



HomeSafe

HAPPENINGS

OUR MISSION: Creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children, young adults and families.

The Fortin Family Foundation's \$1 Million Gift Is an Investment in Our Children's Futures

The world of trauma-informed mental healthcare is constantly evolving to keep pace with the ever-growing needs of the abused and abandoned children in our care. The Fortin Family Foundation's generous contribution to HomeSafe's Endowment is an extraordinary investment in building a secure financial foundation so that we can confidently fulfill our promise to our children: We will provide the secure and stable home they have never experienced, one in which they are immersed in the loving care and therapeutic support that we offer every moment they are with us.

Experiencing safety and love is the catalyst for transformation—to imagine hope for the first time, to imagine possibilities that have been locked away behind the trauma, and to imagine a new life, one that they now understand they have the power to create. Two years ago, HomeSafe embarked on a mission to enhance our therapeutic offerings, hire and retain the most compassionate professional

caretakers for our children, build a strong culture of excellence and innovation, and increase our endowed and flexible funds—all to better care for children and families impacted by trauma. We are almost halfway to our goal of increasing our endowed funds by \$3 million by 2028. A robust endowment builds a strong foundation for the agency and ensures the longevity of our life-saving programs.

Gifts from the Fortin Family Foundation and others to strengthen our endowment give HomeSafe the flexibility and confidence to keep innovating our programming. Though deeply appreciated, external funding is often not available on the timeline when our kids need it. As our endowment grows, it fuels our capacity to meet the needs of our kids with the best-in-class programs at critical moments, not when a funder is ready.

Thanks to support from our community and increased income from the endowment,

HomeSafe's clinical team has implemented new therapies including Art and Music for all ages, play therapy for our little ones, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) for adults who have endured domestic violence. We will soon implement one of the newest proven approaches, Video Game and Virtual Reality Therapies, for emotionally traumatized teens. These therapeutic offerings, robust staff training and development, and mental health outcomes data analytics are ensuring that each child is receiving the best possible care and is living and thriving in an environment where they can feel safe, connected, loved, and hopeful for their futures.

More information about the transformational impact of HomeSafe's endowment and the donors who have supported it is available at www.helphomesafe.org/endowment. Please reach out to Laura Barker at (561) 383-9829 if you'd like to learn more about making an investment in our children's futures.

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Celebrating Our Graduates

In May, our Pond Place Independent Living program celebrated two young adults graduating from local high schools. Savvanah, who came to us in April, will be attending Palm Beach State College to study Crime Scene Technology. Elvin, a resident with us for over a year, will also be

attending Palm Beach State College to complete a Medical Assisting Specialist certificate program. Congratulations to both of them!

HomeSafe is proud to be able to provide affordable housing, mentorship, life-skills training and supportive services to the 10 young

adults living at Pond Place on our Bernstein Family Foundation Independent Living Campus. Our goal is to prepare these young adults for life's obstacles as they transition into adulthood, and help them achieve a future that is happy and self-sufficient.



Savvanah



Elvin

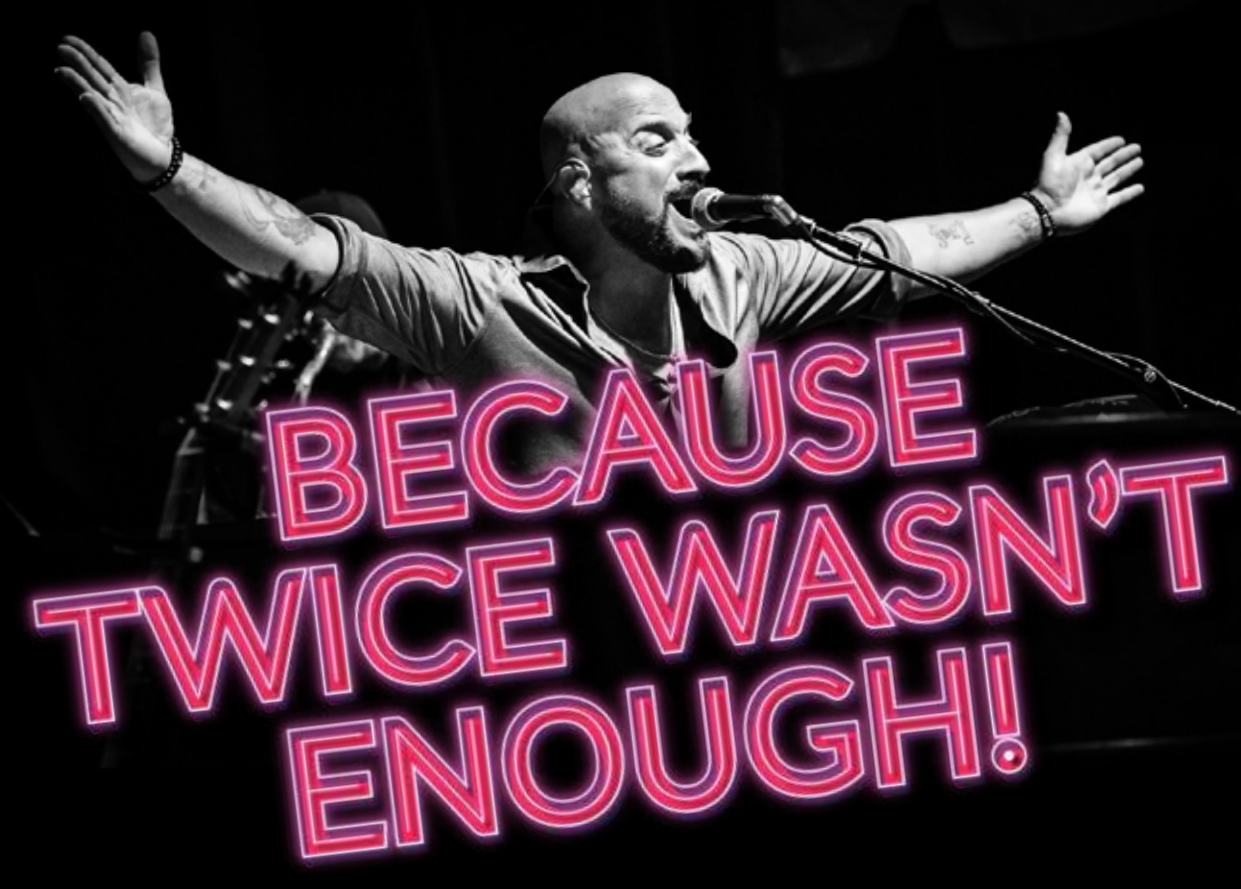


Guardian Society recognizes individuals, foundations and corporations who have made lifetime gifts of \$50,000 or more.

We celebrate our newest Guardian Society donor!

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If you would like to know more about the Guardian Society, contact Laura Barker at (561) 383-9829.



BECAUSE TWICE WASN'T ENOUGH!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2027
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino - Hollywood, Florida
PARTY STARTS AT 6 PM

A fun, high-energy evening, silent auction, dinner program and rockin' music with a second encore private concert by
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Donors Rally on the Golf Course

Royal Palm Yacht & County Club was the location for our annual Charity Golf Tournament held on May 4. The event was led by volunteer golf ambassadors Fern Schmidt, Patty Larkin, Brooke Qualk, Pete Austin, Logan Shalmi, and Phil Procacci. Their guidance and dedication has helped bring growth and success to the tournament over the last few years.

Thanks to the support of our sponsors and participants, more than \$78,000 was raised to support critical services that protect children, strengthen families, and help prevent abuse before it begins.

All 96 players, including four youth from the First Tee – Palm Beaches program, enjoyed breakfast and a shopping experience where they picked out four items of their liking from Scales clothing and accessories. During the lunch program, they heard from Nakaylin, a young adult residing at our Pond Place Independent Living program, who shared her experience in the foster care system and why she is so focused on earning her college degree.

Details for the 2027 tournament will be announced in the fall.

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Across from top left to bottom right: First Tee Player; Ladies winning foursome - Patty Larkin, Genevieve Murphy, Lori Smith, Lisa Ruth; Men's winning foursome - Logan Shalmi, Andrew Lerner, Marc Elkman and Danny Valencia; Chris Zoley, John Gelardi, John Powers, Sabby Piscitelli; Golf Ambassadors, Phil Procacci, Jim MacCutcheon, Logan Shalmi, Patty Larkin, Pete Austin, Brooke Qualk; Winning mixed team - Andrew & Ana Waldman, Kristen Bissett, Aric Waldman; Dave Englert and Bobby D'Angelo; Teri Kennedy at the Scales shopping experience; Kimberly Scaggs, Jori Farrell, Jeanette Austin, Jayne Malfitano; Todd Roberti & Matt Ladika; Nakaylin, young adult residing at HomeSafe's Pond Place Independent Living Campus

Appreciating the Simple Things This Summer

Summertime at HomeSafe is for fun, relaxation, and imaginative play. After busy months of school, homework, tutoring, group and individual therapy sessions, life skills lessons and more, our kids are ready for a break. Our incredible team members plan entertaining and engaging summer activities that make our children feel loved, valued, and excited to start each day.

At our Sylvester Family Foundation North Campus in West Palm Beach, the boys have enjoyed visiting the splash pad and the park, going to the movies and go-cart racing, fishing, trading Pokémon cards, and an epic annual all-day event called

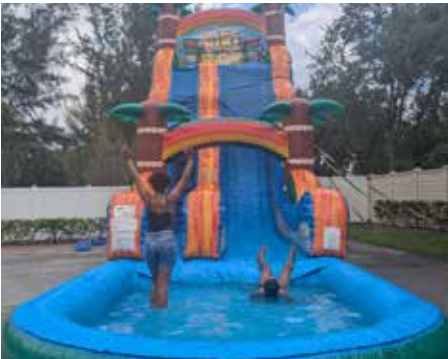
“Just Be a Kid Day” at the house that included a game truck, water slides, a cotton candy machine, and a pick-up football game.

For the girls, summer outings have included spa days, trips to the roller skating rink and movies, ice cream parties, a luau-themed event that included an inflatable water slide and delicious treats, and much more.

Last month, all of our children were treated to a very special day at the Palm Beach Zoo, hosted by HomeSafe board president Mike Bruno and his team at Cresset Capital in West Palm Beach. The kids enjoyed visiting all of the animal

exhibits and were treated to a private panther experience. Staff and our children loved seeing the tigers and the nine-month-old baby koala who were the crowd favorites.

Many of the kids at HomeSafe have grown up too quickly—often in charge of raising themselves from a young age. Here, we want their summers to be similar to the summers that many of us experienced growing up: feelings of safety, joy, adventure, and the chance to not have to worry about anything. We are grateful to all of our donors who make summer a magical time for our children.



Across from top left to bottom right: Boys hit the track at a go-cart racing experience; Ms. Najja cooking a meal at our Boca campus; Girls enjoying the waterslide at the summer luau party; Conversation with a zookeeper at the Panther Exhibit; Taking a photo of one of the tigers at the Palm Beach Zoo

Thank You for Helping a Child Feel Valued and Loved

When 13-year-old Laila* arrived at HomeSafe, she had endured a turbulent and violent childhood marked by human trafficking, neglect, physical abuse, and witnessing domestic violence. No one in her world cared about her. She lashed out at others because they were a threat to her safety. Laila also internalized her pain, convinced that the bad things that had happened to her—the abuse, the neglect, and even her mother’s recent miscarriage—were her fault.

Laila made the brave decision to share with her middle-school teacher the abuse and neglect she was experiencing at home. A DCF investigation was launched, and she was placed in the foster care system.

We all know how challenged and imperfect the foster care system can be. By the time she landed at HomeSafe, it was her tenth placement.

At first Laila was angry and defensive, resistant to the rules put in place by a new group of adults whom she didn’t trust. However, if you know anything about our team members at HomeSafe, it’s this: we love our kids. And that means we understand the depth of their trauma; we understand that the anger and hostility are part of their pathway to healing—as we’d rather have their anger turned outward rather than destructively inward. As you can imagine, our love and understanding melted the

emotional walls she kept in place through her anger.

Ms. Porsche sat with Laila for hours listening to her with deep understanding, and for the first time in Laila’s life, she felt heard and loved. Her therapist, Ms. Jenna, helped Laila build healthy coping skills to settle her intense emotions when she felt triggered and out of control. And program supervisor, Ms. DeAnna served as a mother figure to Laila, planning exciting outings that would help her connect with our staff and with her peers, and build up her confidence, trust, and self-worth.

After a year at HomeSafe, Laila knows that she is loved and that she matters. She is grateful to have learned to hope for a happy future. In her words, “When you hope, anything is possible.” Laila now has the motivation and confidence to prioritize school work. Reflecting her own life, her mediocre grades have become straight A’s. Last school year, she also ran for

student-body president of her eighth grade class.

One of Laila’s deepest desires is to be reunited with her brothers. Recently Laila’s wish came true. She has graduated from HomeSafe and moved back in with a family member and her siblings. Looking to the future, she wants to run for president of her high school class, pursue a career as a marine biologist, and devote her time to helping struggling teen mothers like her own mom.

We asked Laila what our supporters should know. Her response: ***Thank you for having a kind heart. Your generosity helped me to see that people actually care about us, about me. I thought people didn’t care at all about kids in the system and that we were a burden. Now, I know that we mean something to other people. I’m really grateful that we’re cared for and loved.***

*Laila’s name has been changed to preserve her privacy.



Laila enjoying a shopping experience, funded by a generous HomeSafe donor.

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Introducing Our New Board President, Mike Bruno

HomeSafe is proud to announce that longtime supporter and board member, Mike Bruno, CFA, has assumed the role of board president, beginning a two-year term leading the organization's board of directors.

Mike brings a thoughtful leadership style, a strong understanding of our mission, and a genuine desire to help children and families thrive. He has been an engaged and trusted member of our board since November 2018 and served in several leadership roles, including secretary, treasurer, president-elect, and now board president.

As a Managing Director and Wealth Advisor with Cresset Capital's West Palm Beach office,

Mike brings nearly two decades of financial services experience and a longstanding commitment to community service. He is a proud alumnus of the University of Florida where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Throughout his tenure at HomeSafe, he has contributed his expertise through service on the audit, finance and investment committees while helping strengthen the organization's governance and financial stewardship.

In Mike's words, "It is an honor to serve as board president of HomeSafe. Over the years, seeing firsthand the difference HomeSafe



makes in the lives of children and families, has only deepened my commitment to its mission. I look forward to working alongside my fellow board members, staff and supporters to continue that important work."