, please call Donna @ 609-510-3947 or Maria @ 321-725-3317 for more info.

HOUSE "WISH LIST"

If anyone is interested in donating directly to the family at NANA's House...they can always use:

~WalMart or Publix gift cards to purchase food for the house. We have found this is the best way to provide food... and alleviates problems with allergies, expiration dates, etc.

~ Paper products: toilet tissue, tissues, paper towels, and napkins.

~ Snacks- no peanuts or peanut derivatives. (Children are allergic to peanuts.)

~ Laundry detergent and laundry products.

ROOM AVAILABLE AT NANA'S HOUSE

We currently have two beds available at our home. (After July 4, there will be three beds.) If you know of any family that may need to place their child/children in a safe and loving home, have them call Kim asap.

RECOGNITION~

Many Thanks to...

♥ World of Beer for sponsoring a golf tournament that raised over \$2,300.

- ♥ 10 Neighborhood Walmarts for their generous \$10,000 donation.
- ♥ Sertoma Club for sponsoring a rummage sale and raising \$587.95.
- ♥ AAA Malabar Storage for raising \$255 through raffle tickets at their Open House.
- ♥ Space Coast Massage Institute for raising \$110.
- ♥ Atlantic Business Systems for providing printing for our Dinner Dance.
- ♥ Genesis House for donating baby quilts and matching pillows.
- ♥ Jean Louzon for donating a piano to Nana's House.
- ♥ Melting Pot for holding a Ladies' Night in support of NH.
- ♥ New Life Nursery for delivering sod at cost to beautify our NH lawn!
- ♥ Stacy Strohl for helping to create and update the NH scrapbook.
- ♥ Suntime United Methodist Youth Group and Calvary Youth Groups for helping with the lawn at NH.
- ♥ Brenda Radke for purchasing all the left over baskets from the Silent Auction and for her connection with Brevard Physician's Network and Space Coast Boat Races.
- ♥ East Coast Plumbing for donating all the plumbing materials for the new sprinkler system at NH.
- ♥ Dwight Walker for generously donating his 50/50 winnings back to NH at the dinner/dance.
- ♥ Central Pump and Supply for donating all the irrigation materials for the sprinkler system.
- ♥ Chuck and Heather Innocenti for donating a used car, which was sold on Craig's List. Thanks to Bill DiBongrazio for handling that!
- ♥ Kohl's for helping put together our silent auction baskets and for their \$500 donation through their generous volunteer program.
- ♥ B Creative for donating a brand new banner.
- ♥ Northrup Grumman and their "biggest loser" fundraiser that raised \$250 for NH, and for their employees' charity for their \$200 donation.
- ♥ Good Impressions Printing for providing the beautiful color programs for our dinner/dance.