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Agenda

- 5:45pm **Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar**
Child Focus Heart Art Display—original works of art
and limited edition prints!
Heads & Tails Game \$5 Necklace Sale
Silent Auction
Wine Auction
Bourbon Auction
- 6:30pm **Seated for Dinner**
Welcome- Rob Meyer, Board President
Grace- Jim Nuckols
- 7:00pm **Program**
Welcome- Jim Carter
Sponsor/Volunteer Thanks- Tara Keith
Awards:
Law Enforcement
Mental Health
Early Learning
Parent Leadership
Youth Leadership
Difference Makers
- 9:30pm **All Auctions Close/ Winners Announced**
*Fill out express check-out forms with credit card
information included in your packet or pay by check or
cash to take your auction items home tonight! If you
leave before the auctions close we will call you next
week to arrange payment and pick-up details.*
**Be sure to include your phone number on the
bid sheet!**
- 10:00pm **Event Concludes**

Congratulations to Our Award Winners

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Joe Palmer, Captain Hogue and Captain McConnell

There are not enough words to express our appreciation for the leadership at the Clermont County Jail and support for the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Linkage Program. Joe Palmer, Jail Administrator, and Captains Mike McConnell and Bill Hogue have offered their support and immense knowledge about the people they serve daily, to help create and sustain a program that links inmates to needed mental health services in order to address recidivism in our county. Kind, helpful, compassionate, funny, encouraging, and empathic are just a few words that would describe these fine men. Under the leadership of Sheriff Leahy, they have embraced a new philosophy and challenged themselves, staff and other providers to adjust their approach to better meet the needs of the inmates.

MENTAL HEALTH

Teri Friedrich and Diane Egbers

As a provider and champion for children, families and adults we elevate, honor, and support caregivers who know and live with children and adults who have mental health issues. Their stories are respected and prioritized as an integral piece of our overall community health conversation. They share their stories with friends, family, community members, leaders and funders to raise awareness on these important issues. Teri is a mom of two boys and is here to share her story tonight.

Diane has demonstrated stunning strength and courage after losing her son, Grant, to suicide in 2015. She is a strong advocate that suicide is a preventable cause of death. And that is our opportunity. She believes our opportunity is to reach these kids sooner and get them the help they need. She and her husband, Tom Egbers, have found their hope through helping others. They formed Grant Us Hope in 2016 with the goal of reducing teen suicide in the Tri-State. Now the nonprofit is bringing a peer-to-peer counseling program called Hope Squad to Greater Cincinnati with the belief that it can save young people in our community.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Devon Devoe

Devon is a 2018 graduate of the Genesis School. The Genesis School is run by Clermont Educational Service Center where Child Focus provides mental health treatment. Devon worked diligently online while taking regular education classes in order to graduate a year early from high school. Devon has overcome multiple, complex obstacles in her life in order to achieve her goal of earning a high school diploma and becoming a positive member of society. She has battled through anxiety and depression and is now working through the Easter Seals Program at West Clermont High School. She takes pride in her work and is looking forward to her bright future. Devon's wisdom has allowed her to recognize that she has yet to arrive at reaching her ultimate goals while at the same time, she celebrates how far she has come. Devon is a hardworking, talented and truly exceptional young person and we are so excited for her to fully realize her potential.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Shelby Pairan,

Shelby has been a long term volunteer, and we often joke a "Voluntold," for Child Focus since 2006. She has provided hundreds of hours doing what needs done: sorting, moving, cleaning, cutting and lifting. She has worked with Head Start, The Giving Tree, which provides gifts, food and clothing to hundreds of needy families over the holidays, and our Toy Drive which generates 1,500 toys in partnership with Kroger and WCPO Channel 9. Organized and diligent, Shelby was always able to balance not only schoolwork, sports, social and extracurricular activities in addition to her family commitments, including being a big sister, as her parents are also foster parents. Despite this, she also found time to volunteer at her church. I am extremely impressed at how generous she has been with her very limited free time. Yet another example of what an amazing person she is!

PARENT LEADERSHIP

Tiffany Jackson

As the Policy Council Chairperson, Tiffany has shown remarkable leadership and dedication to our agency. She has devoted countless hours to facilitate engaging and meaningful meetings with Head Start parents to elicit input in critical decisions for our program. This partnership with parents in the decision-making process has made our program stronger. But Tiffany did not stop there. This year, Tiffany agreed to participate in the Parent Ambassador program and became the first Parent Ambassador for Child Focus and as such, joined a select group of parents from Ohio who traveled to Washington, DC to meet legislators and talk about the impact Head Start had had in their lives, family and children. As you can imagine these personal stories are a lot more powerful than anything program administrators or staff can share. Tiffany embraced this opportunity with courage and a high level of commitment. She traveled out of state, got on an airplane for the first time and alone, spent time away from home with individuals who were strangers at first and later became friends who shared the same passion for Head Start.

Christa Jackson, David Mullins and Ashley Hines

Christa Jackson, David Mullins and Ashley Hines were a tremendous support to our Head Start preschool program this past year. All three were highly involved in Head Start events. They attended all of our family events and parent meetings, volunteered in the classrooms and took on a leadership role as Policy Council members. They were always supportive and encouraging of other parents, sharing resources, information and ideas. David personally arranged to register a parent for the Family Independence Initiative. Christa also assisted other parents and offered her personal contact information to arrange meetings and answer any questions. Ashley organized the first Family Independence group in Clermont County and has become the top participant in the region, making tremendous progress toward her goals and assisting others in the process. They always remained positive, even during challenging situations. Like many parents, they face obstacles, yet still take the time to say thank you and show their gratitude. We just could not say enough about these three wonderful parents. Those of us who have had the honor of working with these amazing families feel so thankful for their involvement not only in the program, but also with their children. Their children are an example of their wonderful nature, and we are excited to see them progress to Kindergarten this year!

EARLY LEARNING

Chris Humphrey and Sarah Ghee

It is an honor to recognize Chris and Sarah tonight and celebrate the long-standing relationship that exists between us. Sarah and Chris both work for the United Way, as the Eastern Area Director and Success by Six Program Manager. In their roles, and at a very personal level, they are both deeply committed to improving the quality of life for children and families in our community. This means focusing on tough and complicated issues like school readiness, mentoring, work readiness, childhood poverty and trauma. Chris and Sarah are present and involved and leading the work to improve our community while working hard to forge strategic partnerships that bring together individuals and organizations to address these very complex community issues.

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Dr. Keith Kline

Dr. Kline's educational career spans 34 years and includes serving as a West Clermont School District superintendent, assistant superintendent, high school elementary school principal and a teacher. He retired this July. Dr. Kline has moved the district and the community forward in significant ways by providing tremendous leadership during tough times. He has enthusiastically supported Child Focus Early Learning programs providing Full-Day Kindergarten services, Summer Bridge, Before and After School and Mental Health in all of his buildings. He cares about our students and community, and it shows in everything that he does. He begins a new chapter in his career this summer as the executive director of Grant Us Hope, an organization in Cincinnati focused on teen suicide prevention. In his role at Grant Us Hope, Dr. Kline will be doing what he does best, developing relationships, partnerships, and collaboration to serve students across Ohio and Kentucky Schools. He will also lead the organization in the launch of Hope Squad, a school-based, peer-to-peer suicide prevention program, in more than 20 regional schools.

Jim Carter

Jim Carter's commitment and dedication to children and families, local organizations and the overall quality of life in our community is unsurpassed. Jim's expertise and leadership has been invaluable in helping Child Focus, Inc. grow and diversify in early learning and behavioral health care. In his role as CEO, Jim will have served as a member of the CFI executive leadership team for four decades when he retires next June. He has worked tirelessly to build quality programs in our community and has played such an important role in the progress of children's services. Our community is not only fortunate to benefit from his hard work but his efforts also inspire us, his peers, family, community stakeholders and the staff of Child Focus, to new levels of commitment.

His heart, vision, hard work and generous spirit truly reflects the mission of Child Focus. When he began at the Clermont County Diagnostic Center for Developmental Disabilities, he worked in a trailer with five staff. The name was changed to Child Focus, Inc., and under his leadership it has grown to meet the growing needs of children and families in our community. Today Child Focus has been acknowledged at local, state and national levels. One only has to know Jim for a short period of time to understand that it is his devotion to humanity that drives his thoughts and actions. He has built his life around being an unwavering advocate for those in our community who need help, particularly the most vulnerable children in our community— children who live in poverty, children with mental illness and children who hurt. Through his passion and commitment, Child Focus has literally changed the lives of thousands of children, families and adults in our community.

Heads & Tails

Purchase one or more necklaces (\$5 each) for a chance to win split the pot for our heads and tails game before dinner!

Wine Auction:

Purchase a wine bottle for \$20. Donated wines range from \$15 to \$60 in value.

Bourbon Auction:

Purchase a wine bottle for \$30. Donated wines range from \$25 to \$60 in value.

Made with Love Artwork: *Artwork created by children in our Early Learning and Foster Care programs is on display for auction. All children's art is original and available in a limited edition print. Child Focus mental health, early learning and foster care programs developed quilt squares which has also been captured in a limited edition print. The quilt will also be available for auction.*

Silent Auction:

- City BBQ Basket: Family Pack and \$20 Gift Card. Value: \$60
- Stroller quilt with changing pads and stuffed animal. Donated by Jaynee's Quiltery. Value: \$40
- Hand Made Dishwasher Safe Ceramic Platter. Donated by Kathy Aerni. Value: \$100
- Burger Farm Gift Card. Value: \$25
- Two Nights at French Lick Resort in French Lick, Indiana. Value: \$400
- Two Kings Island Tickets. Value: \$140
- Four Red's Tickets (Monday-Thursday) & Fiona Bobblehead. Value: \$100
- 4 Rounds of Golf @ Legendary Run (Pierce Township) with two sleeves of balls. Value: \$110
- Summetime Fun Basket. Donated by Sandy Lock. Value: \$175
- Children's Fun Baskets with One Large LaRosa's Pizza
- Galaxy 16GB Tablet. Donated by Procomp Software Consultants. Value: \$199
- Cooper's Hawk Malbec with Two Yeti Wine Cups. Donated by Tara Keith. Value: \$75
- Two Perfect North Day Lift Tickets to : Certificate is good for either eight (8) hours of skiing/snowboarding OR unlimited Snow Tubing, Mon.-Thurs. Value: \$104
- Dinner for 4 at Chipotle. Value: \$50
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- Organic Beef Basket: Olds Farm Beef. All Beef is processed in a USDA facility and vacuum sealed for freshness. There are no additives or hormones in the beef. The Beef is finished on brewers grain and corn that is raised on the family farm. There is a variety of cuts of meat and ground hamburger packages in the box. Donated by Bonnie Olds-Carson. Value: \$100
- Bruegger's Bagel Breakfast for a Month: Weekly Bagel and Small Coffee. Value: \$25
- Car Wash at Mike's Car Wash. Value: \$20
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- Zoup (Eastgate) Gift Card. Value: \$20

- Cincinnati Nature Center: Family Vehicle Pass to Rowe Woods and Smores Basket. Value: \$50
- Street Survival Certificate. Donated by Tim & Jaynee Beechuk. Value: \$95
- Big Boys for a Year from Frisch's (12 Big Boys). Value: \$60
- Mt. Carmel Brewery: Free Growler Fill, 2 Tees and Glasses. Value: \$60
- Local Things to Do: 2 Nights at Hueston Woods in Oxord,OH, an Ohio State Park with Lantern, Bottle of Wine, etc. Donated by Child Focus Early Learning. Value: \$300
- Graeters Basket: Merchandise and \$25 gift card. Value: \$100
- Standard Portrait Package at Jeffrey Thomas Photography, <https://jeffrey.photos/portfolio/portrait/>. Value: \$200
- Marco's Pizza (Milford): One Two-Topping Pizza and One Cheesy Bread. Value: \$20
- 2 Tickets to Playhouse in the Park: Misery Sept 1-29 and \$100 Gift Care to Boi Na Braza (Downtown Cincinnati). Value: \$170
- 4 Esquire (Kenwood, Mariemont or Clifton) Movie Passes, 4 BOGO Passes Plus and a \$20 Graeter's Gift Card. Value: \$100
- Holiday Inn Overnight & 2 Breakfast's at McKenna's. Value: \$125
- Ladies Calloway Golf Bag, Head Covers, Foursome at O'Bannon and \$150 Dinner Gift Card to O'Bannon and Golf Items. Donated by Mark & Pam Lindeman. Value: \$800
- Rhinegeist (Over the Rhine) Brewery: T-shirt, 2 Pint Glasses & 32 Oz Growler. Value: \$100
- Alcohol Basket. Donated by Child Focus Community Mental Health. Value: \$300
- Macallan Scottish Whiskey. Donated by Jeff Finke. Value: \$70
- Four Tickets to UC Men's Basketball game with Parking Pass Card & Merchandise. A mutually agreed upon date will be determined once the schedule comes out. Donated by Zingarelli Law Office. Value: \$215
- Yard House, Bahama Breeze, Olive Garden, Longhorn, Seasons 52 or Red Lobster GC. Donated by Keith & Vicki Kral. Value: \$50
- 30 Days of Chik Fil A Basket. Single cards for a free Chick-fil-A Chchien, Grilled Chicken or Spicy Chicken Sandywich. Value: \$105
- Texas Roadhouse Basket: Free Entrée, appetizer, spices, sauce and peanuts. Value: \$30
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- Jose Cuervo Tequila Basket. Donated by Colette Larson. Value: \$40
- Pet Basket: \$50 Pet Smart Gift Card with Pet Toys and Supplies. Donated by Child Focus Business Office. Value: \$150
- Craft Basket. Donated by Child Focus Business Office. Value: \$125
- 2 Beechmont Players (Anderson) Tickets to Widdershins, October 19-27 and \$25 Mio's Gift Card. Value: \$65
- Cooper's Hawk Red (cabernet/merlot blend), a bottle of Cooper's Hawk White (pinot gris/riesling blend)) donated by Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurants of Kenwood/Cincinnati, Ohio and a \$25 Gift Card donated by Christa Jackson. Value: \$65

- XU Basket: 4 Tickets (section 207 Row E (not 5) Seats 12-15) Plus XU Merchandise (One Large and One Small XU Tees, Hat, Blue Blob & Tumbler & \$50 Gift Card to Delicios Coal Fired Pizza. Donated by The Ryan Family. Value: \$250
- Coupons to Jet's Pizza (Anderson, Fairfield, Milford, Montgomery, Symmes Township & Woodlawn) Value: \$10
- One Free Pizza: MOD Pizza, Amelia. Value: \$11
- Foursome at Oasis Golf Club (Loveland) with two sleeves of balls. Value: \$340
- Bottle of Wine Plus Dinner for Two (Steak or Salmon) on Saturdays now through Decemeber 2018 at Miranda-Nixon Winery (Ripley, OH). Donated by Hawkins Law LLC. Value: \$75
- Encourage the Heart Quilt. Donated by Jaynee's Quiltery. Value: \$250
- Encourage the Heart Hand Print Quilt. Donated by Jaynee's Quiltery. Value: Priceless
- Thomas Kincaid Lighthouse Matted Print. Value: \$15
- Wine & Roses: \$25 Gift Cards for Mt.Washington Florist and Willow Florist. Value: \$70
- Lunch Bunch! \$25 Gift Cards to O'Charley's, Skyline, Applebees and Chiptole. Donated by Sandy Lock. Value: \$100
- Gift Card to: Longhorn, Cheddar's, Season's 52, Bahama Breeze, Olive Garden or Yard House. Value: \$50
- Cleveland Browns: Carl Nassib Lithograph. Value: \$20
- Bee Bag, Local Honey & Family Membership for a Year at Gorman Farm (Evendale). Value: \$50
- 15 Beautiful Holiday Barbie Doll Collection Lot for sale (1988-2002). Dolls are part of a own private collection. The original owner purchased all the dolls new and they have never been removed from the box (NRFB), with the exception of 1988 and 1989 which appear to be NRFB. Value: \$650
- 20 Pieces of Various Jewelery. Donated by Friends of BMW CCA.
- Framed Car Print. Value: \$50
- Relaxation Basket. Donated by Tara Keith. Value: \$100
- Hunter Reay Autographed Print. Value: \$25

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in strengthening the quality of life
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