



*Thank you for your heartfelt support and generosity in the name of **Hope, Homes, and Healing** for kids in crisis. Your partnership makes all the difference as we serve children in foster care and families in our 5 Southwest Florida counties. In this newsletter, be inspired by 4KIDS Partners like you who **invested time and resources** to transform lives this past quarter!*



Church Partner Spotlight: Port Charlotte Seventh Day Adventist Church

We believe the Church is the answer to the foster care crisis, which is why we are intentional about cultivating strong relationships with churches all across SWFL. Some churches choose to focus their efforts on foster parent recruitment or responding to CarePortal requests, but Port Charlotte Seventh Day Adventist Church has their hand in many on-ramps with 4KIDS!

When the pastor and foster/adoptive dad, Ben Shurtliff responded to an outreach communication we sent, he expressed sincere interest in getting involved! Just 10 weeks later, he facilitated two 4KIDS presentations at their services, had one of our staff members share in a sermon, and paved the way for the congregation to become the leading CarePortal church in Charlotte County!

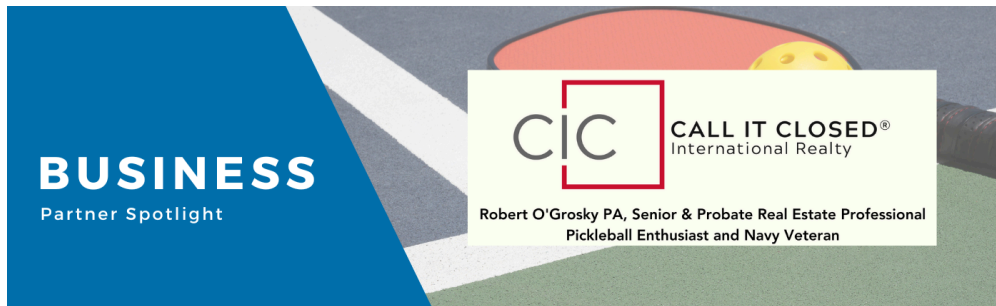
One of these CarePortal requests in particular involved an expecting mother who was fully resolved to not keep her baby. Port Charlotte Seventh Day Adventist Church took the lead on this request and helped raise over \$3,000 for this mother. Because of our partnership with Aspire Women's Clinic, through CarePortal, we were able to see this mother shift her focus to choosing life, because of the resources provided to her via CarePortal churches. This church has already served 13 children since joining

CarePortal on April 1st of this year, saying "yes" to every request we've asked of them so far. Most recently, they have collected a dozen diaper bags full of supplies for our Back To School Backpack Drive!

We are so blessed to work alongside this church to make sure every child has a loving home and the opportunity for a bright future. Thank you, Port Charlotte Seventh Day Adventist Church for making an eternal impact for kids and families in need.

Church Partners: Connect With Us

Looking for other opportunities to give back? To see how your congregation can get more involved with 4KIDS, please contact Scott Anderson, Church Relations Coordinator, at 239-299-6282 or ScottA@4KIDS.us. We'll help you find a way to partner with us that works best for your church's goals!



Business Partner Spotlight: Call It Closed International Realty, Robert O'Grosky

We want to thank Call It Closed International Realty and Robert O'Grosky for being one of the sponsors of our recent Dink4KIDS Pickleball Tournament and share our gratitude for all the work Robert did to help us organize this special event!

Robert relocated to Fort Myers from California in 1989 where he and his wife Kim became very involved in their church, First Assembly of God in Fort Myers. When they heard about 4KIDS and the mission to *find a home for every child*, they wanted to get involved to make an impact on the community. Robert loves to play Pickleball in his spare time, so when the opportunity to sponsor the Dink4KIDS Pickleball Tournament held recently in Fort Myers arose, he was all in!

Robert shares, "My wife and I learned about 4KIDS at our church and I knew that we wanted to be involved in a Christian organization that is doing something hands-on to help foster kids. I love Pickleball and the 4KIDS Mission, and being part of an event to raise funds was critical so we can help our youth find Jesus and then live their best life."

Dink4KIDS was a lively event that brought together advocates and athletes alike for one cause, to raise funds to kids in crisis. Because of Call It Closed International Realty and their generosity, the event was both memorable and impactful, thank you!



Business Partners: Connect With Us

Looking for other opportunities to give back? To see how your business can get more involved with 4KIDS, please contact Karole Davis, Partner Engagement Officer, at 239.406.9577 or KaroleD@4KIDS.us. We'll help you find a way to partner with us that works best for your company and mission!



Last quarter, you helped change lives and bring joy to children and families in crisis. **Take a look at the impact YOU made in April, May and June** across Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades & Hendry counties.

HOPE**114**

Kids were impacted
through CarePortal

HOMES**13**

Kids were served through
foster care

HEALING**208**

Hours of therapy were
provided to kids and adults

Upcoming

SEE WHAT'S NEXT.

Take a look at what we have coming up!



Make A Lasting Gift:

***Smarter Giving: Estate & Legacy Planning
Webinar - Tuesday, August 6 at Noon or 7 p.m.***

Make a transformational gift that protects your family and creates more *Hope, Homes, and Healing* through 4KIDS. Design your first estate plan or update your existing one with our trusted partner Financial Planning Ministry (FPM) to leave a lasting legacy. When you include a legacy gift to 4KIDS of any amount, your confidential, customized, and comprehensive plan is designed at **no cost to you**. Sign up for the next one-hour webinar to see just how simple this process can be!

[Register Now](#)



Save the Date:

Night of Advocacy - Saturday, October 5, 2024

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 5 for our first-ever Night Of Advocacy in Southwest Florida. Join us for a time of special worship, fellowship, and **hear from Peter Mutabazi "Foster Dad Flipper"!** Don't miss this exciting event that will leave you feeling encouraged and inspired to shine a light in the world of foster care. **Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.**

