



Hands & Hearts is Around the Corner... RSVP Today!

In just under two months, CCFI will be hosting our 19th annual Hands & Hearts fundraising luncheon to support vital programs and services for children in our community. The event will be hosted at Embassy Suites in Norman on **Wednesday, May 3rd**.



During this **free event**, guests enjoy a complimentary meal, receive agency updates and gain valuable insight into the services we provide. Attendees will also learn about becoming our partner through making a financial pledge or one-time gift to help sustain our mission. RSVP today by clicking the link below!

[RSVP TODAY](#)

Unable to Attend?

If you are 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!

MAKE A DONATION

To learn more about becoming a table captain at Hands & Hearts, contact Alberto Rivas at arivas@ccfinorman.org or 405-364-1420.

Counseling Program Pilots FREE Parent Support Group

Earlier this year, we launched a new group series called Circle of Security® Parenting for those on our counseling wait list with children from ages zero to six. The Circle of Security® program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

We piloted this series in three individual groups, with two being offered in Spanish, with a strong focus on attachment and parenting in early childhood. These weekly sessions are eight weeks long and are intended to help parents:

- Understand their child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs
- Support their child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of their child's self-esteem
- Honor their innate wisdom and desire for children to be secure

We look forward to continuing this weekly series on a regular basis to help caregivers strive towards being “bigger, stronger, wiser, and kind”. To learn more about this series, [click here](#).



Whitney Dunn Selected as Nationwide Afterschool Ambassador

Whitney Dunn, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club of Norman, recently had the privilege of traveling to Washington, D.C. to begin her advocacy journey as a 2023 Afterschool Ambassador. Whitney is one of just 16 leaders across the country chosen for this honor through the Afterschool Alliance. Through her one-year ambassadorship, she and other leaders will organize events, work with community leaders and policy makers, and continue advocating for ways to increase support for the afterschool and summer learning programs families rely on.



“I’m honored to represent Oklahoma this year as part of the Afterschool Alliance and look forward to joining other ambassadors as we continue advocating for our youth,” said Dunn. “I’ve seen first-hand the incredible ways afterschool programs, such as Boys & Girls Club of Norman, support students and how important these services are for families as a whole.”

Congratulations, Whitney!

To read the full story, [visit our website](#).

Community Partner Spotlight: Period OKC

CCFI recently formed a partnership with Period OKC, an Oklahoma City-based nonprofit with a simple mission to provide free menstrual products to any individual in need. In our first year of partnership, we were able to help **62 visitors** with period supplies, including **234 tampons and 828 pads!**

Through this collaboration, Period OKC regularly provides tampons and pads to our agency to distribute to Baby Pantry guests and other individuals as needed. Supplies are available completely free of charge and can be picked up **weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** through our Baby Pantry.

To learn more about Period OKC's mission, [visit their website](#).



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](#) or contact Alberto Rivas at arivas@ccfinorman.org or 405-364-1420.

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Thank you to our 2023 Corporate Sponsors!

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March is National Social Work Month

CCFI is helping celebrate Social Work Month by highlighting the countless positive contributions social workers bring to our agency!

At CCFI, social workers boast unique strengths and talents and serve clients in a variety of capacities. In addition to staff members, we continually offer a variety of practicum opportunities for undergraduates and graduate-level students. Through these experiences, students gain hands-on professional experience, ultimately allowing them to gain valuable insight into this dynamic profession.

SOCIAL WORK BREAKS BARRIERS

Please help us recognize the following CCFI social work staff and students:

- Lee Brandon, LCSW
- Taylor Combs, BSW Student
- Trey Gourley, MSW Student
- Shelby Johnson, MSW Student
- Marisol Faro-Suárez, BA, MSW, MSW U/S

- Kathryn Morris-Scott, LCSW, PMH-C, IMH-E®
- Kelley Nedbalek, LCSW, PMH-C, IMH-E®
- Eric Noreen, BSW
- Jessica Schonlau, LCSW, CATP, PMH-C, IMH-E®
- Idalis Solis-Rodriguez, BSW Student
- Oyinda Smith, MSW Student
- Tayler Taliaferro, MSW Student
- Alli Wilson-Burns, BSW

CCFI Hosts Board Alumni Event

We had a wonderful time visiting with this group of former board members during our annual board alumni breakfast! Thank you all for spending the morning at CCFI and for enjoying great conversations and delicious food and drinks. We plan to host another board alumni event this fall, so stay tuned for more details!



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! PLUS, during the month of March, Walmart is doing a million-dollar match and will match donations 2:1.

[GET STARTED](#)

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

Mentor Volunteers Needed

Every day at Boys & Girls Club of Norman, we mentor kids of all ages. In addition to standard homework help, we also offer skill building activities to ensure Club members are getting the foundation they need. Sometimes, a little extra support with accountability can go a long way!

To learn how YOU can become a mentor, sign up to volunteer today!



[LEARN MORE](#)

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:

- Monday, March 27th
- Monday, April 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!

Bridges, Brunch Club Norman, David Imy, JCPenney Leadership Program, Lee Bond, Marcum's Nursery, Network Technology Solutions, Inc., Pioneer Library System, Premiere Pediatrics, Sadie Noreen, Sneha Chauhan, Thomas DiJorio, West Wind Unitarian Universalist Congregation and Yue Zheng.

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