



Hibiscus Children's Center
Saving Children Since 1985

Happy
New Year

**AS WE BEGIN 2023, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
BEING THERE FOR CHILDREN LAST YEAR AND FOR
YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

Your Support has changed the lives of children - just like *Joshua*.



IN JOSHUA'S OWN WORDS

You might wonder what a 17 year old boy knows about success. Let me tell you, I have experienced more ups and downs in my lifetime than many fifty year old men. I believe that success can be measured many ways.

The first type of success on my part is to be emotionally healthy. I grew up in foster care since I was nine years old. I was physically and mentally abused by my father. I've been through a lot. Through extensive therapy, I learned that I am a worthwhile, good person that should have been loved by my family. I also learned that family members are people with their own set of problems and deficits, but that should not be a reflection of me. I know that eventually I will be a good, successful father when the time comes.

School has been my biggest problem. I was never able to focus and listen to my teachers, so it never worked out for me. I heard that GED was available at Hibiscus and I took that chance and ran with it. Now I have a GED Diploma! **Thank you to the Hibiscus Village and the staff for helping me be successful in life.**

Your donation directly supports children.

Each year we must raise over **\$3 million** to care for children. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We cannot let the current economic struggles we are all facing keep us from providing the care children and families need. **Please click below to directly support children & families who need us.**



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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN CRISIS

ASKING FOR HELP IS A SIGN OF STRENGTH

SFC is a voluntary prevention program serving families in St. Lucie County. The program is for families that have at least one child between the age of birth to 17 years at home and do not have an open case with the Florida Department

of Children and Families.

SFC has a 100% SUCCESS RATE of keeping children out of the Child Welfare System.

Family Advocates are caring staff and trauma-trained professionals. They provide services to families and guidance as they work together through the crisis at hand. The program provides financial aid, if available, to avoid evictions or to reinstate utilities, help with domestic violence and substance abuse issues. In-home

counseling to help parents with stress management, jobs and budgeting skills is a key factor of the program. Community referrals are an integral part of this program to ensure families have their needs met.

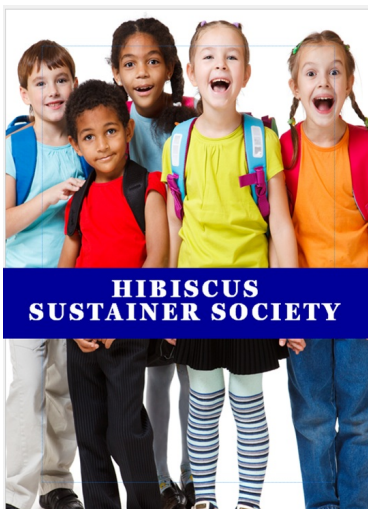
[Learn more about SFC](#)



KIDS HELPING KIDS!

Thank you to 11-year-old John Morgan for collecting all these wonderful Christmas gifts for the Hibiscus children! He did an amazing job last year collecting gifts from his friends and family. This year, he added a collection stand in his neighborhood. Thank you to John, his parents and the many people who donated gifts for children. You have helped to make special memories for children!

You can help make a difference for children too! Contact us if your business or group would like to host a fundraiser or share your services to benefit the children and families we serve. [Everyone can make a difference!](#)



Your Monthly Giving accomplishes so much for children!

Hibiscus plans monthly for expenses. As costs rise, it puts a strain on our already tight budget, but as tight as the budget gets, we will not waiver from giving children the smiles and joys of experiencing their first-ever birthday party, hairstyle, first dance, or Honor Roll celebration. Thank You for making this possible!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wine & Dine | Vero Beach | February 11, 2023

[Wine & Dine info](#)

Jo Covelli Luncheon | Sailfish Point Country Club | March 6, 2023

[Jo Covelli Luncheon info](#)

Blue Ribbon Luncheon & Fashion Show | Oak Harbor Club | April 5, 2023

Contact for more information:

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JOIN OUR TEAM!

HIBISCUS IS HIRING!

Hibiscus is looking for **Caring, Committed and Compassionate** individuals who want to be part of a great team helping children!

Hiring Bonuses! *See details for applicable positions.

[Employment Details](#)

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