



**The Forum** celebrated Unity Day on October 24, which is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month. To participate in Unity Day, employees wore or displayed orange to show support for students who have been bullied. One in five school-age children report being bullied at school.



On October 25, Forum employees wore the color green in honor of James Cain, son of **Laura Cain**, Registry Coordinator, and Dwarfism Awareness Month. This observance addresses common misunderstandings and increases opportunities for people with dwarfism.



Employees observed National Breast Cancer Awareness Month on October 26 by wearing pink clothing and apparel. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month increases awareness of the disease and raises funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure.





# UNITED WAY MUSIC FEST



## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN WEEK!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our United Way Music Fest campaign for Tallahassee-based employees! We had a lot of fun and laughs and enjoyed the All-Staff Opening-Act Meeting, Bust-A-Move Bingo, and the Encore Live Auction.

Your teamwork proved that when we work together, we win together. The Forum raised more than \$10,000 for the United Way of the Big Bend and had a great time while making a difference in our community! The following includes a breakdown of monies raised as of Friday, November 09, 2018:

Employee Payroll  
Deductions:

**\$8,138**

Events and  
activities:

(Silent/Live Auction, Bingo, Jeans for a Week,  
Chance Drawings, Koinz 4 Kidz, etc.):

**\$2,230.82**

**TOTAL: \$10,368.82!**

Finally, a huge thank you to this year's core committee members including **Chelsea, Jessica, Kathy, Erika P., and Tamela**, as well as our committee helpers including **Paul, Tricia, Melissa Clements, Angel, Jinan, and Jenna**. Their tireless efforts and dedication made our fundraising campaign week





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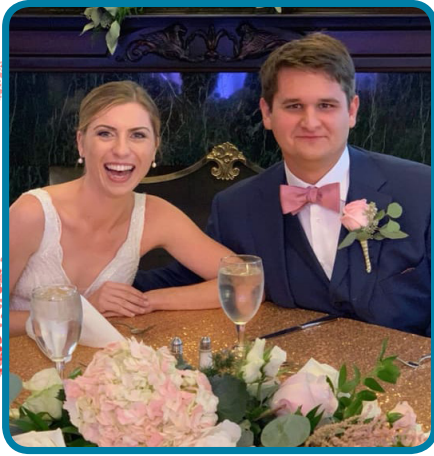


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# Events and Adventures!



Geoff and Beth Stegmeyer, son and daughter-in-law of **Lori Stegmeyer**, Director of Workforce Initiatives, were married November 10 at the Governor's Club in Tallahassee! It was a beautiful wedding, and Lori could not be more proud of her son, who has found his perfect match.



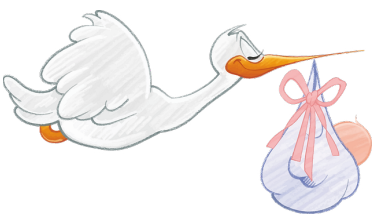
Congratulations to **Angela Nathan**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, on the birth of her son Zion Amor! He was born October 18 and weighed 6 lbs 7 oz. Mom and baby are doing great.



On November 16, the Forum's Tallahassee employees honored **Ana Gamez**, T.E.A.C.H. Administrative Specialist, and the upcoming arrival of her baby boy! Ana is so thankful to work with amazing employees, whom she considers family.



**Anita Bushnyakova**, Fiscal/Contract Specialist, went on a European vacation in October with her family! They traveled to England, Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Montenegro. They learned a lot about the history of the Balkans and had a great time exploring all of the breathtaking views. This was also baby Mikael's first trip abroad.





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**Emily Fulkerson**, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor, went to see Death Cab for Cutie at the St. Augustine Amphitheater with her friend Megan. It was the fourth time they have seen the band together, but this show was especially meaningful for them. In remembrance of their close friend Jay Godin, who passed away on August 1st, Emily and Megan wore his memorial pendants, buttons with his picture on them, and matching t-shirts. Jay was well known in Tallahassee for his sound and DJ work, and was active with the Boston Crusaders drum corps.



**Phyllis Kalifeh**, President & CEO, and Heather Siskind, CEO for Jack & Jill in Broward County and incoming FLAEYC President, represented Florida in a NAEYC-produced video on how the Child Care Development and Block Grant (CCDBG) has impacted states. They also shared the importance of CCDBG funding for children and their families.



The Early Learning Career Center employees had fun celebrating the November birthdays of **Nayree Navarro**, Professional Development Specialist, and **Sonia Corbo D'Amico**, Professional Development Specialist.







# Forum Happenings



## Shout Outs!



Sending a shout out to **Lisa Roberts**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, for always giving me a good laugh!  
-Alexandra Goldberg



I would like to commend **Nayree Navarro**, Professional Development Specialist, for efforts on supporting the professional development of a teacher from St. Patrick as well as the support she has provided to programs throughout her 10 years of service at the Forum!  
-Dasiely Cruz



Get Involved-Volunteer Everyone

The **G.I.V.E. Committee** would like to thank everyone who donated to the Backpack Drive! Thanks to the generosity of Forum staff, we were able to fully load 13 backpacks (Pre-K to Middle School) for students affected by Hurricane Michael. The backpacks were filled to the brim with a variety of much needed school supplies, blankets, gift cards, and treats. Thank you for your willingness to GIVE!

Shout out to Sydney Roberts, daughter of **Lisa Roberts**, T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Coordinator, who helped assemble the backpacks with the G.I.V.E. committee! She also used some of her allowance to purchase items for the backpacks.







# Shout Outs!



I wanted to send a shout out to **Sonia Corbo D'Amico**, Professional Development Specialist, **Flor Brito**, Professional Development Coordinator, and **Nayree Navarro**, Professional Development Specialist, for 10 wonderful years of commitment and support towards the Quality Improvement efforts in our community. These three ladies have been an instrumental part of the system in Miami, as they have been part of the QIS since the very beginning of QC.

-Dasiely Cruz

## Happy Birthday



### November

- Bill Kirchhoff**, IT..... Nov 01
- Sonia Corbo D'Amico**, ELCC..... Nov 14
- Melissa Clements**, ELCC ..... Nov 22
- Nayree Navarro**, ELCC..... Nov 25
- Paul Robinson**, IT ..... Nov 26
- Angel Kreucher**, Outreach & Innovation ..... Nov 30

### December

- Denise Bishop**, Outreach & Innovation ..... Dec 04
- Laura Richardson**, Outreach & Innovation..... Dec 06
- Felicia Bonner**, CCES ..... Dec 10
- Lolita Hawkins**, T.E.A.C.H..... Dec 13
- Kim McDonald**, Registry ..... Dec 22

Tallahassee-based employees:  
Please join us!

*Children's Forum*

## Winter Holiday Celebration & Luncheon

Wednesday, December 12, 2018  
The Retreat at Bradley's Pond  
2:30p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Forum will provide a variety of meats, breads, cheese & cracker tray, desserts, and drinks.

All other accompaniments (appetizers and side dishes) provided by staff.

To RSVP, visit:

<http://production.flchild.com/signup/sheets/christmas.html>

## Happy Anniversary



### November

- Kathy Moffett**, Registry ..... 18 years
- Sonia Corbo D'Amico**, ELCC..... 11 years
- Erika Pope**, Registry..... 4 years

### December

- Kelly Fountain**, IT ..... 15 years
- Jinan As-Siddiq**, Outreach and Innovation..... 6 years
- Melissa Castro**, T.E.A.C.H ..... 5 years
- Angel Kreucher**, Outreach and Innovation..... 4 years
- Cristan Oliva**, WAGE\$ ..... 2 years
- Liz Randall**, Help Me Grow ..... 2 years