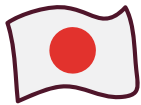




## Travels and Events



**Viviana Avila**, Child Care Evaluation Specialist, journeyed to Japan as a special birthday vacation! She went with her sister and boyfriend and toured the cities of Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima. They loved everything about Japan including its culture, food, shrines, and even the 14-hour flight. She hopes to visit Japan again someday!



**Dasiely Cruz** (formerly Marrero), QCCC Director, married her boyfriend, Josean, after nearly three years of dating! They did not have a big ceremony, but celebrated with family. Daisy is happy to have found Josean who brings out the best in her and shares her passions! Congratulations to the happy couple!



**Emily Fulkerson**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, celebrated the marriage of her younger sister Holly in South Africa! In addition to her sister's special day, Emily saw some amazing things during her 3-week vacation including the Cape of Good Hope, South African Penguins, the top of Table Mountain and a winery that employs more than 1,000 Indian Runner Ducks to combat snails and pests. If you would like to view more pictures from Emily's trip of a lifetime, she would be happy to share! Email her at [efulkerson@thechildrensforum.com](mailto:efulkerson@thechildrensforum.com)



**Martha Grant**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, ventured to the beautiful city of Saint Augustine, Florida with her best friend from 7th grade and his mother. They spent the afternoon visiting the local shops and touring the historic district. In addition, Martha went to Busch Gardens in Tampa and spent all day riding roller coasters and creating lasting memories with her three goddaughters, Isis, Amaia, and Anais.

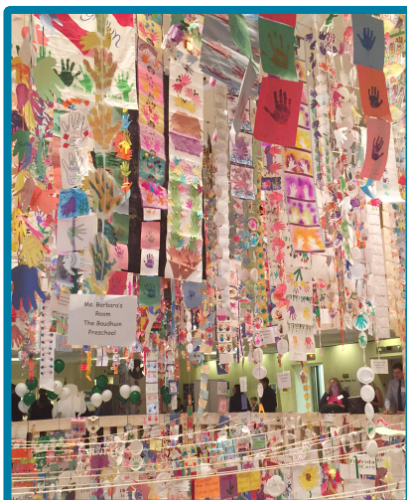


# Children's Week 2017

Children's Week brings thousands of parents, children, elected officials, ECE professionals, community leaders, and concerned citizens together to share valuable knowledge and information about children's issues across the state. A true grassroots event since its inception, Children's Week is supported by more than 100 different corporate, non-profit, philanthropic, and faith-based organizations each year.



Several Forum employees attended Children's Week events including the annual Awards Dinner and Reception at the University Center Club and Children's Capitol for a Day. We enjoyed networking at our **Forum/T.E.A.C.H.**, **Help Me Grow**, and **Forum CARES** booths! Thank you to all employees who staffed the booths and made Children's Week a great success!







# Forum GIVE



Get Involved-Volunteer Everyone

On Saturday, March 18, 13 Forum staff and six of their family members from the Tallahassee office volunteered for the GIVE Program's first group service project at the Summer Camp Splash, sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend.

During the event, our volunteers assisted at the registration table, greeted children and families, and distributed backpacks and information. Prior to leaving for the day, volunteers assisted families in completing a form to win a free week of summer camp and gave each family who attended a bucket of sand toys provided by the Coalition. With more than 130 families and 200 children in attendance, the event was very successful. We were proud to be a part of this event and are very thankful to the Coalition for their good efforts to serve families who reside in Leon County and surrounding areas.



### Upcoming GIVE Program Service Projects

Employees from the Miami office will be volunteering at the Autism Speaks Walk on April 2. Our Palm Beach staff will provide assistance at the Walk to End Lupus on June 3. Look for photos from these events in future editions of *Forum Focus*.





# Forum Happenings



## Shout Outs!



"We would like to give a shout out to **Alex Goldberg** and **Ashley Casey** (T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialists) as well as **Shania Galloway** (T.E.A.C.H. Assistant) for helping us at the front desk! They are awesome!"

-**Mary Terry** and **Camisha Hodge** (T.E.A.C.H. Assistants)

## Happy Birthday



### March

- Jinan As-Siddiq**, Quality Initiatives.....Mar 10
- Tamela Nelloms**, Administration.....Mar 13
- Angela Nathan**, WAGE\$.....Mar 17
- Tamara Price**, Fiscal.....Mar 31

## Happy Anniversary



### March

- Jenna Jacobsen-Brown**, Administration.....9 years
- Rebecca Quintero-Holly**, QCCC.....3 years

# Save the Date!



## Upcoming events for Tallahassee-based staff:

 <p><b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Animal Therapy</b></p>	 <p><b>Jeans for a Week</b></p>	 <p><b>Game Day</b></p>	 <p><b>Spring Egg Hunt</b></p>
April 10	April 10-17	April 19	April TBA

## Upcoming event for Miami-based staff:



**Autism Speaks Walk**

April 2