

Summer Programs

Many of the children at CDTC face a summer of limited activity because of financial restrictions or environmental barriers. CDTC has developed a program to overcome these obstacles, allowing many of the children at the Center the opportunity to go to camp or engage in other activities such as Tae Kwon Do or Hip Hop dance lessons. The results of this summer program have been phenomenal with kids showing improvement in not only their health, but also in their self esteem.

CDTC also sent a group of our HIV positive children to a special summer camp in Texas. This year 42 children attended Camp Hope and had the experience of a lifetime. Please check out our blog from camp to view photos and hear stories. Go to www.childrensdiagnostic.org and click on photos/events and then photo galleries.

Thank you to Tuesday's Angels, The Original Florida Follies, The Florida Marlins Foundation and all our individual donors for making this experience possible.



Welcome Suzanne Higgins



We are excited to announce that Suzanne Higgins is the new Director of Development for CDTC.

Suzanne has worked for the past 25 years in the child welfare, governmental, and healthcare fields and has extensive experience with development as well as community and public relations, and advocacy. She is responsible for overseeing the development department, as well as fund-raising, planned giving, major gifts and special events.

Backpacks Galore!

Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center wants to ensure that every child returns to school this fall with the supplies they need for a successful school year. This year, 800 children from CDTC received backpacks filled with supplies. This would not have been possible without the overwhelming support we received from the community. Special recognition goes to Brandsmart USA, Calvary Church, Christ Church, Lavender Events, Staples, Sunflower Circle of Friends and the many others who supported this annual event.



The Gift of Hope

On June 11, 2009, Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center held a *Legacy of Hope* Reception to recognize donors who have supported CDTC over the past year. The event was held in a private Villa at the Las Olas Grand through the generosity of The Wasie Foundation. Donors were acknowledged for their crucial support during these difficult economic times.

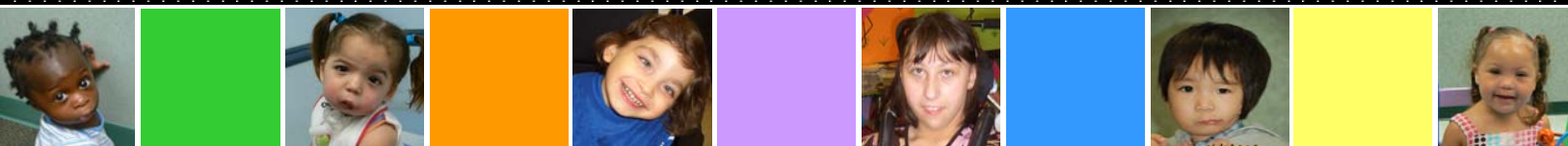


Gerry & Sandria Moore and Judy & Jim Ambrose

For more information on how you can become part of the Legacy of Hope Society, please contact Suzanne Higgins at 954-728-1118.

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Mission Statement

To provide comprehensive prevention, intervention and treatment services to children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our children and families, and of the CDTC staff, thank you each so much for your outstanding support during the past year. In spite of the economic crises that everyone has experienced, the Center was able to continue to provide medical care, case management, emergency assistance, and other services our children and their families needed so desperately. Over 10,000 children and their families were served and the CDTC budget of 13.5 million was met.

Many thanks to all our very generous donors who make it possible for our children to have the medicine and food and clothes and sometimes, even, the rooms where they live. We thank you all for your daily support of our efforts. ***Without you, CDTC could not succeed.***

Also, we are very appreciative of the leadership of the Center's Board of Directors who are the "rock" on which we build our efforts year after year. Your connections and influence in the community will help to propel CDTC to the next level as we strive to diversify funding streams.

I need to take this opportunity to express the gratitude of all of us at CDTC to the wonderful members of the Sunflower Circle of Friends. Without their generosity, extraordinary commitment, and very hard work, the Center could not continue to provide the care it does to our children with special healthcare needs. This extraordinary group of women (and some fantastic men, as well) do not have the word "no" in their vocabulary! We are so grateful!

We need you this year more than ever. So many of our families are homeless now and an incredible number of parents have lost their jobs. Please don't forget the CDTC children and their families during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours,

Susan M. Widmayer, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Honoring Mothers

On May 9th, the Sunflower Circle of Friends hosted their first annual Mother's Day Brunch at the Hyatt Pier 66. This lovely event in celebration of motherhood raised over \$8000 for Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center and was a tremendous success.

Sunflower Circle of Friends

Sunflower Circle of Friends is a volunteer organization that supports CDTC by raising awareness of the mission of CDTC and increasing volunteer support for its medical and family services.

SCF Volunteer Opportunities Include: Coordinating the food pantry and donation closet,

creating "Welcome Bags" for new families, participating in a Speakers Bureau for the Center, and assisting with special annual projects such as: Kids to Camp, Back to School, Thanksgiving Basket Brigade and Santa's Toy Village.

Membership is open to everyone. Whether you have the time to volunteer often or just work one project a year, you can be a member of this wonderful CDTC support group!

For more information, please call 954-728-1118.



A Special Thank You from a CDTC Family

CDTC has been great. They have been here for my daughter since she was first born. Dr. Hernandez and all her staff are great and problems are always addressed. Dr. Hernandez is always there when I need her to be, to teach me and to guide me through my child's condition. They always take the time to listen and care about a child's specific needs. The home health program is wonderful. I was assigned as social worker who is great. She works so hard to provide support and acknowledge the parents in need. She is always there to talk to and she is my angel. Without her it would be so hard to get a lot of what my daughter needs done, especially when mom is so busy taking care of a special needs child. Thanks CDTC. We love you.

-Anian and Family



Save the Date

Ways you can support the families of Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center this Fall.

9/13 Golden Homecoming

A Sunday evening fundraiser at the **International Swimming Hall of Fame**, in Fort Lauderdale benefiting four local not-for-profit organizations will remember and celebrate the legacies of two cultural icons, Greg Louganis and Ryan White. **Tickets are \$100**. As an attendee, you will also be invited to the "invitation only" public opening of the exhibit, on **Monday, September 14th**, featuring Greg Louganis, Jeanne White-Ginder, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Broward County Vice-Mayor Ken Keechl and Ft. Lauderdale Mayor, Jack Seiler.

9/25 Eyeglass Fashion Show

Dr. James Beranek, presents an annual eyeglass fashion show and he has chosen CDTC (CFAP) as this year's charity. The event will be held at the **W Hotel** from 6-11 at their pool deck. **Tickets are \$30** and available online at: www.eyebelievetoo.com

9/25 Courtyard Café Dine and Donate

The Courtyard Café on Wilton Manors Drive is hosting a "dine and donate" day to benefit CDTC. A portion of all sales for this day will be donated to the Center. <http://www.wiltonmanorscourtyardcafe.com/>

10/16 Charity Guild: Old Fort Lauderdale Beach Party

Friday evening at the **Marriott Harbor Beach**, coordinated by the Charity Guild of Fort Lauderdale. Proceeds benefit CDTC and Kids in Distress.

10/23 Riverwalk Golf Tournament

Fort Lauderdale Country Club, Proceeds will benefit Riverwalk Trust, CDTC and the Jack & Jill Center. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, purchasing a tee sign or registering as a golfer please contact Mimi Haley-Meister at MimiHaley@aol.com or 561-213-2942.

11/22 Thanksgiving Basket Brigade

Each year at CDTC Thanksgiving meals are provided to over 1,000 families in need. Donations are welcome and volunteers are needed to assemble and deliver bags of food. Event begins at 8:30 a.m.

12/4 Ribbons for the Children

Annual fundraising art auction for the CFAP program in collaboration with Arts United at the **Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art**, 6:30 p.m. **Tickets are \$25** in advance and **\$35** at the door. Replications of the art pieces will be available for sale as prints and note cards.

12/18 Toy Village

Toy giveaway for families in need. Last year toys were given to over 4000 children. Donations and volunteer support are greatly appreciated.

For more detailed information about these events and how you can help, please visit
www.childrensdiagnostic.org

CDTC Volunteers

The Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center is grateful for all the support we receive from volunteers throughout the year. From drives for toys, clothes and food to volunteer hours at the Center, the services at CDTC are enhanced because of these dedicated volunteers.

Here are a few great examples of how volunteers are helping make a difference.

- ◆ Volunteers spend hours each week helping to organize the Center's donation closets.
- ◆ Ben, Billy, Lauren, Cameron and Jordan spent their summer organizing a community wide donation drive which brought in hundreds of items for our families.
- ◆ Alex, one of our youngest volunteers, runs a lemonade stand in his neighborhood and uses his proceeds to buy food for the food pantry.
- ◆ Volunteers help with everything at the Center, including filing and data entry.

For information on how you can volunteer for the Center or help organize a drive at your school or church, contact Suzanne Higgins at 954-728-1118.



How can you make a difference?

Contributions of all amounts are gratefully received and much appreciated. There are many ways you can make a difference in the lives of the children and families at the Center.

- ◆ Make a donation in memory or honor of someone special for birthdays, anniversaries or to celebrate any occasion
- ◆ Make a contribution to the Legacy of Hope giving society to support the overall services of CDTC
- ◆ A planned gift can impact the lives of those we serve for years to come.
- ◆ Adopt an Exam room in our Pediatric Clinic and help provide the supplies needed for one year of services.
- ◆ Donations of non-perishable food are always welcome and needed for our families

For more information on these and other giving opportunities, please contact Suzanne Higgins at 954-728-1118 or shiggins@browardhealth.org



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