

*{Preferred name}, September was jam-packed with amazing events.
Mark your calendars for lots more next month!*



**JACK & JILL
CENTER**

Make A Gift!

September eNewsletter

Thursday, September 30



JACK & JILL CENTER - CHANGE THE ODDS
Back-To-School Online Fundraiser

#ChangeTheOdds

We are only 35% away from reaching our fundraising goal of \$25,000! [Click here to make a gift!](#)

Fourth grade is a vital year for students! This is the year when they make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn in all subjects including history, science, and math. Even before the emergence of COVID-19, 36% of fourth-graders nationwide read behind grade level. It has been shown that students who cannot read at grade level by 4th grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school. With the return of in-person

academics at Jack & Jill Center, it is crucial that our children have the tools they need for a successful school year as they set a strong academic foundation for years to come.

You can help! Support our children by making a gift to our "#ChangetheOdds: Back-To-School" Online Fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for scholarships and other essential items needed for our students to come back to school both safely and effectively. [Click here to make a gift.](#)

For questions or more information please contact Patti Hommes, Development Manager at (954) 463-8772, ext. 246 or phommes@jackandjillcenter.org.



Madelaine Halmos Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Madelaine Halmos Academy ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in celebration of the love of learning! Thank you to all of our capital campaign supporters who made our dream of an elementary school a reality that will change the lives of countless children and families in our

community. To read more about this event, [click here](#).



Power Lunch

The Friends of Jack & Jill Center presented The 20th Annual Power Lunch on Wednesday, September 29 at 11:30 AM at Global Grille at First Baptist. 250 guests joined us as we paid tribute to several special honorees in the community: The Young Professionals Network, The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, and Herman Construction. We were joined by Neki Mohan as the Master of Ceremonies and a Guest Speaker and Steve Halmos of Halmos Holdings, Inc. as a Guest Speaker. Thank you to all of our supporters for making this event successful! We will be following up with finalized fundraising information

and official event photography shortly. If you have questions, please contact Director of

Special Events, Jenn Swercheck at jswercheck@jackandjillcenter.org or (954) 463-8772, ext. 206.

Attendees, please remember to tag our event on Facebook by clicking here! Click here to view the event on our website! You can also tag us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) with @JackJillCenter, and tag us on [LinkedIn](#) at "Jack & Jill Center".



Run 4 The Kids 5K

Thank you to all virtual and in-person Run 4 the Kids 5K participants! Because of you, we were able to raise over \$10,000 for Jack & Jill Center children and families.

Thank you to Jack & Jill Center's Young Professionals Network for planning and executing this signature event. Thank you also to all of the event sponsors: Greenwise Market, Herman Construction, LauderAle Brewery, Marcus & Millichap, Runner's Depot, and School of Rock. Thank you also to Alyssa from Ales & Asanas Yoga for providing a yoga warm-up and to Moments by Mel for providing

photography. We would like to give a special shout-out to 9-year-old, Merritt for crossing the finish line first!

If you have not received your t-shirt or medal, please email awortsman@jackandjillcenter.org for your tracking number.

We have partnered with **Target Circle**

Vote for Jack & Jill Center through September 30!



Last Day to Vote for Jack & Jill Center on the Target App!

Target Shoppers—We are excited to announce that we are a Target Circle Nonprofit Partner! Please vote for Jack & Jill Center through today, September 30 so that Target will award us a grant based on the percentage of votes we received.

Here is a step-by-step voting guide:

Step 1) Open the Target App on your phone and make sure your store is set to Ft Lauderdale, FL

Step 2) Click on "My Target" located in the bottom right corner of your screen

Step 3) Click on the Target Circle section in the middle of your screen

Step 4) Click on "Vote for nonprofits" under the available earnings section

Step 5) Cast your votes by tapping the vote button next to Jack and Jill Children's Center.

Contact Marketing Manager, Sydney Stelter at sstelter@jackandjillcenter.org or (610) 937-1992 if you have any questions.



Friends Happy Hour at YOT

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our mission by attending our Friends Happy Hour at YOT Bar & Kitchen! Our book drive was a tremendous success, and over \$1000 was raised.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the next Friends Happy Hour, or contact, Cindy Sessoms at (954) 661-7342.

The Young Professionals Network
at Jack & Jill Center present

TRUNK OR TREAT

Tuesday, 10/26 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Salvation Army
100 SW 9th Ave.,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

To sponsor or volunteer, please
contact Alana Wortsman at
awortsman@jackandjillcenter.org

Save the Date - Trunk-or-Treat

Join us for a socially distanced, drive-thru Trunk-or-Treat Halloween celebration from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 26 at The Salvation Army, 100 SW 9th Ave., FTL, FL 33312! School-appropriate costumes are welcome. The event is free to attend, but donations are welcomed. This event is in partnership with The Salvation Army of Broward. If you would like to donate Halloween treats or costumes, if you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact Alana Wortsman at (954) 463 - 8772, ext. 217 or awortsman@jackandjillcenter.org.







SAVE THE DATE
Harvest Social
 Thursday, November 4
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Kimpton Goodland
 Hotel - Fort Lauderdale
 Beach Rooftop
 2900 Riomar Street,
 Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304
 For more information,
 contact Cindy Sessoms
 at (954) 661-7342

Save the Date - Harvest Social

It's Fall, y'all! The Friends of Jack & Jill Center present their annual Harvest Social on Thursday, November 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on the rooftop at the Kimpton Goodland Hotel – Fort Lauderdale Beach (2900 Riomar Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304). Enjoy cocktails and light bites overlooking the beautiful Intracoastal Waterway and downtown Fort Lauderdale. Proceeds from this Fall happy hour will go towards providing Thanksgiving meals for families at Jack & Jill Center.

More information will be sent shortly! If you have questions, please contact Cindy Sessoms at (954) 661 - 7342.



Sponsor Opportunities Available Now!

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**20th Annual
 Light Up Downtown**
 Presented by
 Joe and Michele Maiuro
 Benefiting  **JACK & JILL
 CENTER**
 Tuesday, November 30, 2021
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 The Plaza on Las Olas
 301 E Las Olas Blvd.
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Light Up Downtown - Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

The Friends of Jack & Jill Center present The 20th Annual STILES Light Up Downtown will be held on Tuesday, November 30 at 6:00 PM in The Plaza on Las Olas. Get into the holiday spirit with unlimited drinks and appetizers, culminating with the lighting of a 30-foot tree!

Sponsorship Opportunities are available now! All sponsorship opportunities include VIP Admission Badges. If interested, please contact, Director of

Special Events Jenn Swercheck at jswercheck@jackandjillcenter.org or (954) 463-8772, ext. 206.

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