



Brevard Family Partnership

A Community Based Care Agency

Board Report



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Phil Scarpelli, President and Chief Executive Officer

- There are many events happening these last few weeks! From adoptions at the Space Coast Stadium, to our Annual Trunk-A-Palooza Halloween event for our foster parents. On top of this, we are planning for the January Board Retreat, kicking our Holiday Gift Drive into full gear and securing so much fun for the Over The Edge fundraiser on New Year's Eve.
- I recently had the pleasure of speaking to the Eau Gallie Rotary Club again. This engagement resulted in sponsorships for our children for the Holiday Gift Drive.
- It gives me great pleasure to report a developing relationship with the Brevard Homeless Coalition and the Foster Care Christian Collaborative group. These partnerships will greatly enhance the work we are doing with our youth and families by addressing many pressing concerns around independent living and housing and seeking solutions to meet their needs.
- Each year, I am delighted to attend the Friends of Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard's gala. The opportunity to network with dignitaries throughout the county is immeasurable. We are elated to share that the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard was the first team to set up their own personal "Fundrazr" page to raise funds for our Over The Edge event taking place at the end of the year.
- Before Hurricane Nicole disrupted daily routines, we had the opportunity to explore a deeper dive into the management styles and personality profiles of our executive leadership team through a workshop with our Insuperity team using their MBTI (Myers Briggs Type Indicator) results.
- Throughout Hurricane Nicole, we maintained constant contact with our staff members and conducted pre and post storm check-ins with all our families in accordance with our disaster plan and policies.
- We cannot express enough thanks to Elevation Church who consistently think not only of our families, but our team members as well. They presented us with a \$10K check for our BFP Foundation for the second year in a row, in addition to honoring us at a local event attended by all of their staff from around Brevard County and beyond.
- Hurricane Nicole cleared up just in time, giving us the opportunity to proceed with honoring the veterans throughout our workforce with a special recognition luncheon. This event has brought great joy, respect and appreciation from our military staff members.
- Our Celebration of Adoption took place on Nov. 18th in which 17 children were adopted! Thank you to our Board Members, Bishop Clark and Stephanie Larkin for joining us at the Space Coast Stadium. This occasion is a wonderful time to recognize not only the forever families being created, but the dedication and determination of all those involved in paving the way for brighter futures.
- The State Coordinator for the "Handle with Care" program recently stopped by our office, allowing me the opportunity to engage her in a thorough discussion on what the school day and the school system looks like for our youth in care who experienced trauma, as well as ways in which we can help to set them up for success. The Handle With Care program essentially flags these children's files to indicate that they need to be "handled with care" from a trauma-informed perspective. We look forward to involving additional parties in further dialogue to see what we need to do to implement this program in Brevard County Public Schools.
- Our MRT team was nominated for the Stars on the Space Coast awards by 2-1-1 Brevard. For the second year in a row, we have been nominated for the Supernova Award, "for stellar work by a nonprofit in mental health services!" We hope to be bringing home a win for MRT and our Brevard C.A.R.E.S. team this year – they are beyond deserving and we are eager with anticipation!
- Upcoming Community Events
 - We are hard at work preparing for both our Holiday Gift Drive (gift collection taking place November 28 – December 11, 2022) and our Over The Edge event (December 30th and 31st).
 - Initial plans for our March Gala are being explored to promote an elegant night of giving for our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Scarpelli, CEO