



*In this newsletter, be inspired by other 4KIDS Partners like you who invested their **treasure, time, and talent** to transform lives this past quarter. As always, thank you for your heartfelt support and generosity in the name of **Hope, Homes, and Healing** for kids in crisis. Your partnership truly makes all the difference as we seek to impact more children and families locally.*



### **Investing Their Treasure: Brad and Laura Mitchell**

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to long-time 4KIDS partners, **Brad and Laura Mitchell**, who generously invested their time and resources to host a "party with a purpose" at their home this past March.

The Mitchells have been steadfast 4KIDS Champions for several years, raising awareness about the needs in foster care and mobilizing their own network to fundraise. Most recently, they came up with the brilliant idea of hosting a game night at their house and sparking some friendly competition while raising crucial funds for children and families in crisis. Over 50 friends and family members gathered for an evening of food and fun, learning more about how they can get involved with 4KIDS.

Laura said, "My husband Brad and I are parents of 2 adopted (now adult) children. We feel called to volunteer for 4KIDS because of our personal journey with adoption. Volunteering for 4KIDS is a way for us to give back even a small amount and help offer hope and support to children needing a safe, stable and loving environment. We are blessed to have the opportunity to work with this amazing organization and the staff who run it! 4KIDS combines our love of children with our love of God."

They also shared that the night was filled with love, surrounded by people who are passionate about foster care and adoption. Through their efforts, **Brad and Laura raised over \$13,000** in just one evening!



### Investing Their Time: Scott Hanlon

A few weeks ago, our foster and adoptive families came together at Journey Church for the much-anticipated 4KIDS Family Picnic! It was a fantastic day full of games, delicious food, a Moana show, and so much more. But the highlight of the event was undoubtedly the 225 cups of refreshing ice cream served by our amazing 4KIDS Partner, **Scott Hanlon!**

Scott Hanlon, a dedicated friend and advocate for children, has been actively involved with 4KIDS for about two years and has made a significant impact on the Palm Beach community. He first connected with us after meeting one of our Partner Engagement Officers through his child's school and later learned more about 4KIDS through his home church, Journey Church. Since then, Scott has supported us in many ways—financially, through volunteering, and by staying engaged in various initiatives.

At last month's picnic, Scott went above and beyond by generously preparing and serving this lovely sweet treat to our 4KIDS families in attendance. The ice cream brought smiles to both parents and kids, and we are so grateful for his kindness and ongoing commitment to the children we serve. His support truly makes a difference in the lives of our families!



### Investing Their Talent: Melissa Porten & Palm Beach Galentine's Partners

Melissa Porten definitely put in some "volunteer overtime" to ensure this year's Palm Beach Galentine's auction was a huge success. Melissa meticulously crafted over 60 stunning gift baskets using the amazing gift items and gift certificates that were generously donated from local businesses. Melissa has been a faithful weekly volunteer in the Palm Beach office for over 4 years and we are so grateful she is part of our 4KIDS family!

We also want to thank our partners who donated auction items for our Galentines Luncheon:

**5th Avenue Plastic Surgery, AuraMed Aesthetics Boca Raton, The Club at Boca Pointe, The New Boca Raton Fitness Center, Club Pilates West Palm Beach, Club Pilates Boca Raton, Cocoplum Nature School, Colin Lowe, Crazy Uncle Mike's, Cristiano**

**Chocolates, D'Best Sandwich Shop, Deke's in Delray, Direct Primary Care, Eddie V's Prime Seafood, Good Karma Brands (ESPN), Flannigan's Deerfield Beach, Foot Haven Luxe Spa, Hampton Inn Delray, Inspire Aesthetics, Iron & Light Box, Island Water Sports, J. McLaughlin, Janet Bozick, Jessica Joy, Jill's Next-Door Dog Walking and Pet Services, Jordan Williams, Juliet Beauty, Keylypso of the Palm Beaches, Kapow Noodle Bar, Penelope, Kendra Scott, Lemongrass Boynton Beach, Levenger, Lilly Pulitzer, Lucky Girl Skin Spa, Luna Rosa, Massage Heights Delray Beach, Masterpiece Pilates, One Aveda Salon Delray Beach, Papa's Tapas, PGA Tour Superstore Delray, Playa Bowls Delray Beach, Posh Fit, Rick Lowe Fine Art, Rocco's Tacos, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Shears of Faith, Sklar Furniture, Slash Fitness, Tammy Fender Spa at the Opal Grand Resort, The Bunny Hive, TRX Training Center, and Whale's Rib**

We also want to give a huge shout-out to all the amazing partners who sponsored this event:

**Sulay Mesa – Remax Realtor, Closets Etc., Paradise Bank, Hose-McCann Communications, Mary Maguire, The James Mitchell Fund, Cornerstone 360 Advisors/(Brandi Lobato), Direct Primary Care Boca Raton, Kingdom Charitable Trust/(Grace McCafferty), Kim Beaumont, Cathy Karpinen, Ximena Fedele, Hidden Harbor Capital Partners, JM Family Enterprises, Pediatrics By the Sea, Lilly Pulitzer, and Allstate, Dani Beaumont.**

Thanks to our amazing partners, we far exceeded our goal of \$100,000 at this year's Galentine's Day Luncheon to benefit our children and families!



*Last quarter, from January to March, you helped change lives and bring joy to children in Palm Beach County:*

## HOPE

# 203

Kids were impacted through CarePortal

## HOMES

# 42

Kids were served through foster care

## HEALING

# 458

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, April 29 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](#)



Get Involved:

***May Is National Foster Care Month***



May is widely recognized across the U.S. as National Foster Care Month. Since 1997, **4KIDS has been on a mission to transform the foster care system and bring *Hope, Homes, and Healing* to children and families experiencing foster care!** During the month of May, there are 4 ways you can stand in advocacy and action this month on behalf of our community's kids. Click the button below to visit the partner landing page and learn more.

Get Involved For National Foster Care Month

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### Connect With Us

Looking for other opportunities to give back? To see how your business can get more involved with 4KIDS, please contact Else Engel, Partner Engagement Officer, at 561-699-8570 or [ElseE@4KIDS.us](mailto:ElseE@4KIDS.us). We'll help you find a way to partner with us that works best for your company and mission!

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