



### Thank You for Making Hands & Hearts a Success!

We were honored to have so many of our supporters gather together and join us for our 19th annual Hands & Hearts fundraising luncheon earlier this month. We loved seeing familiar faces who've helped build our agency plus a wonderful group of new community members supporting our mission!



This year, we were thrilled to honor not one, but TWO deserving individuals for the CCFi Beacon Award. Our first recipient was **Lee Bond** (pictured below, left), our "resident handyman" who's been serving in this capacity for 5+ years. Lee's helpful nature and can-do attitude is welcomed by all, and there's nothing that he can't fix! Driven by his passion for service and love for our

mission, Lee has volunteered nearly 1,200 hours over his tenure and keeps our ever-growing agency functioning and beautiful. Congratulations, Lee!



Our second Beacon Award recipient is **Cindy Merrick** (pictured above). Cindy is a passionate individual who has been involved with our organization for decades. She played an integral role in our Champions for Children campaign, served on our Board of Directors and has been a hands-on volunteer. Cindy has made an invaluable mark on the Norman community, as well as right here at CCFI. Congratulations, Cindy!

### Unable to Attend?

If you were unable to join us at Hands & Hearts, you can still make an impact by ***making a donation or multi-year pledge!*** Multi-year pledges help ensure that the vital services CCFI provides each and every day are sustained over time. This steady, dependable support ultimately enables us to continue advocating for our community's most vulnerable members. Click the button below to make a secure online donation today!

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### Save the Date for Night at the Club

This summer, we are hosting our third annual ***Night at the Club fundraising event!*** Night at the Club will be hosted on ***Friday, July 28th*** at Boys & Girls Club of Norman and will be a fun, interactive night for adult, ages 21 and older. We will utilize regular Club programming - plus some fun extras - to provide guests with the full Club experience!

***Stay tuned for more details!***



### CCFI Celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week

In April, we celebrated our ongoing and one-time volunteers in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week. Last year, *more than 200 individuals* dedicated *3,911 hours* of volunteer service in a variety of capacities. Whether it's assisting Boys & Girls Club members with their homework, serving on our board of directors or bundling diapers, volunteers are a critical part of our mission and we are thankful for their donation of time.



We also took time to recognize this amazing group of practicum students, who volunteered **more than 3,400 hours** in various CCFI programs this past school year. We are proud to call them mentors, colleagues and friends. To say we are thankful is an understatement!

To learn more about our current volunteer needs, please click the link below.

[LEARN MORE](#)



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### Children in the Middle Class Expanding Virtual Options

We have expanded the virtual option for Children in the Middle to now **offer ZOOM classes for individuals who live 30 miles or more from the agency location**. This includes north Oklahoma City, Midwest City, Del City, Edmond and other surrounding areas.

Children in the Middle is an 8-week class series offered **free of charge** and is required for families in our mediation, supervised visit and/or exchange services. This series provides valuable skills for parents who are in high-conflict situations due to divorce, separation, or ongoing child custody issues and is designed to help parents communicate with each other and establish a functional family environment for their children. By opening up our virtual classes, we hope that those in surrounding communities can better receive the same valuable services offered locally here in Norman.

To view our class schedule or register, please [visit our website](#).

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### Boys & Girls Club of Norman Celebrates AAPI Week

The Month of May is dedicated to recognizing the contributions and rich heritage of people in the Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Club members were encouraged to be open to learning about new cultures, while also learning how to respect cultural differences.

During the celebration, members learned how to create origami, write their names in Japanese calligraphy, explored the fruity flavors of the Pacific Island with tropical smoothies, and even learned about Asian cuisine by making sushi and fried rice! In the art room, they upcycled tissue paper rolls into tiki masks while staff read facts about what they represent in Pacific Islander culture. They also got the opportunity to color and design their own mandalas, which are ancient circular patterns used in Asian culture to represent the vast universe.



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### Community Partner Spotlight: CASP

Earlier this year, Boys & Girls Club of Norman formed a partnership with Community Afterschool Program (CASP) to provide one-on-one literacy tutoring for our Club members. This partnership came as CASP pivoted its service to provide free tutoring to students in K-5th grade who are reading below grade level and whose families have limited financial resources.

Throughout their time spent in the Club this semester, CASP volunteers assessed around 20 students and started tutoring approximately half. This is an evolving partnership that we hope to continue through the summer as well as next school year!



To learn more about CASP, [visit their website](#).

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### Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities Available for 2023

To help ensure every child is safe, nurtured and loved, we ask that you consider investing in CCFI by making a **corporate sponsorship gift**. With your support, we will be able to continue

offering our critical services and discover new and innovative ways to serve the Norman community.

To learn how you can help further our mission by becoming a 2023 corporate sponsor, [visit our website.](#)



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**Children  
and  
Families**



## NEW Job Openings

Looking to join a fun-loving, team and put your passion into purpose?! Look no further - we're hiring! We have a full-time job opening with our programs team, as well as a janitorial position offered through Goodwill Industries.

To view all opportunities, click the button below.

[APPLY TODAY](#)

## Walmart Launches \$1M Round Up Campaign

Did you know that every time you shop on Walmart.com, you can **round up your change and donate it to CCFI**? Simply click the button below, log into your Walmart account and select the "make this my preferred charity" button. Once you're finished, you'll receive a verified green check mark and all round ups will automatically be applied to our agency!



*The next time you plan a grocery pick up or place an online order, consider making CCFI your nonprofit of choice!*



## Upcoming BabyMobile Schedule

The Infant Crisis Services BabyMobile will be hosting drive through events at CCFI (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) to bring FREE essential baby items to the Norman community. Upcoming dates include:

- Tuesday, May 30th
- Monday, June 26th
- Monday, July 24th



***Remember, no appointment is needed and services are offered while supplies last.*** To learn more about the BabyMobile guidelines and resources, please [CLICK HERE](#).



CCFI's program-specific wish lists include items that directly benefit the children and families we serve. These in-kind donations are greatly appreciated, as they help offset program costs. Click the link below to view our current needs!

**IN-KIND WISH LISTS**

**THANK YOU**  
***to our recent in-kind donors!***

Alpha Omega Pest Control, Inc., Brother Teresa, Caren Jones, Homeland, Kristin Holetzky, Lee Bond, McFarlin Methodist Church, Michelle Willis, Network Technology Solutions, Inc., Oklahoma DHS, Pamela Duncan, Period OKC and Shelli Coble.

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