

# THANK YOU

Thank you to all our supporters, volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff who help us take care of our precious children, every day.

## CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES

We anticipate the renovation to be completed in late Spring. We will continue to share photos and updates about our progress with you as we continue throughout the makeover process.



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# Brighter Futures Makeover Campaign

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## Message from CEO Matt Markley

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! WE WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY A HEALTHY & WONDERFUL 2019.**

As we begin the new year, it is my privilege to have completed seven months as Hibiscus CEO/President. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the progress in renovating the Tilton Family Children's Shelter in Jensen Beach.

The Shelter renovation is picking up speed, each week we're making significant strides. Your commitment to Hibiscus and selfless generosity is evident as the vision of the Shelter Makeover Campaign is coming to fruition.



### Tilton Family Children's Shelter New Renovations



Your support of this campaign has been overwhelming and is deeply appreciated. The impact on the children we serve will be significant. Our goal for the renovation is not just to materially enhance the children's home, but to utilize our collective years of experience serving abused, neglected and abandoned children in addressing the critical issues they face.

Thank you for being a vital part of this effort to sustain the Tilton Family Children's Shelter well into the future enabling us to continue the crucial role of providing safe haven, nurturing, educational, medical, and mental health services to the children.

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# IT'S A FACT:

Last year, 149 children slept safely and received life-changing care at the Hibiscus Shelter.

## Upgraded Kitchen

### Old Kitchen



The new addition includes an industrial kitchen featuring state-of-the-art equipment and appliances. This will be a great benefit to the staff and volunteers who feed 36 children breakfast, lunch and dinner on a daily basis and of course, snacks too! The new kitchen has a much-needed prep area, walk-in coolers and storage areas.

Volunteer Andi Brennan helps weekly preparing meals for the children.



Our volunteers are incredible!



## FORTIFYING THE CHILDREN'S HOME

### OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT TO OUR MISSION.

If you live in Florida, then you know that Hurricanes happen here! Fortifying the children's home was at the top of our list for the makeover. Our children have endured so much trauma in their young lives. The stress and fear of having to leave the Shelter—their home—during a natural disaster or crisis causes further significant trauma. Reducing the need to leave during a crisis and providing safety to the children is the key. The new addition was built so the children and staff can remain during a hurricane or natural disaster and is equipped with a kitchen and the necessities so they can shelter in place.

Aerial Shelter view before construction.



The fortified addition was completed in December and houses the new upgraded kitchen, dining room, community area and living room.



## HELPING CHILDREN HEAL THROUGH THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

### Vision of New Playground

Old Playground



#### Adventure Therapy

is a whole wellness approach for abused, neglected and abandoned children in our care through engaging mental and physical health activities.

It is an active, experiential approach to providing mental health services and has been shown to increase self-esteem, self-confidence and help children develop successful methods of communication, team-building, analytical thinking, coping skills and problem solving.

Kids love to climb, explore and play—this not only allows them to enjoy their childhood as they should, but provides a sense of mental health and overall well-being.



Land has been cleared for new playground.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ... THE NEW PLAYGROUND & THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE STATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROUS DONORS AT THE "ALL THAT JAZZ CASINO NIGHT".**

Held on January 11th at Mariner Sands Country Club, our wonderful supporters opened their hearts during the special auction, "Call to the Heart", and donated almost \$90,000 for the new playground equipment and therapeutic recreational equipment, as well as installation costs.

**Thank You for your generous support of our children!**

## THE CHILDREN'S DINING & COMMUNITY ROOM

The newly built addition will serve as the children's dining room and community room.

The new game room, which is still under construction, is adjacent to this room.

The children will have a beautiful, large area to dine comfortably, to celebrate holidays and birthdays and enjoy many other festivities and activities.

This room is where they will shelter in place during a natural disaster or crisis.



New Dining & Community Room

Old Dining and Living (Main) Room



The children had the opportunity to enjoy waking up Christmas morning to a beautifully decorated tree full of gifts awaiting them — thanks to our wonderful staff, volunteers and supporters!

