



Exciting News!

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A Kid's Place remains committed to keeping siblings together; 94% of the children moving on

Dear Kids,

We have some exciting news about Kids Charity of Tampa Bay and A Kid's Place! Our boards of directors have decided to unite our two organizations.



As you know, both entities were founded by Dottie Berger MacKinnon and both share a common mission to serve foster children in our community. Uniting these organizations will streamline our efforts, maximize our dollars, and further our ability to serve the children.

Moving forward, we will be operating as A Kid's Place of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization and for helping to make a difference in the lives of our community's most vulnerable children.

Less Than 8 Days Away!

Krewe of Pandora hosts

Margarita Fest 2014

benefiting A Kid's Place

from A Kid's Place remain intact with their brothers and sisters.

Upcoming Events

July 7th -Aug 3rd

School Supply Drive

July 26th

Krewe of Pandora
Margarita Fest

September 20th

Flavor Run

October 27th

A Kid's Place 3rd Annual
Golf Tournament

November & December
Holiday Gift and Food
Drives

December
Holiday Stroll

Save the date!



***The 3rd Annual
A Kid's Place
Golf Classic***

Don't miss this festive event! The Krewe of Pandora will host their Annual Margarita Fest on Saturday, July 26th. It will be an entertaining evening with music, hospitality hour prior to the event, gourmet dinner, silent & live auctions, and plenty of dancing! All to benefit a great cause, A Kid's Place! For sponsorship information [click here](#).

A featured auction item is "Be a Goddess or God for a Day." Two guests will experience the Gasparilla Day Parade as honorary Pandora's on January 24, 2015! Includes President's Brunch, costume assistance, one case of beads to throw and two tickets to after party! For Bids - Email kopmargaritafest@aol.com



*July 26, 2014 5:30pm
700 N. Westshore, Tampa*

Summer Camp at A Kid's Place



Summer at A Kid's Place is off to an exciting start, and this month the children are enjoying the 5th annual Summer Camp experience! So far the kids have learned about microbes, plant water consumption and composting and have created bird feeders, rain forest terrariums, and solar ovens. They've created their own camp T-shirts, challenged each other to screaming balloon races, played aquatic games and even constructed ice sculptures. Guests have come in and taught line dancing, presented a puppet show, and explained about worms and snakes.

It's a safe bet that even the teen volunteers learn something in

October 27th

Do you know

**How amazing our
Volunteers are?**



We do!

They have volunteered over 4,800 hours of their time in the past year! Their service is invaluable. Thank you for all you do!

Thank you!

Chick-fil-A



Chick-fil-A, a community partner, donated 300 meal cards and a day of fun for our children at Camp Cristina, where they

the science lab, enjoy the special guests, and have a little fun themselves. Summer camp Kid's Place remains the highlight of the summer for the children, and this year is turning out to be one of the best.

Every Child Needs... A Place to Call Home

A Kid's Place 2nd Annual Luncheon was held Friday, 5/16 at the beautiful Pepin Hospitality Centre. Keynote speaker Derek Clark shared his inspirational story of having been a "lifer" in the California child welfare system. Mr. Clark was a foster child from 5 years old until he "aged out" at 18 years old. More than 250 guests attended, raising critical funds for A Kid's Place. Sandy MacKinnon presented the Dottie Berger MacKinnon Guardian Angel Award to philanthropists Don and Erica Wallace. Special thanks to Sarina Fazan for emceeing the event and Rick Tauceda for his fabulous photography!



2014 School Supply Drive July 7th - Aug 3rd

The start of a new school year can be a terrifying experience for children living in foster care. This community initiative brings individual and group donors together to provide foster children with the tools that they need to be successful and achieve academic success in school. Ensuring children are prepared with necessary school supplies can help ease their feelings of anxiety and fear. There are over 5,000 children in foster care in the Tampa Bay area. For ways you can help [Click Here](#).



enjoyed the zip line, bounce houses, and a magic show! Are you interested in being a community partner? email info@akidsplacetb.org



A Kid's Place remains bustling with activity and continues to make a difference in the lives of the area's foster children. We have served more than 850 children since opening our doors five years ago!

Stacy's Place Toddler Playground Dedication

Stacy Borell was only 28 years old when she died doing what she loved; caring for orphaned children in Africa. She may be gone, but her memory lives on in our newly dedicated toddler playground. Aptly named "Stacy's Place," the playground is set aside from the main play area and affords our littlest children safety and security in an area specially suited to their size.

This is a fitting memorial for someone who loved children and dedicated her too short life to them. Our youngest children will spend countless hours enjoying playtime in Stacy's Place, and we thank the Borell family for showing their support of our toddler program in this way.



If you'd like more information about an upcoming event or opportunity to support our foster children, please phone 813-843-1833 or email info@akidsplacetb.org today!

Sincerely,

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