



WE STAND FOR KIDS



Silent Victims Of Crime
The Children of Incarcerated Parents

Empowering children of incarcerated parents through positive mentoring and services.

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NOVEMBER 2021

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The SVC newsletter has been on hiatus. However, it is back and loaded with tons of information for the entire community. It also features special events and fundraisers which help SVC in providing quality life skills activities.

UPCOMING



NOVEMBER 27TH: LET'S COOK WITH WES
Wes and some local Chefs are coming to teach the children how to cook and become self-sufficient.



DECEMBER 17TH: TOY DRIVE
ASPA is offering heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks for an evening of fun and awareness. RVSP & bring a gift-wrapped toy to enter.



DECEMBER 18TH: HOLIDAY TOYS & FUN
Assures a fun filled day of activities and gifts. Location to be announced.



Reuniting Children With Their Incarcerated Parents **By: Dr. Rafael Alalu, Prison Reform Advocate**

Millions of U.S. children are separated from a parent each year because of parental incarceration in prison or jail. The re-entry reunification process can be challenging for both the children and the returning citizen. This article will focus on what can be done to make this burden easier on the entire process.

A key component of the post-release period is the prevention of parental recidivism. Approximately two thirds of state prisoners were rearrested and more than half returned to prison within 3 years of release (Durose, Cooper, & Snyder, 2014). The high recidivism rates have implications for young children's well-being. Many services and support are needed to make the reentry period successful. Reentering individuals who receive planning assistance have more successful reentry experiences, including lower recidivism rates (La Vigne, Davies, Palmer, & Halberstadt, 2008). Reentry planning should begin as soon as the individual is incarcerated, and it should also include the family.

There are many ways to support children, reentering parents, caregivers, and extended family as they reunite following parental incarceration. Adjustment to reunification is smoother when access to services and supports occur during incarceration as well as the reentry period. Furthermore, it is essential to eliminate systemic racism and economic inequities to ensure that young children with incarcerated parents are not subject to the same negative forces as their parents.

At Silent Victims of Crime, our life's work is the dedication to the children and families of incarcerated parents.

Barbara Invites you...

WHO IS BEHIND THE MASK?



MASKS AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Leaders and Caregivers Invited!

Center of Social Change 2nd floor
2103 Coral way, Miami, FL
33145

October 30th, 2021
From 12:30 to 3:30

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OUR MOST RECENT EVENT

THIS OCTOBER, OUR LESSON WAS TO JUDGE OTHERS BASED ON HOW THEY TREAT YOU, NOT BY HOW THEY LOOK. THE CHILDREN CREATED COLORFUL MASKS AND LISTENED TO A TALK BY BROTHER LYLE. AFTERWARDS THE CHILDREN GOT DRESSED UP AND DANCED TO MONSTER MASH WITH TINKERBELL.



CAREGIVERS ALSO JOINED US AND LISTENED TO AN ARRAY OF SPEAKERS FROM HEALTHY CONNECTIONS, CIRCLE OF BROTHERHOOD, WENN, AND FOSTERCARE. THEY ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A RAFFLE WHERE THEY COULD WIN AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN A SOUTH BEACH AIRBNB.





MISS + UNIVERSE
COLOMBIA

Miss Universe
Colombia

Dinner & Show

10.23.2021 at 7:30pm

100X35 COCINA CON RAICES:
520 WEST AVE,
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139

M.C. Tiany Montes de Oca
Entertainment by
Maylu Hernandez

Benefitting:  **Silent Victims Of Crime**
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Sponsored by:  **Art Studio World.org**
empowering minds • inspiring lives
Child's Life Arts

 **100X35**


Presenting
Miss Universe
Colombia: Valeria
María Ayo Bossa

MISS UNIVERSE COLOMBIA

MISS UNIVERSE COLOMBIA, VALERIE AYOS, FLEW TO MIAMI FROM COLOMBIA TO ATTEND A SERIES OF SVC EVENTS. ON OCTOBER 23RD, SHE WAS OUR GUEST AT ONE OF OUR ANNUAL EVENTS, THE MISS UNIVERSE COLOMBIA & SHOW FUNDRAISER, WHERE SHE TOOK PHOTOS AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES. THE FOLLOWING DAY, SHE SVC'S LONG-TIME FAMILIES WHERE THEY WENT OUT ON A BOAT RIDE AND HAD LUNCH IN BAYSIDE.

MISS COLOMBIA AND THE MISS UNIVERSE ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN SO INFLUENTIAL IN BRINGING MORE AWARENESS TO RECOGNITION SILENT VICTIMS OF CRIME AROUND THE WORLD. WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR WORK WITH US.

\$150 Donation per ticket

Visit our website to get your tickets today: SilentVictimsOfCrime.org

SEPTEMBER

ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, SILENT VICTIMS OF CRIME TOOK SVC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO SEE THE PITTSBURG PIRATES VS. MIAMI MARLINS GAME AT LOANDEPOT PARK. UPON ARRIVAL, FAMILIES MINGLED WHILE CHILDREN DID SOME CHALK ACTIVITIES. EVERYONE HAD DINNER TOGETHER BEFORE GOING INSIDE TO WATCH THE BASEBALL GAME BEGIN. SVC FAMILIES HAD AN AMAZING TIME AND WERE TREATED TO POPCORN AND SNACKS, THE CHILDREN HAD AN INCREDIBLE TIME. EVERYONE HAD A FANTASTIC NIGHT, AND WE ARE REALLY APPRECIATIVE TO THE MIAMI MARLINS WHO GIFTED THE TICKETS TO US.

MARLINS FUNDAY



VS.



LESSON: LEARNING SOCIAL SKILLS IN PUBLIC

SEPTEMBER 18TH

6:40PM

Miami Marlins Stadium

501 Marlins Way Miami, FL, 33125



SVC IN SOUTH CAROLINA



A FEW MONTHS AGO, WE STARTED A BRAND NEW FEEDING PROGRAM IN ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, COURTESY OF THE DUKE FOUNDATION GRANT. FAMILIES ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM RECEIVE FOOD DELIVERIES EVERY WEEK TO THEIR HOME.

ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS, WE CELEBRATE BY BRINGING THE CHILDREN BALLOONS AND A CAKE AND SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH THEM.

THIS MONTH, TINKERBELL IS GOING TO SOUTH CAROLINA TO GO SPEND TIME WITH ALL THE FAMILIES.



AUGUST

Silent Victims Of Crime
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FREE BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

WALMART SHOPPING
BACK TO SCHOOL SPREE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th 11AM - 1:30PM
21151 S Dixie Hwy, Miami, FL, 33189

CONTACT: 864-940-5205

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE RETURN OF OUR ANNUAL WALMART SHOPPING SPREE COURTESY OF THE MIAMI GLOBAL COLOMBIAN LION'S CLUB, WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. ON AUGUST 7TH, ALL OF OUR CHILDREN WERE GIVEN BACKPACKS TO FILL WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO PREPARE THEM FOR SUCCESS IN THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. WITH THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS, EACH CHILD LEARNED HOW TO BUDGET THEIR MONEY AND WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH ANY REMAINING DOLLARS.

JULY



POP & LOCK COSTUME DANCE-A-THON

HOSTED BY NFL VETERAN, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST & MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, WESLYE SAUNDERS

SATURDAY, JULY 31st, 8pm-12am

DRESS & DANCE TO THE BEAT OF YOUR FAVORITE ERA!
70S, 80, 90, & Y2K

LIVE & VIRTUAL DANCE-A-THON AT PURPLE PALMS CREATIVE
80 NE 29TH STREET, MIAMI, FL 33137

PURCHASE 2 BAGS OF POPCORN BETWEEN JULY 4TH - AUGUST 3RD & ATTEND THE EVENT AT NO CHARGE

For tickets visit: [www.silentvictims.org](#)

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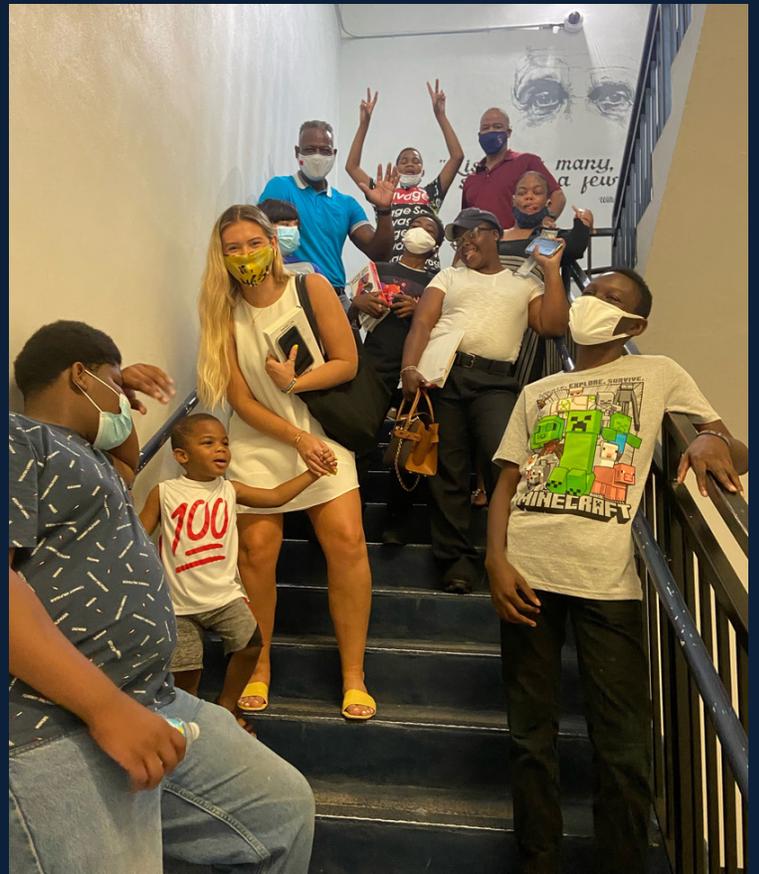
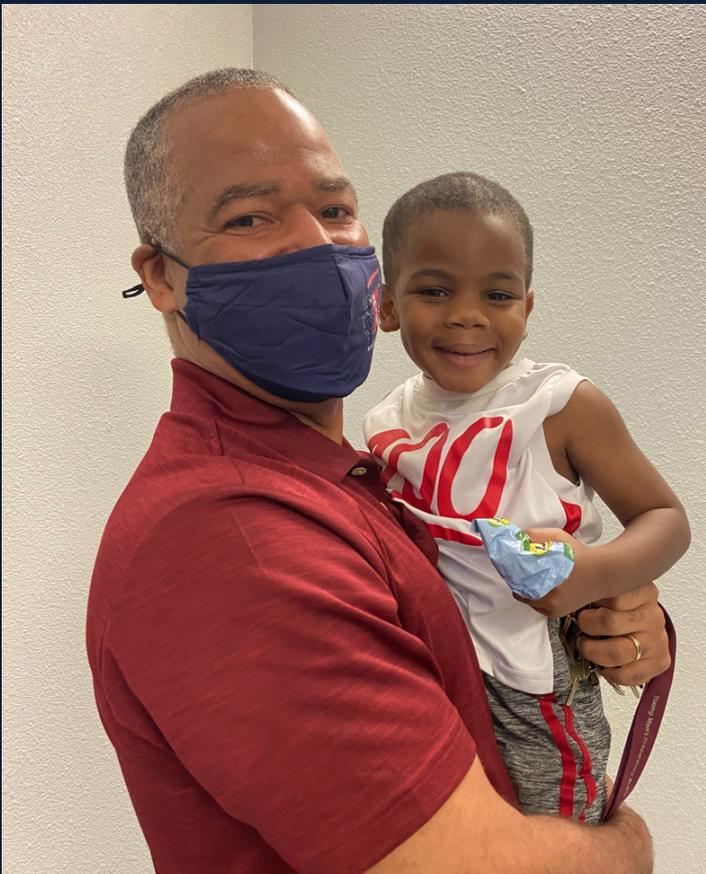
SILENT VICTIMS OF CRIME HOSTED THE POP & LOCK DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER AT PURPLE PALMS CREATIVE ON JULY 31ST, 2021 FROM 8 PM-12 AM. THE NIGHT WAS FILLED WITH DANCING, SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, TONS OF GREAT COSTUMES, AND LOTS OF FUN. THIS WONDERFUL EVENT WAS HOSTED BY WESLYE SAUNDERS, NFL VETERAN. THE PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENT WENT DIRECTLY TOWARDS FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN TO SEE EVERYONE DRESSED IN '70S, '80S, AND 90'S ATTIRE.

ON JULY 13TH, SVC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WERE TAKEN TO JUPITER OUTDOOR CENTER IN THE BEAUTIFUL JUPITER, FLORIDA FOR A DAY OF KAYAKING, BIKING, HIKING AND MORE. THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL PARTNERS AT JOC, THE CHILDREN GOT TO EXPERIENCE MANY NEW FEATS LIKE PADDLING THEMSELVES THROUGH THE UNKNOWN WATERS AND ENGAGING WITH NEW CREATURES FOUND IN NATURE. ONE PARENT REFLECTED ON THE DAY SAYING HER BOYS "HAD THE BEST TIME" AND "THEY DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYTHING" AFTER THEIR EXPERIENCE AT JUPITER OUTDOOR. THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS, THE CHILDREN GOT TO LEARN ABOUT ABANDONING THEIR FEARS AND TAKING RISKS, ALLOWING THEM TO GROW AS INDIVIDUALS WHILE ENJOYING THE NEW EXPERIENCES LIFE HAS TO OFFER THEM.



JUNE

IN JUNE, SILENT VICTIMS OF CRIME FAMILIES WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF YOUNG MEN'S PREPARATORY ACADEMY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF WYNWOOD. PRINCIPAL PIERRE EDOUARD OPENED THE DOORS TO OUR FAMILIES TO ALLOW THEM TO LEARN ABOUT THE BRIGHT FUTURE YMPA HAS TO OFFER. THEIR COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS MINDSET, ALONG WITH THEIR PROMISING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS LIKE ROBOTICS AND STEAM, PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET THEMSELVES UP FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE. SILENT VICTIMS OF CRIME IS HONORED TO PARTNER WITH YOUNG MEN'S PREPARATORY ACADEMY TO PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR FUTURES.



Find Our Volunteer Form on our Website:
<https://www.silentvictimsofcrime.org/volunteer>

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

