



Friends of Joshua House Connection

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Giving Tuesday

Join #GivingTuesday

WHAT IS #GIVINGTUESDAY?

Following Black Friday and Cyber Monday...we now have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back.

Letter from the Executive Director

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'Tis the Season! The season to be thankful, the season of giving, and the season to warmly embrace our family and friends. First, let me say how thankful I am for all the support you have shown Joshua House this past year.

It is remarkable how quickly time flies. It feels like just yesterday that we were planning summer activities and now we are preparing for the Holidays and a New Year. When shopping for your holiday or

Christmas gifts this season, please keep our foster children in mind. There may be friends and family on your list who might truly appreciate having a donation made in their name to Friends of Joshua House Foundation. This is a perfect option for people who "have everything" and knowing that your gift to them helps abused, abandoned, and neglected children and teens would mean more than a tangible gift.

Making a donation to support foster youth through Friends of Joshua House Foundation is a great way to show friends, family members, co-workers and even clients that you are thinking about them during the holiday season, as well as sending a message that you are mindful of the needs in your community and respectful of their interests. Whether you make a donation instead of purchasing a traditional gift or as an add-on, this is a truly thoughtful opportunity to spread a message of cheer and charitable giving during this Blessed season.

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.



It's a simple idea. Just find a way for your family, your community, your company or your organization to come together to give something

more. Join us and be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sleigh Drivers

Santa is currently recruiting Sleigh Drivers to assist with picking up and delivering donations this holiday season. Drivers must be jolly, available during regular workshop hours and have previous holiday experience. (Celebrating any holiday qualifies) Sleigh Ownership is preferred, but not required. **We do have one Sleigh (Van) and would very much like to find a driver or two who would be available on an occasional basis throughout the year.** [Holiday Headwear provided.](#)

Year-Round Re-Sale Elves

This is a perfect project for a small group of detail oriented volunteers who enjoy fashion and/or shopping! There are many times that we receive clothing donations that are not appropriate for the children at Joshua House. When we have the opportunity, we have volunteers sort and clean them and bring them to local clothing consignment stores. This helps fund new clothing purchases of socks, shoes, underwear and other clothing. We are looking for volunteers that will take this project and run with it! Sort, clean and sell/consign clothes as appropriate - and maybe even hold a garage sale for the items that do not sell at consignment. We believe there is great fundraising potential here and hope to find the right people to make it happen!

Year-Round Wednesday Elves

Need 1 or 2 volunteers to pick up food donations from a local (Carrollwood area) Food Bank and delivery to Joshua House on Wednesdays. Approximately 11:30am - 1pm, depending on the wait time at the Food Bank.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Nanci March at nmarch@friendsofjoshushouse.org

It's easy to set up a charitable gift for the people on your list who will appreciate such an expression of generosity. Simply [click here](#) to be directed to our web site, or call me directly at 813-263-3469 to make your donation with a credit card. You may also send a check to P.O. Box 26333, Tampa 33623, along with details on where to send the gift acknowledgement. Donations can be made in any amount. It makes a difference!

Once you have purchased your gift donation, we'll provide you with a lovely certificate showcasing the donation amount and the name of the person it's been made in honor of. The certificate can be sent to you for gift-giving purposes or go directly to the recipient. All funds raised through Christmas gifts will go directly to providing a safe haven for abused children and teens at Joshua House. Please make a decision to give today.

So many more children need and will continue to need the healing and love that Joshua House provides. Our mission is to continue to serve and provide an improved quality of life for the kids that call Joshua House home. On behalf of the children, the Joshua House staff, the founders, CHSFL, and the Board of Directors we send you and the Tampa Bay community our most sincere appreciation for all you have done for the Joshua House this past year. YOU have changed many lives. We look forward to continuing our friendship for many more years to come. Happy Holidays!

DeDe Grundel

Our Child's Story

Belinda's Story

On a hot, sticky day in the summer, success visited Joshua House. It wasn't a profound accomplishment that was noteworthy for the public news, but for the purposes of what we consider success, it certainly was. Belinda is a challenged young lady of only twelve years old. Calling Joshua House home since she was ten, she arrived on our doorstep badly beaten and grievously injured to her soul. Abandoned by her drug addicted mother when she was just a toddler, she was passed from family member to family member. Living in multiple homes, she was physically and emotionally abused for seven years. The longest she has ever lived in one place has been since she arrived at Joshua House two years ago.



A sweet girl, with liquid brown eyes, Belinda harbored a wealth of pain, disillusionment, and behavioral issues.

[Read on:](#)

Holiday Gift Drive for the children at Joshua House



Our Holiday Gift Drive is in full swing. And there are many ways that you can help.

1. If you would like, you can purchase items off of our Holiday Wish List. This list contains not only our children's individual wishes, but also House Wishes and Adopt A House Wishes.

Click here to access a printable copy of our [Holiday Wish List](#).

2. Purchase the specific items on our "Sign Up list" below and deliver them by December 18th to one of our Drop Off locations.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0845aba82d6-holiday1>

3. Don't have time to shop? We have volunteer elves ready to shop for you. Monetary gifts are accepted, just make a donation using the DONATE link below and we promise to apply 100% of your gift toward making a foster child's holiday wishes come true...



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Saturday, December 6th

The award winning event is back, Stay tuned.

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Bowties & CLUTCHES

The international style night party
Save the date: Saturday December 6, 2014

Tampa Bay's No. 1 Fashion/Style Party
Benefiting Joshua House www.friendsofjoshuahouse.org
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Mark Your Calendar

[Child Abuse Awareness Luncheon](#)

April 17, 2015

Tampa Hilton Downtown

for more information about our upcoming events, please visit,

<http://friendsofjoshuahouse.org/events>

Event Recap

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Our Annual Pin Party was held at Pin Chasers on Sunday, October 17th and it was a smashing success! Over 200 people enjoyed an afternoon of bowling, food and fun! All the children from Joshua House loved having the face painters and Balloon Artist there - and they also felt a special sense of pride as they watched their hand-painted Auction items get bid on by our guests. Thank you to everyone who attended and special thanks to all the individuals and companies who sponsored lanes for the children to enjoy such a special day!

Support Joshua House through AmazonSmile



As you start your holiday shopping, please consider signing up for AmazonSmile and support Friends of Joshua House Foundation.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Friends of Joshua House every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Friends of Joshua House.

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