Saturday
March 13, 2021

BestFoot Forward Foundation®

A Message From...

Thank you all for joining us at our 10-year celebration, A Decade of Change. With your support and generosity, we are able to create opportunities and change the lives of children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned and are living in foster care. We would like to be able to provide services to even more children this year, and the proceeds from this evening will go a long way towards that goal.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all of our sponsors who contribute greatly to improving the lives of children in foster care. We are thrilled to acknowledge our 2021 Honorary Chair, Wanda Moran, who has been so supportive of our program and is dedicated to helping to make a difference in the lives of our special BFF students. We are very proud to recognize Gigi M. Tylander as our 2021 Champion of Children or her support and dedication to youth in foster care for many years.

We would like to acknowledge this year's Bash chairs, Lisa and Todd Orlando, our rising chairs, Meryll and Ethan Bangsil, and the entire committee for their phenomenal work in creating this wonderful virtual event. We extend a special thank you to our incredible staff for making a difference for so many children and

advocating for them as if they were their own. We would also like to recognize our Board of Directors for their encouragement, guidance, and extraordinary commitment to our mission.

Lastly, thank you to our students for allowing us to be a part of your lives. Tonight, we celebrate you!

We are proud of the accomplishments that BFF has made over the past decade and recognize that we could not have delivered on our mission without the support of our donors, partners, and supporters. We look forward to all Best Foot Forward will accomplish in this upcoming year. Enjoy the evening!

With love and appreciation,
Debbie Ellman & Donna Biase

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A Decade of Change

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Our vision is for foster care youth to be afforded the same educational opportunities as all other children.

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Our mission is to empower foster care youth to maximize their potential by providing essential academic support and guidance.

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Celebrating 10 Years

MARCH 13, 2021

6:30 PRESHOW

Oceans 234 signature drink presentation

Community leader tributes

Committee member shout-outs

BFF student testimonials

7:00 WELCOME

Honorary Chair: Wanda Moran

BFF update

Live auction

Elie: Our student story

Call to the Heart

Champion of Children: Gigi M. Tylander

Grab bag winner selection

Door prize winner selections throughout

A Message from the President of the Board of Directors

As President of the Board of Directors of Best Foot Forward, I would like to welcome you to our annual BFF BASH. People often ask me what Best Foot Forward does. While there is no simple answer, I think the real value provided by the people at Best Foot Forward is empowerment. Foster Care Youth are often confronted with situations that are out of their control. Best Foot Forward works to provide these children with the assistance they need to take control of their lives. The truly magical part, is watching how well it works. By showing interest, listening and supporting these children, Best Foot Forward has changed the trajectory of their lives. So on top of the countless hours of tutoring, advocating and mentoring that goes on at BFF, the real mission is to empower these remarkable children to change their lives.

The reality is that Best Foot Forward cannot succeed without you.
Thank you for the continued generous support we have received from you.

Paul Kilgallon

A Letter from the Chairs

Dear friends of Best Foot Forward —

Well, here we are, "A Decade of Change" take two! Who would have thought this past year would unfold as it has, and yet here we are to share in what we think is going to truly be an extraordinary evening to benefit a cause that is so near and dear to our hearts….Best Foot Forward.

We had the privilege of being introduced to BFF just four years ago, upon our move from Los Angeles to Boca Raton. Immediately, we knew we had stumbled upon something pretty special but had no idea to what depths we would become involved in this amazing organization. It has become such an integral part of us and what we truly believe in and hope for…..a transformative change in the lives of foster care children in our community.

Listen, education is everything right? Just imagine not having the support you need on a daily basis to figure it all out and stay on the right track. That's what Best Foot Forward does. With Donna and Debbie's leadership, along with a rock star staff of coaches and administrative team, BFF is supporting and guiding over 250 students in foster care who otherwise might fall through the cracks. How awesome is that?

We congratulate Best Foot Forward on 10 years of success and look forward to being involved and connected in the many great years to come! We've found our home, and hope too that you will also join us in continuing to support what began a decade ago.

Lisa and Todd Orlando
Event Chairs

Honorary Chair

WANDA MORAN

Wanda Moran has lived in South Florida for 35 years, and her husband Jim has lived here for over 50. Jim's father, Jim Moran Sr., the founder of JM Family Enterprises, always instilled in his family a strong sense of giving back to the community. Wanda and James formed the Wanda and James M. Moran Jr. Foundation to help needy causes in their community. They have been fortunate to be able to help many causes, such as Best Foot Forward, SOS Children's Village, Peggy Adams Animal Shelter, and the Phil Smith Neurology Center at Holy Cross Hospital. They are so grateful that they are able to help others have a better future, and Wanda is honored to be the Honorary Chair of this year's Best Foot Forward *A Decade of Change* Bash. She has always been a strong proponent of ensuring educational opportunities are provided to all children, regardless of where they live and who they live with. "There is no better investment we can make than in our children," Wanda said. "Best Foot Forward is providing compelling programs that are making a difference and changing lives in our community. I am proud to be a part of their journey."

Champion of Children

GIGI M. TYLANDER

Gigi Tylander is a highly respected business leader in Palm Beach County. She moved to Palm Beach from New York City in 1979 with her husband and best friend, Bill Tylander. Together, they built a life filled with love and two beautiful children. Gigi has been actively involved in her community for many years. Her vision has helped organizations grow; she has guided others to accomplish common goals and served in numerous volunteer leadership positions. She has served on the board of the Healthy Beginnings Coalition since its inception and was on the board of Children's Home Society for 12 years. She was a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, chairman of the Pro-Choice Coalition of Florida and a guild member of Planned Parenthood. She was on the board of West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority, City Center Partnership and the Community Redevelopment agency when downtown West Palm Beach was taking form.

She started her own office supply and office furniture business in 1986, which she and her husband sold in 2016. In 1995, she was named the Small Business Person of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, and in 1997, Outstanding Downtown Business Leader by the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority.

Gigi is a giver and a woman of compassion. She is most proud of her volunteer efforts to restart the Nelle Smith Residence for Girls. In July 1999, with meager funds and mounting liabilities, the agency was facing closure. Gigi, along with other committed board members, raised funding, remodeled the house, re-created the operational manual and hired new staff. Tylander dedicated countless hours to the project, and the residence reopened in the summer of 2000. She led the fundraising efforts that established new funding and grant resources for years to come. Nelle Smith was home to hundreds of foster care girls. She was honored at the 25th annual Primetime Awards for her long-standing volunteer work with the Project 18 Mentoring program, and she has the distinction of being the mentor with the most years of service. Gigi has a big heart for young people and the underprivileged.

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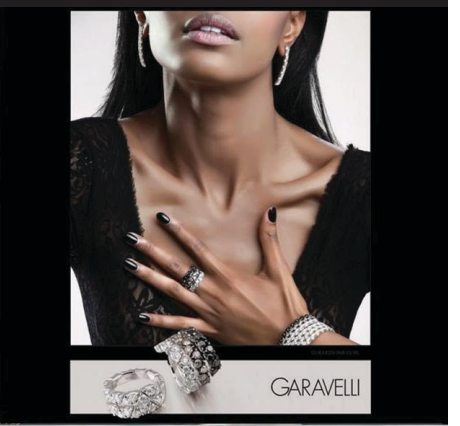

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We all appreciate you, and we could not have achieved these successes without you!

Thank you, Wanda Moran!

Thank you Wanda and Jim Moran for making dreams come true for the Best Foot Forward children. The world today and the world of tomorrow is a better place for them and the countless others whose lives you have touched with your generosity.

Rita & Frank Barbieri

The incredible work of co-founders Debbie Ellman and Donna Biase deserves our plaudits as they continue to focus on education as an essential tool to give these children hope that they can – no, will – have a decent future ahead of them.

We would like to thank them again for their dedication and focus as they build Best Foot Forward into one of the premier child-oriented charities in the South Florida area.

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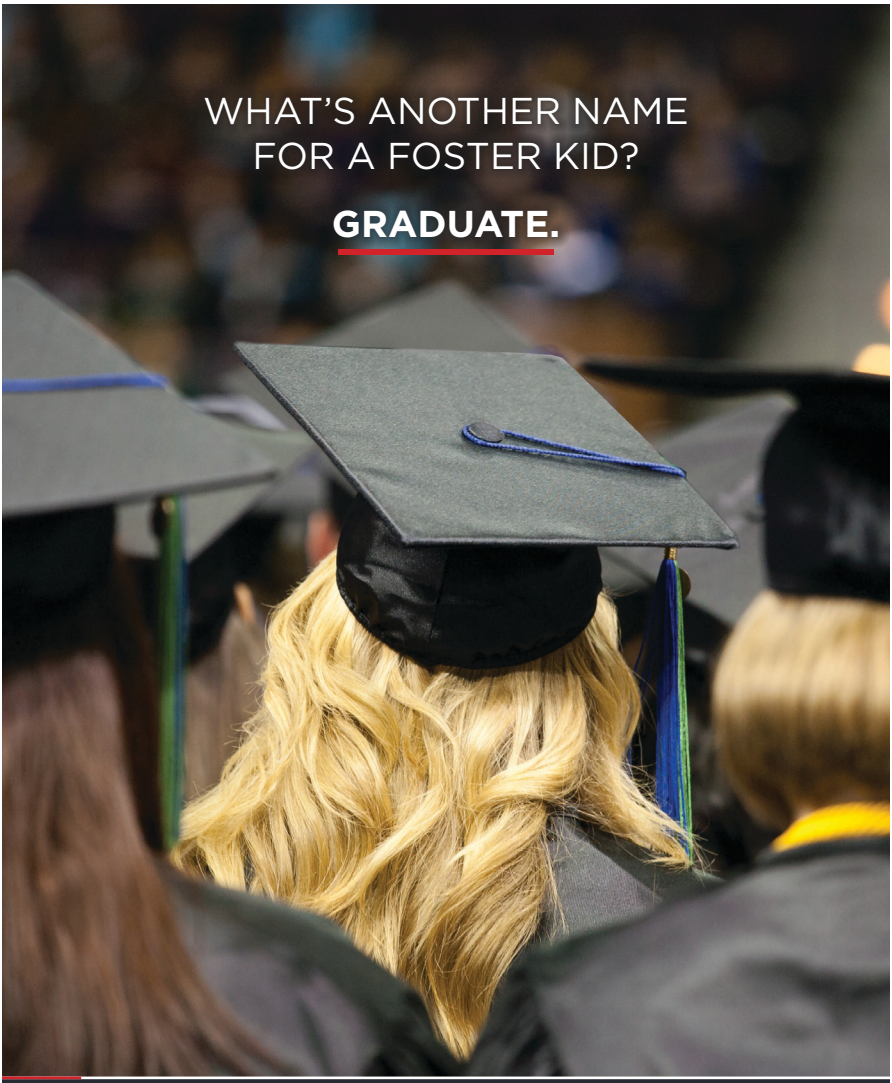

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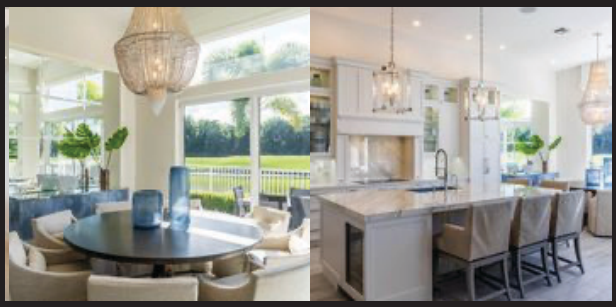
I remember when you started a decade ago with 20 students, and now you have expanded to working with 250!

Your efforts are changing and saving lives everyday. You all are a true inspiration, and I am honored to be a part of it.

Love,

Anita Detert



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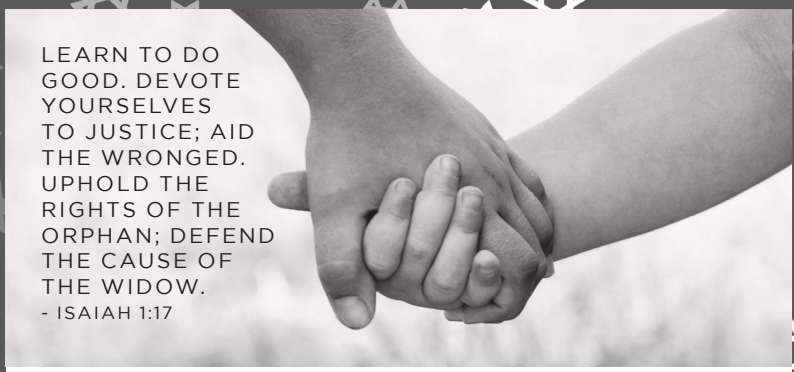

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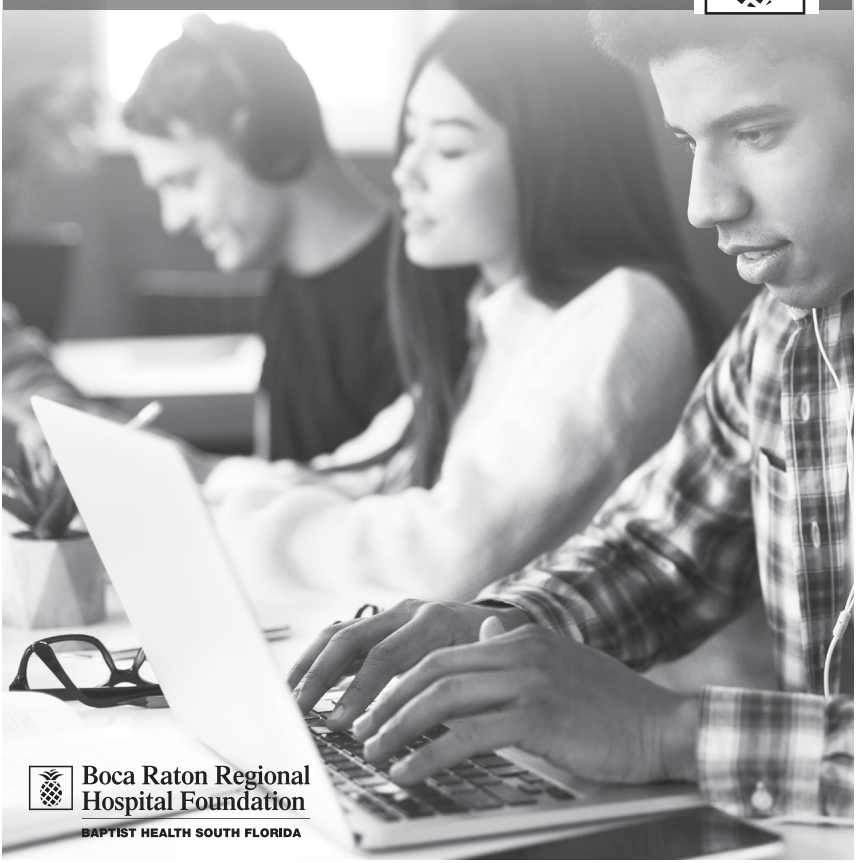

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children in our community.

Love, Claudia and Warren Orlando

Debbie, Donna

and the Best Foot Forward Team,

Thank you all for devoting your lives to helping those less fortunate. Giving a child an opportunity to learn is a gift that keeps giving.

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Gigi Tylander

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We are lucky you are in our community,
our world and in our lives.

With lots of love and admiration,
Leslie Adams and Leslie Shaw

Congratulations to Best Foot Forward
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Congratulations to Debbie, Donna, BFF staff and students!

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Bill and Laura Fash

To my friend and mentor, Gigi Tylander. You are a Rock Star. Thank you for teaching me how to get into "Good Trouble" & for not being afraid to speak up to ANYONE when it comes to our children in need. BFF is the most incredible organization, which makes it the perfect place for you to share your expertise and passion.

Thank you BFF, Thank you Gigi. The world is definitely a better place because of all of you, & Bill too!
With great love and admiration,
Linda Coffin

Congratulations on a successful 10-year Anniversary Bash!

We admire your passion and dedication in helping youth in our community succeed in school and life.

Mary and Bill Donnell

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Helen Keller

Thank you to Donna Biase & Debbie Ellman
for all the effort that you have put into Best Foot Forward
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