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Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

DECEMBER

2025

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
in Florida, Inc.

& THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

Presents the 24th Annual

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY *Celebration*

FREE Admission

"MENTORING THE DREAM"

The King Center

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

MONDAY

JANUARY 19, 2026

Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am

Program begins at 10 am

ROYAL PALM BEACH CULTURAL CENTER

151 Civic Center Way
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Join us to Celebrate and Honor the
Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. L. OLIVER ROBINSON

Retired Superintendent of Schools
Leadership Coach

ACTIVITIES

J.R. Apollon/Spirit and Soul Band,
CAFCI Mentors and More.

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General Membership Meeting
2nd Saturday of month
Board Meeting
4th Thursday of month

See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of CAFCI,

As we bring another productive and inspiring year to a close, I extend warm holiday greetings to all CAFCI members, supporters and friends. December is a season for reflection and gratitude, and I am deeply thankful for the dedication, unity and community spirit that each of you has shown throughout 2025. Your ongoing support continues to strengthen CAFCI's mission of cultural enrichment, community service and fellowship.

This month carries added significance as we conduct our Annual Board Elections. I strongly encourage all members to take an active role in this important process. Your participation, whether through voting, volunteering or stepping forward to serve on the Board—is essential to the future growth and success of our organization. If you feel called to contribute your skills, leadership and ideas, I welcome you to consider joining the Board. Your involvement matters and helps shape the direction of CAFCI in the year ahead.

We also look forward to gathering for our Annual Christmas Party and Potluck Celebration, a cherished CAFCI tradition. This festive event offers an opportunity to enjoy good food, music and camaraderie as we celebrate the spirit of the season. Please bring a favorite dish to share as we enjoy this meaningful time together.

As part of our commitment to community service, CAFCI is once again supporting the Toys for Tots Drive. We encourage everyone attending the Christmas Party to bring an unwrapped toy. Your generosity will make a significant difference in brightening the holidays for children in need across our community.

Hurricane Melissa Relief Efforts -- This month, our thoughts and prayers are also with the people of Jamaica and the Caribbean who have been severely impacted by Hurricane Melissa. In response to the widespread devastation, CAFCI has joined with our long-standing community partners to provide coordinated relief support.

Through the Alliance Partnership—which includes CAFCI, Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches, United Sports Club, Children of St. Helen and the Caribbean American Retired Educators—we are actively collecting essential supplies and accepting financial contributions to aid those affected. Items requested include medical supplies, hygiene items, bedding, baby essentials, non-perishable goods, tools, tarpaulins, flashlights and other emergency necessities. These contributions will help families facing displacement, power outages and shortages in the aftermath of the hurricane.

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December 16 - 31

Garfield Basant	16
Jean McKenzie Garvey	17
Helen Russell-Brown	18
Maxine Smith	19
Fae Smith	20
Joseph Johnson	21
Joseph Anderson	22
Lena Ferguson	26
David Muir	28

January 1 - 15

Winston McDonald	02
Winston McArthur	03
Latchmin Jaramillo	05
Beverly Downes	06
Josephine McLaughlin	06
Dorothy Jacks	12
Paul Baker	15

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcibellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.



GET WELL TO:

Yvonne Elliott
Cynthia Hamm
Jeff Webb
Genieve White

CONDOLENCES TO:

Junette and Neil Powell
on the loss of her cousin Carl Fraser
Jeff Webb on the loss of his wife Olga
Family of Sheila Wright

Please Let Us Know...

We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:

- *you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or*
- *you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.*

Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.

Paul Baker, Chair561.784.0067
Samuel Baxter561.358.3737
Elet Cyris.....561.791.9087

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 2)

We deeply appreciate the compassion and support of our members as we come together to assist our brothers and sisters in Jamaica during this difficult time. Your generosity reflects the true spirit of CAFCI—service, unity and care for our extended Caribbean community.

As we look ahead to 2026, let us carry forward the spirit of resilience, fellowship and purpose that defines CAFCI. I remain confident that, with your continued dedication, we will build upon the strong foundation established by our founders and strengthened by each member over the years.

Thank you for your commitment, enthusiasm and unwavering support. I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful holiday season filled with peace, good health and happiness. May the new year bring continued success and renewed strength for us all.



Dennis Wright

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Board Election

Christmas Potluck | Toys For Tots Drive

Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7 pm

In-Person & Via Zoom

10287 Okeechobee Boulevard

Level-X Fitness Center - Suite A-5

Royal Palm Beach

(corner of Okeechobee Blvd. and State Road 7 / US 441)

Join CAFCI for the General Membership meeting which will be focused on the Board Election, Toys for Tots and Christmas Potluck. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Drive, and a dish to share, as well as your favorite games. Wear your festive attire and let's celebrate a future that's even more promising and spectacular. You will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the New Year's Eve Gala.

If you are unable to attend in person, join us via Zoom:

- Visit website: www.cafcipbc.org
Select "Enter Zoom Meeting"
- Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dlILNEROa2JuNIhtYUZlVkZzYmRSdzO9>
- www.zoom.com Select "Join A Meeting" Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422 | Password: 478705
- Call-In: +1 646 558 8656
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Mentoring the Dream

Where Do We Go from Here?

January 19, 2026 at 8:30 am

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach

The Cultural Committee and the Village of Royal Palm Beach are in the process of planning an exciting 24th Annual MLK Day Celebration program on Monday, January 19, 2026 at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. The celebrations will begin at 8:30 am with a complimentary continental breakfast followed by the program at 10 am. This year's theme is "Mentoring the Dream - Where Do We Go from Here?" Look out for additional information in the next newsletter and on CAFCI's website (www.cafcipbc.org).



LET'S DO BUSINESS

When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.

Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.

CLEAR VUE LASER EYE CENTER

DR. MONIQUE BARBOUR

OPHTHALMOLOGIST AND OPTICIAN

7657 Lake Worth Road

Lake Worth, FL

561. 432.4141

<https://clearvuenow.com>

Mon - Fri: 9 am - 5 pm



If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.

- junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

The 2026 Student Assistance Scholarship Application period has opened. The application window will close on Friday, February 27, 2026. Please share the link or QR Code with your friends and relatives so they can share with their families. The 2026 application may be accessed in the following ways:

- Via the CAFCI Website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram>
- Via the Application Site: <https://form.jotform.com/251476528213053>



- Via QR Code

The 2025 awards ceremony video with photos and congratulatory messages from past recipients can be viewed on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram>.



ONGOING DONATION: To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or visit CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option. A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.

CLASS OF 2023
GRADUATE
NIA'SYMONNE FRANCISCO
Bachelor Of Science | Business Advertising | University of South Florida

With great pride, we would like to announce the graduation of Nia'Symone Maria Francisco on 05/05/23 @ 9 am. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Business Advertising with a Minor in Sociology. She will continue her education at USF in the Masters program in Marketing while she works as a Graduate Assistant and Career Advisor at the USF Bellini Center for Talent Development. Thank you village for your continued support!

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I'm so thankful to have had your love and support along the way. Your encouragement has pushed me forward more than you know. As I turn the page into this new season of life, I'm carrying your kindness with me.

Here's to growth, new adventures, and living with intention.

With love always,

Naomi ♥



Caribbean-American For Community Involvement (CAFCI) in Florida, Inc.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND



WHO WE ARE

CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our ancestral origins. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999.

CAFCI is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. Our annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

OUR MISSION

CAFCI's mission is to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.



STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD PROGRAM

Each year we offer deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from our organization.

Past student awards ranged from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.



AWARD CEREMONY

Each year in the month of May or June, CAFCI holds an award ceremony for students, their families, and members and friends of CAFCI.

We invite community leaders, Student Assistance Fund Committee members (past and present), past award recipients, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 2.7 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success in their high school tenure to be eligible.
- Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities.
- Applicants must show interest in the Caribbean community.
- The monetary assistance is awarded to students who are going on to a college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning.
- If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the school before receiving the award.

For more details and to apply visit cafcipbc.org/student-assistance.

How YOU Can Help Our Students

1. Make check or money order payable to:
C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org and click on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.

No contribution is too small. On behalf of the students, their families and CAFCI, Thank You Very Much.

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Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 35 years of service to the community. CAFCI, a 501(c)(3) organization, functions due to 100% of dedicated volunteers and is committed to advancing our youths' higher education. For the past 33 years, CAFCI has raised funds to assist well deserving college-bound high school students in our communities to achieve their educational goals. Your financial donation and dedication to CAFCI will help to open college doors to students. With your financial support, CAFCI will be able to award between \$500 to \$1,500 to each deserving student.

Many ambitious students are denied access to a college education due to financial constraints. As you can imagine, many high school students may hold the key to a cure for a disease but may never have the opportunity to maximize their potential. Many have innovative ideas for probable solutions to social problems, yet may never have a chance to expand on them. Others are discouraged simply because the first step to higher education may seem financially impossible.

CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee is requesting your financial help. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope for more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. We look forward to receiving your life-changing contribution to help with assisting students as they embark on one of their lifelong endeavors to begin college. We will publicly acknowledge you on our *List of Donors*. **You may make your donation online by going to www.cafcipc.org/donation-center and select Student Assistance or by mailing your donation by April 30, 2026, to:**

CAFCI
Attn: Student Assistance Fund
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

For more information about our organization and past recipients, please visit our website at www.cafcipc.org/studentassistanceprogram. Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561.790.4002.

Respectfully,

Leonie Escoffery

Leonie Escoffery
Treasurer, Student Asst. Committee

Junette Powell

Junette Powell
Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

Dennis Wright

Dennis Wright
President, CAFCI

CAFCU SCOUTS ★ TROOP 111

Greetings Everyone,

November was an amazing month for Troop 111—filled with adventure, community service, and inspiring Scout spirit from our Scouts. As we head into the season of gratitude, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our troop throughout the month. Your encouragement, donations and involvement help make these experiences possible.

MYSTERY CAMPOUT: Troop 111 kicked off the month with its yearly Mystery Campout, and this year's surprise destination took excitement to the next level. Scouts spent the weekend at Busch Gardens, where thrilling rides and short lines made for a truly unforgettable adventure. The laughter, courage, and spirit on display made this campout one we'll talk about for years to come.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY: In true Scouting spirit, our troop dedicated numerous hours to community service in November. Scouts volunteered at the VAFMSF Drive-Thru BBQ, supported the local food drive, and helped distribute Food for Scouting flyers across neighborhoods.



Mystery Campout at Tampa Busch Gardens ~ 1st row: Irina Montoya, Christopher Clarke, Rachel Pfister; 2nd row: Jessica Mahne, Victoria Montoya, Hadi Okkashi, Kirill Montoya, Roman Mahne, Keenan Stack, Keil Grieser, Robert Lombardo, Benjamin Recio; 3rd row: Hosanna James, Alicia Wasson, Isabella Page, Ryan McNally, Landon Girard, Judah James, Micah Johnson, Allen Arthur; Last row: Bryan Wasson and Zakary Wasson



VAFMSF Drive-Thru BBQ ~ Shirley Palmer, Lucas Schnick Baker, Landon Girard, Mohammed Almasoodi, Haroon Almassodi, Patrick Kelly, Emily Schnick-Baker, Lori Cabrera

On Monday, November 10th, Troop 111 and Pack 147 proudly came together at Golden Grove Elementary to honor Veterans. They lead a meaningful flag

ceremony in honor of all who have served. The Scouts stood tall and respectful as they raised the flag, showing gratitude for the courage and sacrifice of our veterans. Through their teamwork and dedication, the Scouts paid tribute to these heroes and helped the community remember the importance of this special day.



Golden Grove Elementary to honor veterans ~ Skyla Richards, Savannah Besey, Isabella Page, Mr. William Richards



Landon Girard's Eagle Project ~ Mr. Girard, Lori Cabrera, Landon Girard, Caleb McNally, Keenan Stack, Hadi Okkashi, Benjamin Recio, Mohammed Almasoodi

EAGLE LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: Future Eagle Scout Landon Girard reached an exciting milestone as he organized and launched his Eagle Scout project. Landon began constructing a new Information Board that will benefit the community for many years. His dedication, planning, and leadership throughout this project truly reflect the values of Scouting.



Alzheimer's Walk ~ Hadi Okkashe, Robert Lombardo, Caleb McNally, Kirill Montoya, Roman Mayne, Keil Grieser

ALZHEIMER FLAG CEREMONY: Troop 111 was also honored to take part in the flag ceremony at the Alzheimer's Walk. Our Scouts represented the troop with respect and pride, helping bring awareness to an important cause and supporting individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Overall, we had an outstanding month and we want to thank everyone for their continued support and involvement in our troop!



To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111 or to volunteer for scouting, visit:
<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>

Yours in Scouting,
 Kirill Montoya
 Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 111



SCOUT LAW | *"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."*

SCOUT OATH | *"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."*

*During these times, more than ever,
please help us put a smile on our children's faces.*



CAFCI's TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Deadline
DEC. 14, 2025



Also Need....
Wrapping
Paper
Gift Bags
Tape & Tags

NEWBORN TO 18 YEARS

DROP OFF UNWRAPPED TOYS AT THE CAFCI OFFICE.

675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
or

DONATE ONLINE AND WE WILL SHOP FOR YOU.

Go to cafcipbc.org/donation-center

Select "Donate" then select "Christmas Toy Drive"
or

CALL SIMMS AT 561.719.0263 FOR PICK-UP.

*Your donation will help make a difference
in the life of a child from our surrounding communities.*

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Gala



Live Music Featuring DJ Mansta

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

8:00 PM TO 1:00 AM

Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center - 151 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL

STEP INTO ELEGANCE AS WE BID FAREWELL TO 2025
AND WELCOME 2026!

**AN EVENING OF SOPHISTICATION
WITH:**

EXQUISITE FOOD
LIVE DJ & DANCING
MIDNIGHT CHAMPAGNE TOAST
DOOR PRIZES
50/50 RAFFLE

A DAZZLING COUNTDOWN INTO THE NEW YEAR

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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DENNIS WRIGHT - 561-653-1586

561-790-4002

OR CAFCIPBC.ORG

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\$85

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DECEMBER... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness

KWANZAA December 26th to January 1st

7 DAYS OF KWANZAA

Each day, we observe one principle from Nguzo Saba or the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

- DAY 1 **UMOJA**
Unity
- DAY 2 **KUJICHAGULIA**
Self-Determination
- DAY 3 **UJIMA**
Collective Work & Responsibility
- DAY 4 **UJAMAA**
Cooperative Economics
- DAY 5 **NIA**
Purpose
- DAY 6 **KUUMBA**
Creativity
- DAY 7 **IMANI**
Faith



KWANZAA is an annual celebration of African-American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day. It was created by activist Maulana Karenga based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West, East, as well as Southeast Africa. Celebrations: Unity; Creativity; Faith; Giving gifts.

Source: [kwanzaa 2025 - Google Search](#)

HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS



It's very important to keep a watchful eye on your wallet during this expensive time of year. Here are six holiday shopping tips to help you give more, spend less

and worry about money as little as possible.

<https://wallethub.com/edu/b/holiday-shopping-tips/28660>

CAFCI VALUES STATEMENT

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background. We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: *The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.*

CAFCI MEMBERS... *If you would like to share the accomplishments of a close relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com).*

IMPORTANT: *Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.*

WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>

Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:

<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI

Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Membership

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A For C.A.F.C.I.

BUSINESS



Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

Last month we made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to cafcibellsouth.net.

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipbc.org and click on the “Home of Our Own” tab or call Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. We have made it easier to take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.*



Scan QR Code to Support
CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, CAFCI Home Of Our Own Chair



CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In Florida, Inc.

HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF



➤ **Donate via Zelle**
CAFCI@BELLSOUTH.NET

♥ Help Hurricane Victims

Items Needed

- ✓ Non-Perishable Food
- ✓ Hygiene Products
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Diapers All Sizes
- ✓ Temporary Shelter
- ✓ Tools
- ✓ Bedding
- ✓ Solar Powered Lights
- ✓ Cleaning Supplies
- ✓ Sleeping bags

Drop Off Locations

- 📍 **Trailer Location**
13689 Okeechobee Blvd (Behind the Church)
- 📍 **The Palm Beach County Bar Office**
1507 Belvedere Rd, WPB
- 📍 **PostNet Palm Beach**
4550 Lantana Rd, Greenacres
- 📍 **CAFCI Office by Appt**
675 Royal Palm Bch Blvd #134

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More Information

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Dennis Wright (203) 482-5079
Rhonda Ferrin-Davis (561) 685-9836



Where Your Membership Counts!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2025-2026 Events

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

Saturday, December 13th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Elections | Christmas Potluck | Toys for Tots

Wednesday, December 31st, 8 pm
NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, January 19th, 8:30 am
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 14th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, March 14th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, April 11th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, May 9th at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 2026 - Date TBD
STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

AROUND TOWN

- **Friday, December 12th at 7 pm, Saturday, December 13th at 7 pm, Sunday, December 14th at 3 pm | FATHER HO LUNG & FRIENDS** presents "**A CHRISTMAS SHOW**" musical concert to celebrate music, culture, and giving at Hollybrook Golf and Tennis Club, 900 S Hollybrook Dr, Pembroke Pines, FL. This charity concert will help raise money for the poorest of the poor in Jamaica and Hurricane relief. If you would like to support Missionaries of the Poor or purchase a ticket for the show, go visit www.frholungandfriends.org; www.missionariesofthepoor.org.
- **Wednesday, December 17th, 6 to 9 pm | T. LEROY JEFFERSON MEDICAL SOCIETY** PRESENTS their **HOLIDAY PARTY** Fundraiser at Hilton Palm Beach Airport. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information email tljms.org@gmail.com.
- **Saturday, February 7th, 12 to 6 pm | THE HUNGRY BLACK MAN MEDIA**, in partnership with **THE CENTER FOR BLACK INNOVATION** and **THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**, presents their 10th Annual **SOUL BEACH FOOD FESTIVAL** uniting the best of South Florida and the nation's soulful culinary scene, from traditional Soul Food and smoky barbecue to Caribbean favorites, vegan innovations, and bold Hispanic flavors. Celebrate 2026 Black History Month at Lummus Park, 600 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach. Get your free tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-soul-beach-food-festival-tickets-1849321563579?aff=oddttdtcreator> If you are interested in vending, please fill out the registration here and someone from our team will get back with you: <https://forms.gle/envyEGb6uDDtB71n6>
- **Saturday, February 7, 2026, 4 to 9 pm | ISLAND SPACE CARIBBEAN MUSEUM** presents the Annual **REGGAE GENEALOGY** at Volunteer Park Community Center, 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation, FL. Experience the evolution of Jamaican music in film, television, and pop culture. For more information, Visit reggaegenealogy.org.
- **Saturday February 21st, 10 am - 10 pm, Sunday, February 22nd, 11 am - 7 pm |** Come out to the **JUPITER SEAFOOD FESTIVAL** at Carlin Park, 400 S. Hwy A1A, Jupiter, FL featuring seafood, music, and other entertainment. Performers include Maddie & Tae on February 21st and HAVOC 305 on February 22nd. For information and tickets, click on the attached link: Event Tickets Center is the Place to Buy Tickets for Any Event, Show, or Game.
- Visit the **CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY** at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in **WELLINGTON**, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in **WEST PALM BEACH**, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>

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