

# CCFC NEWSLETTER Spring 2024



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## Message from the President



Christy Palmer  
President



Turn your compassion into action ~ join CCFC. We have a limited number of membership openings and are looking for women who care about helping children at risk and would like to get involved with a group of like-minded women who also like to have fun!

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Happy Spring!

Our recent Supporter Luncheon, held on March 27th at the San Luis Obispo Country Club, is a longtime favorite event for our CCFC members. We were treated to first-hand, heartfelt stories from our grant recipients and learned through those stories how our grant money is spent. We loved hearing each and every story. Attendees from the various recipient organizations also appreciated the opportunity to network with one another.

As one of our recipients stated, "Something we do best is open our hearts." Collaboration in our community is truly making a difference.

Coming up for CCFC this month is our booth at Children's Day in the Plaza, April 6<sup>th</sup>, where members hand out supplies to children for making Fruit Loop necklaces (or just eating the Fruit Loops if they prefer) and the Morro Bay Kite Festival, April 27<sup>th</sup>, where members supply 500 kites free to children in attendance, with markers, stickers, and stamps available for decorating their kites before running off to fly them.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of CCFC, enabling us to help provide a hopeful path for children in need in San Luis Obispo County.

Christy Palmer

# 2024 Supporter Luncheon



Central Coast Funds for Children hosted its annual Supporter Luncheon recently at the San Luis Obispo Country Club. Representatives from most of the 38 organizations receiving grants from CCFC were in attendance and shared with CCFC members and their guests how their organizations planned to use the grant funds received.

CCFC President Christy Palmer, remarked, "I am continually reminded of the open and generous hearts of our members as we work year-round to award grants to organizations in our County dedicated to helping children in need. Hearing personal stories of the benefits of those grants from the grant recipients is the high point of the year for our organization."

Kelly White O'Neill, Director of Marketing for Boys and Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast, a CCFC grant recipient, shared, "This generous grant helps fund materials like arts and crafts

clubs, enabling our kids to have the resources they need for after school and out-of-school activities."

In 2023, CCFC gave out a total of \$104,500, the largest grant cycle in its 30-year history. Among the grant recipients were Center for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, 5Cities Homeless Coalition, One Cool Earth, SLO Child Development Resource Center, Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation and Transitions Mental Health Association. The mission of CCFC is to raise funds to help provide a hopeful pathway for children in need in San Luis Obispo County.

CCFC grants help provide basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing; healing through counseling and therapeutic services; inspiration with art, dance, and music; continuing education in after school care; and building self-confidence and improving self-esteem.

supplies at our six SLO County

Since 1994, CCFC has awarded grants totaling \$2,067,165.



**CCFC members Bonnie Kennedy, Lynne Hames, and LeeAnne Fisher.**



**Attendees peruse the raffle items while also greeting longtime friends.**



**Jenny Mulks of Along Comes Hope, shares how the program and Hope the Bear support children with cancer or who have been touched by cancer.**

## **A.K.A. "The Bag Lady!"**



**Sunshine Sacks are filled with a blanket, coloring and/or activity book, stuffed animal, journal, crayons and pencil, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, water bottle, hair brush, socks, and a small toy.**

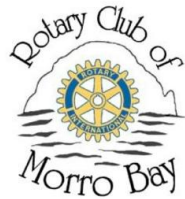
**CCFC wishes to acknowledge and say thank you to Kathryn Signorelli for her generosity in purchasing colorful and adorable fabric and sewing sacks for CCFC. Over the last several years, Kathryn**



**Pictured, back row: Kathryn Signorelli, Cheryl Fernandez, Lynne Hames. Front row: Jeanette Meek and Christy Palmer.**

**has sewn over 100 sacks for our Sunshine Sacks program. We are so grateful! Each month, trustee, Cheryl Fernandez, then delivers 16 sacks to Scott Blundell, a foster care aide for SLO County Social Services.**

# CCFC Receives Two Grants



**Rotary Club of Morro Bay**



**VY FOUNDATION  
ACI Jet**

Central Coast Funds for Children was recently the recipient of a \$1500 grant from the Rotary Club of Morro Bay. Rotary International in general and The Rotary Club of Morro Bay both have non-profit foundations that are specifically enabled to fulfill their motto of "Service Above Self".



The Rotary Club of Morro Bay established its own non-profit foundation in 1992 specifically to support projects and scholarships identified by the Rotary Club of Morro Bay. Its Board of Directors is comprised of former club presidents and has since being established, provided in excess of \$100,000 in funds and scholarships to local students and communities.

CCFC also received a \$5000 grant from the Vy Foundation of ACI Jet. "Our mission is to support and enhance our communities by leveraging our passion and expertise in aviation to promote safety, innovation, education, economic opportunities, and accessibility."

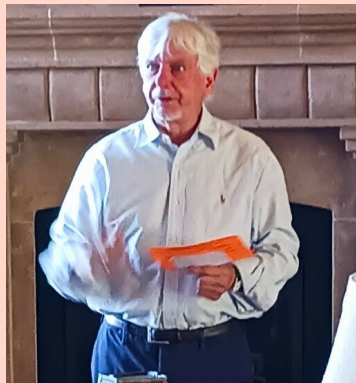
We are extremely grateful for these generous donations which enable us to continue our work of helping children who are at risk. One hundred percent of the funds will be used for our grant awards.

## Guest Speakers Share How CCFC Grants are Used



**Dr. Ramona Friedman,  
Center for Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health**

**CCFC grants are used to provide evidence based treatment to children and teens. A teen advisory board is trained to collect information from high school students to better inform the needed treatments.**



**Michael Novak  
Orchestra Novo**

**CCFC funds help send students to a live performance Fly Me to the Moon, at Cuesta College. Students experience traveling from earth and beyond through music and the arts as well as actual scientific photographs.**



**Helen Robertson,  
Assistance League, SLO**

**Assistance League uses CCFC grants to help clothe students in SLO County. They have clothed over 2,100 students.**



**John Kneymeyer  
Alice's Kids**

**Alice's Kids provides assistance to children based on a specific need requested by a teacher or social worker. Glasses, beds, GED exams, summer camps, cap and gowns, and laptops are just a few of the items purchased by**



Alice's Kids.

*Thank you to our guest speakers for inspiring us with personal anecdotes about those who have been touched by both our organizations. Your talks resonated deeply with everyone in the room, providing a sense of fulfillment and pride for our members who work tirelessly to raise as much money as we can.*

## CCFC Donors and Supporters 2024

### Committed \$500+

Jeff and Carla Cole  
Vetter's Administrative Trust

### Compassionate \$300 - \$499

Gerry Johnson  
Morro Bay Shanty Project

### Caring \$35 - \$99

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Basket/Charity Navigator

### Faithful \$100 - \$299

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Marlene Peter  
Mary Helen Pierce  
Walt and Helen Rehm  
Ann and Jim Whitehead  
Penny Wilson Porter  
Muriel Harkins /The Movie Group

LeeAnne Fisher **In Honor Of**  
Donna and Tom Murrell



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towards the funding of**

grants to organizations and agencies in San Luis Obispo County.

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