



**Hibiscus Children's Center**  
Saving Children Since 1985



## HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER AGENCY UPDATES



### **Dear Hibiscus Friends,**

Thank you for all you do throughout the year through your time, talent and treasure. Nearly 200 children have slept safely this fiscal year, since July 1st, because of your generosity and support. During this challenging time, the Hibiscus Children's Center Leadership Team has a proactive plan in place and has been closely monitoring the CDC and government guidelines pertaining to the Coronavirus. Please know our children are our top priority and Hibiscus Children's Center is following all recommended protocols to ensure the safety and health of our children.

We feel it will be in everyone's best interest at this time to cancel our upcoming events which include the Dow Finsterwald Golf Classic (3/28), Blue Ribbon Luncheon (4/2), and the Kentucky Derby (5/2). We will keep you informed when the Santa Lucia River Club at

Ballantrae provides a new date for our Dow Golf event. Mark your calendar for the rescheduled Kentucky Derby "Horses, Hats & Hope" event on September 5, 2020.

We truly appreciate the support our community provides through our events. They are a strategic part of our fundraising efforts each year which account for about 30% of our budget. Although we have to cancel these important events, we have accounted for these funds to sustain our programs for this year. These funds help us ensure that we are able to provide the crucial services to the children in our care.

We thank you for supporting our programs through event attendance, sponsorship and auction purchases. If you were already supporting one of these events, we will happily refund your donation if you wish. If you are able to allow us to use the funds as intended, we are grateful and please know that they will be supporting our mission of Sheltering Children, Strengthening Families and Nurturing Futures. Please let us know your wishes.

**As we enter this very uncertain time, funds are needed now more than ever.** All of our children are out of school indefinitely. This incurs costs of extra staff, extra meals, potentially extra therapy, etc. At this point we have had to limit all outside interaction at the Shelter and Village and no volunteers will be working at the Thrift Store. This is in an effort to be very cognizant of the potential danger to the populations affected and protect our children.



**Please remember the most vulnerable children in our community. Here are a few other ways you can help the children:**

- This year, Hibiscus Children's Center is celebrating 35 years of saving children's lives. Your one-time or monthly donation of \$35 (or any amount) will help provide safe haven and critical life-changing services to abused, abandoned and neglected children in our care. Help us spread the word!
- Donate a tribute gift in honor or in memory of a loved one.
- Donate your birthday or a special occasion to the kids!
- Create an online fundraiser through Facebook/social media.
- Share the needs of our children, especially at this time, with your friends, co-workers & family.

**[CLICK HERE TO DONATE FOR THE KIDS!](#)**

We truly appreciate all you do for the children and thank you for being a Hibiscus Children's Center Partner! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Michelle King, Chief Development Officer, at [MKing@hcc4kids.org](mailto:MKing@hcc4kids.org) or (cell) 561-452-5791.

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### **Great News about our Youth participating in the Career Pathways Program at the Village:**



A 16-year old earned her GED and has begun attending IRSC and obtained employment at a local restaurant.

A 17-year old has worked diligently on his studies and as a result, is a straight A student and has been accepted at a Florida university where he would like to major in Psychology/Social Work.

6 youth are currently participating in the CULINARY component of Career Pathways with Chef Leanne of The Tides on a weekly basis.

12 youth residing at the Village either have their own part-time jobs or internships (on or off campus).

**Great job to our youth who are working hard! Thank you to the staff, volunteers & supporters who are helping them succeed every day.**

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