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# January 2014 Newsletter



## Nana's House

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<http://www.nanaschildrenshome.com>

*Mission: To provide a safe, secure, loving home where Neglected, Abused, Needy, or Abandoned children can come and experience God's love!*

### Wish List:

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### Calendar of Events:

Visit the calendar on our website.

**CALENDAR**

## Upcoming Events

**Feb 14** - 7yh Annual Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction

**Oct 9th** - Building Fund Banquet

Check out the **TD Bank Affinity**



**100% Community Funded (no State funding)**  
**100% Volunteer Supported**  
**100% about Neglected, Abused, Needy or Abandoned Children**

## WOW!!!!!!

What an amazing year 2013 was for Nana's House.....opening our 2nd home, 2nd thrift cottage, and a 3rd home donated to us! I am looking forward to what God has planned for us this New Year! I am so thankful for all of our Nana's House supporters and volunteers! I am also very thankful for the privilege of being a part of this awesome ministry! Together we are changing lives and it is so amazing to watch it happen and to see His hand at work....it just blows my mind! To say that I appreciate each and every one of you seems to be an understatement, but I can't seem to find the words to express how I feel! I look forward to sharing this amazing journey with you this year!



Have a blessed day!

Kim Frodge  
Executive Director & Volunteer  
321.266.3829

## News from the Pond House

Nana's House #2 is bursting with energy and newness! We are so excited to be moved and settled into what the children have aptly named "The Pond House!!" Shianne has even gone so far as to kiss the walls saying, "I love you Pond House". With



**Program** that puts your money to work for Nana's House

[Link to website](#)

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**Attention all United Way Donors**

Please consider choosing Nana's Children's Home Inc DBA Nana's House as your charity of choice this year and share this idea with your coworkers!

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**Have Kim Speak to Your Organization**

Let Kim tell your group her amazing story and share about Nana's House  
[call Kim @ 321.266.3829](#)

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You can make a donation to Nana's House through a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate or a bequest through your will.

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all of the minnows, frogs and neighborhood chickens running around she is in biologist heaven! We are growing older over here and have said goodbye to toddler and even preschool items. We currently need a trash can for the kitchen, help sealing the privacy fence, new rain boots size girl 9, girl 11 & boy 13, Spanish educational material for kids and an emergency kit for the van including cables, air pump etc.. As their busy legs keep getting longer, so do their list of things to be confident in: God, family and a community willing to support their continued strength and hope in both of these. Hats off to the Martin's for taking this complete life make over and building bridges back to safety and healing for four amazing children! For those out there weighing the choice, give us a call and we'll share with you the deep fulfillment being a parent brings! Happy New Year!!



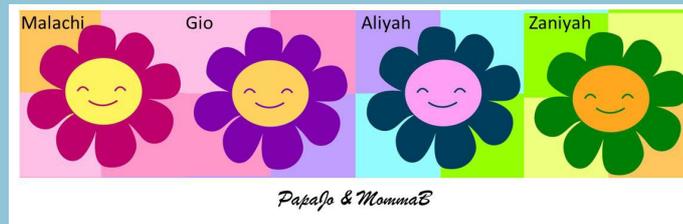
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## News from the Sunshine House

In October, PapaJo and I were blessed to become a part of the Nana's House Volunteer Team. We hit the floor running when we received our first little bundle of joy, Malachi! He was only four months old and was just the cutest little guy in the world and though it was a tough adjustment (not unlike any other family bringing home their first child), we have been so blessed by his little presence. We enjoyed a wonderful Halloween walking downtown with Malachi dressed as a sailor complete with sailor's hat, mustache, and all. As we neared Thanksgiving, we found out that we would soon be welcoming three more children so the holiday was filled with preparation, excitement, and of course, FOOD! We were given two turkeys this year--Thank You so much!-- and all the fixings. Our little family was so blessed by the generosity. On the 3rd of December, we finally met Giovanni, Aliyah, and Zaniyah. Just like any other mother and father, we were nervous, anxious, and ready to meet them on that day. Since then, our house has been a stir!! Giovanni is a bright and energetic six year old boy that shares my love for cars and has quite a sense of humor. Aliyah is a beautiful five year old girl that is lovable and huggable with a strong determination and a very grateful attitude. Zaniyah is the most precious two year old little lady. She has such a style all her own and at times has all the rest of us buckled over in laughter at her humorous and downright cute oneliners and looks. We have started homeschooling Aliyah and Giovanni, experienced the awesomeness of Gymboree with Malachi, seen the lights at Wickham Park, went to a dozen different parks, and enjoyed opening lots of wonderful Christmas presents!! Our greatest needs at the current moment are size three diapers, ponytail holders, fresh fruits and



veggies for homemade baby food, donations for a reward day at Chucky Cheese's and a vacation day at Disney. Thank you so much to all the volunteers and everyone in the community that makes it possible for us to do our job here at the home front. We are so grateful for all you do!



## Nana's House "The Schoolhouse"

The City of West Melbourne donated a 3 bedroom/1 bath house to Nana's House. It is going to be used as a "schoolhouse" where our homeschooling moms can bring the children to work on academic lessons, arts and crafts projects, and home economics cooking lessons. In addition, this property will serve as a special meeting place for Nana's House volunteer meetings.



We are in need of new blinds and curtains for the windows in the schoolhouse. We also need children's desks. If you know of a nursery school or school getting rid of some desks please tell them about our need at Nana's House. **Contact Donna @ 609-510-3947 or [donnadibon@yahoo.com](mailto:donnadibon@yahoo.com)** for more details.

We appreciate West Melbourne's generous donation!

## Nana's House #3

We received another donated house. It is in a great location, but is in need of renovations before we can move in. It needs a new roof, ceilings redone, flooring, painting, carpentry, etc. We have totally renovated our other two houses with all volunteers and donated materials and we know we can get it done on this house. Please call or email Kim if you are able to help

There are house parents ready to move in, so please help us provide another place for children to come and feel safe and loved!

## Thrift Cottage News

**Justine Dandrea** is the new volunteer manager of our Thrift Cottages. She is excited to share the latest news with you.

We started off Fall with our Christmas in October Sale and it was a huge success. We have already made some changes to Thrift Cottage 1 to expand the 3t



to 14/16 children's clothes area and the baby section. In January we are starting our Frequent



Shopper Cards. Make 10 purchases of \$5.00 or more and receive a \$5.00 coupon. Stop in to pick up your card and remember to sign up for our mailing list so you know about upcoming sales and events!! We are still currently accepting gently used items of all kinds that are in top-notch, resell-able condition. PLEASE NOTE- WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING FLAT SCREEN TVS. OLD COMPUTERS, OLD TVS, AND OUTDATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED. If you are interested in donating larger items (furniture, several boxes, etc.) that need to be picked up, please call our Thrift Cottage, 321-724-5111, option 2, and leave a message with one of our volunteers or leave a voice mail. Someone will return your call and set up an appointment. Please be patient with us... remember we are all volunteers and we get a lot of calls. Plus, our storage space is limited. We always need volunteers at the thrift cottages. Contact me at 321-704-4481 if you can help out, or pick up at volunteer application at one of the cottages. Thanks to all who have shopped at and/or donated to our thrift cottages. Because of your loyal support, since we opened in April of 2012, our cottages have almost paid for themselves. It's very exciting to know that pretty soon, everything we earn will be total profit that will totally support our homes and children with their expenses. Community support has been such a blessing! Thanks so much!

**Visit us at Thrift Cottage #1,  
2540 Malabar Road  
or Thrift Cottage #2, located at 2715 Garden St.  
both in Malabar, FL**

**Thrift Cottage Hours  
Tues. through Sat. - 10 am- 4 pm  
Sun. and Mon. - CLOSED**

## **Thrift Cottage #2 Expanding Storage Space**

We are so grateful for all the storage facilities that donate space to us! But finding enough storage space has been a challenge since we opened. It's been a great problem to have, though, because this means that members of the community have been so generous to us



in sharing gently used, clean items for us to resell for our cause. We really appreciate you always thinking of Nana's House! So, to help solve this problem we are building a new storage building behind our thrift cottage 2 in Malabar! Ranson Construction is donating his service as our general contractor, Kruption, Inc. is donating their concrete services in doing our slab, and Prestige Concrete and Advantage Concrete are donating the concrete material! Carolina Company will be coming out to build our building in the next few weeks! **The cost for the steel building is \$9800 including building it! If anyone would be interested in covering the cost of this building for Nana's House, we would be happy to recognize you with a beautiful sign in front of it forever!** This building will help us increase our inventory and in return

create more income for Nana's House! Please pray about it and if you feel led, just let me know! Call Kim @ 321-266-3829

## Half Way to Our Goal!

Nana's House has a goal to raise one million dollars for our gated community! Thanks for helping us get half way there in 2013! We appreciate all those who donate monthly and all those who have held fundraisers in support of Nana's House. Our gated community is much needed, sad to say. We have had to turn away 86 children since we started counting last April. Help us raise the rest of the million this year by supporting our upcoming Valentine's Dinner Dance on February 14th, hold a fundraiser of your own, support our second Building Fund Banquet scheduled for October 9th, become a sponsor of these events, or become one of our Founding 500 or Facebook 5000.



## Meals Ministry

The Nana's House Meal Ministry has been incredibly blessed to have such a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers to deliver meals to the family at Nana's House. Not only have hot meals been provided daily but we have



also begun receiving produce deliveries courtesy of Space Girl Organics. The children LOVE fresh fruit and veggies so Space Girl Organics has been a great addition to the Meal Ministry!

As we prepare to open our third home, the need for meals is going to increase. If you, as an individual or as part of an organization, would like to volunteer to provide meals for the children, we would be grateful for the support. Whether you would like to sign up to deliver a meal once a week, once a month or even just once a lifetime, we welcome you!

Maybe you don't view yourself as a 'chef' but would like to become involved in the Meal Ministry program regardless? Arrangements can be made to have meals delivered to the house from local restaurants; you can donate gift cards to restaurants; or even provide needed groceries to the house. We are open to any suggestions that would allow you to become involved in the Meal Ministry program.

In order to become a part of the Nana's House Meal Ministry we ask that you email [nanas.meal.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:nanas.meal.ministry@gmail.com) or call the Meal Ministry coordinators, Terra and Alec May, at (321) 426-5240. If your group would like to have someone come out and talk about Nana's House and the Meal Ministry program we are happy to. We look forward to your support!

## Memorable Events

### ***MOPARs of Brevard Rock and Roll Dance - October 5, 2013***

We were so honored and excited to receive a check from MOPAR for \$9775.00!! Their Rock and Roll Dance at Melbourne Auditorium was well attended, well organized, and loads of fun! Cactus Jack and the Cadillacs put on a show inside and MOPAR displayed their beautiful "classic cars". Thank you for all your efforts!



***Winter Ride to Mt. Dora - Dec. 13-15, 2013*** What a wonderful weekend in Mt. Dora at Christmastime! It started on Friday Night at Route1 Motorsports, who sponsored this event, where we held our Kick-off Party. "Bittersweet" played while we registered over 25 participants, and enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by the Original Bizarro's Pizza (Indialantic). The next morning, after breakfast, we left from Malabar Mo's, and experienced the back roads to Mount Dora. We spent the rest of the day enjoying the quaint town, doing some shopping, enjoying good food and music, and a fantastic sunset. We stayed overnight at the historic Lakeside Inn, then headed back to Palm Bay via a different scenic route. Lunch at Crabby Bill's was a real treat! Thanks to all who participated and raised money for Nana's House!

***Volunteer Christmas Party- Dec. 21, 2013*** Our volunteers celebrated Christmas at our annual Christmas Party. Thanks to the City of Palm Bay for providing the Captain's House, a lovely venue. Our two families attended and 10 children received presents from Santa himself! What a precious evening! Volunteers spending time with the children really solidifies what volunteering at Nana's House is all about and makes all the time and effort that our volunteers put in seem so very worthwhile. Thank you Donna DiBongrazio for putting this event together. You are a true blessing to Nana's House!

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## Mark Your Calendar

### **Nana's House 7th Annual Valentine's Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction**

**Friday, Feb. 14, 2014**

We are proud to announce that our 7th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will be co-sponsored by Romanov Consulting, LLC and Flavin, Nooney and Person, CPAs as FAITH Sponsors. Tickets are officially on sale. Don't delay! It will sell out again this year! Join us for this fun event on Friday, Feb. 14th, 2014...right on Valentine's night



from 7-11 pm. Tickets are \$60 per person, unless you are involved in a table of 10 for \$500, making your ticket only \$50. Dance music will be provided by U Rejoice entertainment-DJ Corinthian again this year. The evening starts with your professional picture, followed by a delicious dinner, then a chocolate fountain provided by Dona with Chocolicious and fresh fruit provided by The Produce Place of Suntree, and delectable desserts donated from various local businesses.

~ Our Diamond Moment will return! You'll be able to buy a glass of sparkling juice with a gem inside. One lucky person will go home with a real diamond provided by Gold Buyer by Kelly.

~ Door prizes will be given throughout the evening. ~ You'll have an opportunity to bid on more than 80 items at our Silent Auction. date nights, overnight stays, themed baskets, art work, and dance lessons that will be available!

Thanks to Eric the Gas Man, Chandra and Duhaime, MDs, Pearce Power Spraying and Pest Control, and Dave's Plumbing and Drain Cleaning, Nails by Jane, Yellow Dog Café, Melbourne BMW, Kevin Hill Re/Max Alternative Realty, and CCS Services Air Conditioning and Refrigeration for committing as sponsors so far!!!

More sponsors are needed ! More "themed baskets", unique auction items, gift cards, and gift certificates to area attractions are still needed! Contact Donna @ donnadibon@yahoo.com or call 609-510-3947 asap for tickets or donations of items for the Silent Auction or door prizes.

**Click below for sponsor form**

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## **Noteworthy News**

### **Winter Meeting Schedule 1st Thursday of the Month**

**Thrift Cottage Volunteer Meeting all other Thursdays** - Regular Nana's House General Meeting Meetings are held at Calvary Chapel on Minton Rd. at 6 pm, upstairs, in the room above the café.

We welcome new volunteers and anyone interested in finding out more about Nana's House to join us! Come get to know us, and what we do. See how you might be able to help. Here are some areas that we need volunteers for: Thrift Cottage Volunteers- work at cottage, organize/sort items and storage units Furniture Team- help with pick-ups and deliveries Gardening- help take care of our two Thrift Cottage flower beds Cleaning- clean our two thrift cottages biweekly

**NEEDED IMMEDIATELY- Gently Used Seven Passenger Mini-Van** We are in need of a gently used seven passenger mini-van for one of our families! One of our vans has been in disrepair recently and

we need to have a van in safe, good working condition. Can you help make this happen? Call Kim @ 321.266.3829

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## Good Information to Know

### Amazon Affiliation

Amazon for December was a whopping \$789.10 and the year total was \$2286.59. For Nana's House to receive a % of your purchase, please go through our website each time you place an order.

[Click Here](#)



### Facebook

We now have over 1300 likes on our Facebook page. To join our Facebook page, please visit <https://m.facebook.com/NanasHouseBrevard>.

### United Way

Did you know you can designate funds to Nana's House through United Way? When your campaign at work begins, fill out your pledge card and put "Nana's House" as the beneficiary.

### Gifting

Give a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate or a bequest through your will

### Misc.

We posted several items on **EBay** this past year and made \$339.98. A big thank you to those who donated items that we were able to sell on EBay. Our ebay is under Nanaschildrenshome.

We are posting items on **Craig's List**. If you would like to see what items are listed you can do a search under Space Coast and type in NH. This will bring up any items we have listed.

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## Special Recognition

Mustard Seed Day Care	Harris Corporation
Moyles Family	Junior Girl Scout Troop 188
Office of Andy Anderson District 5	Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 8191
Red Hat Crazy Ladies	Mims Jacaranda Garden Club
Martin Family	Revokable Living Trust – Helen Boyer
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4249	Town of Malabar
Kopf's Auto	City of West Melbourne
City of Palm Bay	Brevard County
Tropical T-Shirt Designs	Atlantic Business Systems
Men's Auxiliary Post 8191	Beef 'O'Brady's
Slug-A-Bug	Grace Church Melbourne
The James Fund	First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay
Elifeguard, Inc.	Airport Angels
Mom's Club of Suntime	Grace Bible Sanctuary
Women of the Moose Satellite Beach #1983	IHOP Angel Trees – JoAnn Willis
Moraima Marie Serpa – Quarter Auction Proceeds	Dr. Patricia Zylman donation box
Scott Dixon donation box	Maxx W. Kessel Foundation
Raymond James Charitable Endowment Fund	Joy Lutheran Church
St Joseph Catholic Church – day of volunteering project	Northrop Grumman Corp.
Harbor City Lodge #318	Yummy Yogurt
Hairteck	Summit of Sawgrass Community
Kohl's Volunteer Program	Jim & Jenny Mountjoy
Calvary Chapel Academy	Advent Lutheran Church
St. Timothy Lutheran Women of the ELCA	CCS Services
Seaside Piecemakers	Calvary Chapel Melbourne
Lowe's	Myers Lawns
Country Green Lawn Service	Hometown News

We have attempted to recognize all of those who have helped Nana's House in a special way, but there is always the risk of overlooking someone. Please forgive any oversights..

### Special Thanks to Kya Stuart and Kaycie Louissaint

Kya Stuart and Kaycie Louissaint, two local middle school students raised \$500 for Nana's House as a special school project. We appreciate their efforts and wish them well in future endeavors! They wrote the following letter to Nana's House.... *Dear Members of Nana's House, We wanted to thank you for letting us sponsor you. We learned a lot about Nana's House. Kya Stuart Kaycie Louissaint*

### Memorial Gifts

~Erma W. Roat (Nana), *The Kirby Family Fund*

~Cristina Pizzario *FIT Aviation*

~Gerry Sprengle *Dr. John and Kelly Workman*

~JT Rogers (Grandfather) *Ken and Kelly Aleman*

~ In Honor of her husband, Larry Sietsman *Sheryl Sietsman*



**In Loving Memory of Korianne Lundstrum.....**

The Snyders	G.J. and D.A. Rohler
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Anne Traub	Christine Schreve
Kim Brink	Realty Investment Company
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God Bless You!*

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