



## SAVE THE DATES

### November 14

#### Forum Professional Development Mini Conference Day

A professional development mini conference day has been planned for all Forum locations on Tuesday, November 14. We will view the videos each department submitted, participate in training, and take part in a wellness activity. You will receive more information regarding the training with registration instructions soon. **All employees are required to register** for the training. In addition, your manager will distribute new Forum t-shirts to wear that day. Jeans and khakis are acceptable attire. Please do not alter the Forum shirts in any way before the conference. We look forward to an exciting day on November 14! Stay tuned for more details.

### Upcoming Events to Benefit Forum CARES

Forum CARES provides timely response and relief to child care programs in Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, and Jefferson Counties impacted by a natural disaster, trauma, or critical need such as hurricane damage, flooding, fire, and criminal acts. Through Forum CARES, child care programs receive small grants to pay for things like toys, diapers, food, and other items so their program can re-open to children and families. In addition, Forum CARES enables parents to go about the business of restoring their homes and communities.



You can support Forum CARES and have some fun by attending the following events:

#### November 11

Consider stopping by **GrassLands Brewery** on W. Gaines Street on **Saturday, November 11**.



We will have a Forum CARES table set up where you will receive tickets to give to the bartender with each drink (beer or soda) you order. Forum CARES will receive a portion of ticket sales turned in.

#### November 21

Hungry for a good meal and a good cause? Drop by **Grub Burger** on Thomasville Road on **Tuesday, November 21** and mention the Children's Forum at checkout.



#### November 28

### #GIVINGTUESDAY™

The Children's Forum has joined #GivingTuesday on **November 28**, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. In doing so, the Children's Forum will host a fundraising event in partnership with #GivingTuesday to promote Forum CARES. Stay tuned for more details!



# Events and Adventures



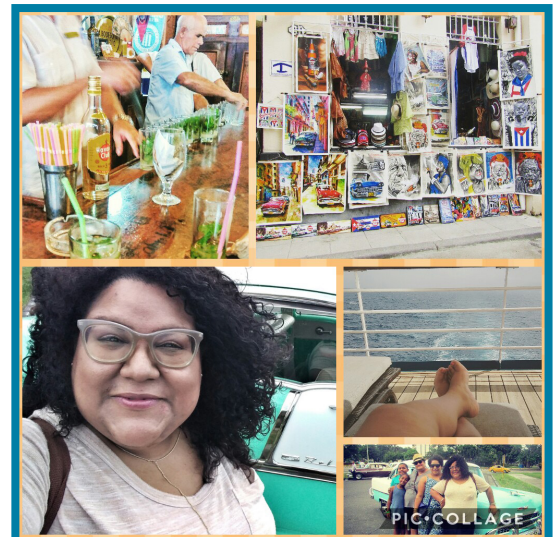
## Wedding Bells are ringing!

**Liz (O'Neill) Randall**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, married Phil Randall on October 7 in Abingdon, VA! Their puppy Evelyn was the flower girl. After the wedding, the newlyweds embarked on a honeymoon to Bryson City, North Carolina. They stayed in a cabin in the mountains and took a train on the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad to see the Nantahala Gorge. Congratulations, Liz!



Jeffrey Kalifeh, son of **Phyllis Kalifeh**, President and CEO, married Courtney Payne on October 28. Officiated by Larry Pintacuda, a Forum board member, the wedding was held at Mission San Luis in Tallahassee. Phyllis and her husband Steve are so excited for the happy couple as they begin a new journey as husband and wife!

**Martha Grant**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, went on a cruise recently to celebrate her godchild's 9th birthday. They spent the night with a family who advertised their home on Airbnb in La Habana, Cuba. In addition, Martha met some locals with very interesting stories while learning about their history, culture and daily life. She toured La Habana in a 1955 Chevy Bel Air and enjoyed delicious mojitos and lots of cafecito!





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The **administration and fiscal team** at the Forum dressed up in pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer affects 1 in 8 women born today in the U.S. and is the second most common form of cancer. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.



**Tamara Price**, HMG Statewide Director, participated in the American Cancer Society *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* Leon 5K walk on October 22 with her sisters, nieces, nephew and mother who is a breast cancer survivor!



**Jinan As-Siddiq**, Continuing Education and Training Coordinator, spent a long weekend in Blue Ridge, Georgia! She stayed in a cabin with her boyfriend and a group of friends. They had a blast touring a local brewery and white water rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee.

# United Way Week!



Thank you to the Tallahassee-based employees who participated in our Faces of United Way employee fundraising campaign! We had a lot of fun and laughs and enjoyed a Show Your Face All-Staff Meeting, Faceoff Bingo, and a Funny Face Friday Live Auction!

## Some highlights...

- ★ The Penny Wars Team Winner was Phantom of the Opera/The Avengers! They won a catered lunch from Newk's.
- ★ Congratulations to **Melissa Castro**, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist, who won the Disney Park Hopper passes!
- ★ Check out the Forum's Facebook page to view more photos from this year's campaign.

Please take a survey at

<https://goo.gl/forms/I8dLLaFwAi6MY1Os1>  
to let us know what you thought  
of our campaign and how we can  
make it even better next year.



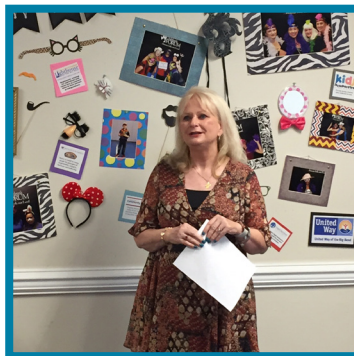
Most importantly, we raised

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and had a great time while making a difference in our community!



United Way Committee and  
All-Staff Meeting Guests

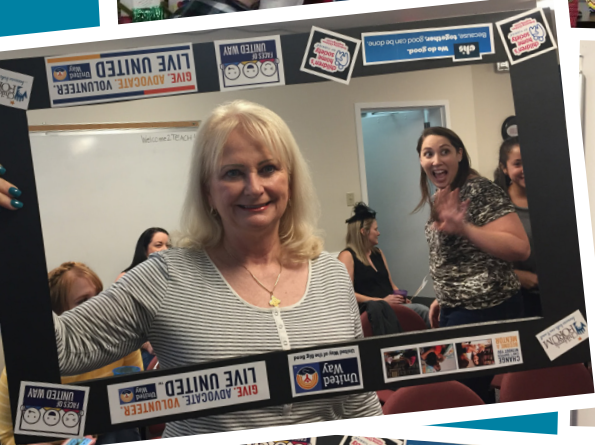


Phyllis at the All-Staff Meeting



Faceoff Bingo Winners

# United Way Live Auction!



# Forum Happenings



## Shout Outs!



"Recently one of the child care practitioners who **Ana Naranjo-Gonzalez** (QIS) knows from one of her site visits passed away. I would like to share an email sent to Ana from the director of the child care program where the provider worked. Ana has a big heart and goes above and beyond the requirements of her job. I am very lucky to have her on the team and a member of the Forum Family!" **-Nayree Navarro**



"I do not have enough words to tell you how grateful we are for your support, how caring you were during the painful moments that we went through with the death of our employee, Yanelis Curbelo. You and your co-workers went out of the way to help us with the collection of monies. On behalf of our school, let them know how much that meant to us and how much we appreciated that help.

Ana, you went out of your required responsibilities to go to the funeral that evening. That says so much about the wonderful person that you are. I thank God that he has put you in our pathway, that we have the honor to work with such a wonderful individual as yourself from your organization. They should be honored to have you on their team. As always, thank you for the wonderful work that you do helping our teachers and myself."



"I wanted give a shout out to my whole team at the Program Assessment Center (**Debbie Conley**, Quality Initiatives Director, **Kimesha House**, Senior Registry Coach, and **Denise Leckey**, **Ann Marie Calderon**, and **Kim McDonald**, Early Childhood Specialists). I am going back to work full time (since having the baby) on November 1st. My team is so wonderful and amazing; they set up a pumping station for me so I can have privacy and be comfortable! I am so thankful to have such supportive co-workers! It is situations like this that help keep a mom motivated to breastfeed and it makes the transition back to work a little easier." **-Jill Calhoun**

## Happy Birthday



October

- Anita Bushnyakova**, Fiscal .....Oct 11
- Jasmine Richardson**, T.E.A.C.H. ....Oct 16
- Yunely Perdomo**, QCCC.....Oct 16
- Zoraida Ballestas**, QCCC..... Oct 18
- Kathy Moffett**, Registry ..... Oct 22
- Chelsea Lister**, T.E.A.C.H. .... Oct 25
- Leidy Sevilla**, RCCDP..... Oct 25
- Erika Frisby**, T.E.A.C.H. .... Oct 28
- Shania Galloway**, T.E.A.C.H..... Oct 30

## Happy Anniversary



October

- Mary Terry**, T.E.A.C.H..... 14 years
- Dawn Lynn**, T.E.A.C.H..... 10 years
- Nayree Navarro**, QCCC.....9 years
- Kimesha House**, PAC.....3 years
- Erika Frisby**, T.E.A.C.H. ....2 years
- Veronica Madriz**, QCCC .....2 years
- Angela Nathan**, WAGES\$ .....2 years