



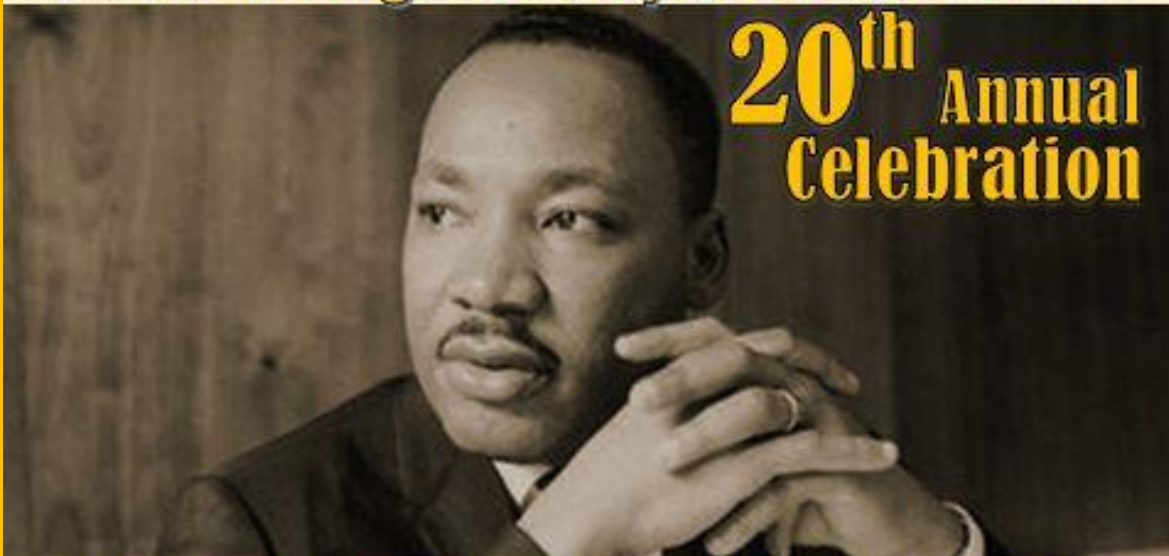
## Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

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

2021

### Caribbean American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. & The Village of Royal Palm Beach



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration

*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."*

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Monday, January 17, 2022

10:00 am to 12:30 pm

**FREE EVENT**

### Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

151 Civic Center Way

Royal Palm Beach, Florida



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Board meetings - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
**See back page for calendar of events.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all CAFCI members, friends and supporters for your contributions during the year. Each one of you has helped CAFCI by donating time, money, goods, and services to fulfill our mission. For all who stepped up to chair committees and raise needed funds, on behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your support and I look forward to your active participation next year.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTE:** Due to the continued effect of the Covid-19, for the second year in a row, we are unable to hold board elections. We reached out to many members who are eligible to serve as board members with limited success. Therefore, I asked all current board members to stay on for an additional year. As a result, the current board will return next year with only a few changes. We will have the information finalized by the middle of this month which will be shared with members shortly thereafter.

**ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL/NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION:** Join us for the annual Friendship Ball and New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31, 2021 at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter and also as an attachment. Remember to drop off your Toys for Tots at the Royal Inn or make a monetary contribution if you are not able to purchase a toy. For more information, see the flyer in this newsletter as well as an attachment.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

Dennis Wright, President



### DECEMBER 16 - 31

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Jerome Wright	26

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Josephine McLaughlin	06
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*If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send us an email to CAFCI ([cafcib@bellsouth.net](mailto:cafcib@bellsouth.net)) and we will update the birthday list! We apologize for any oversight.*

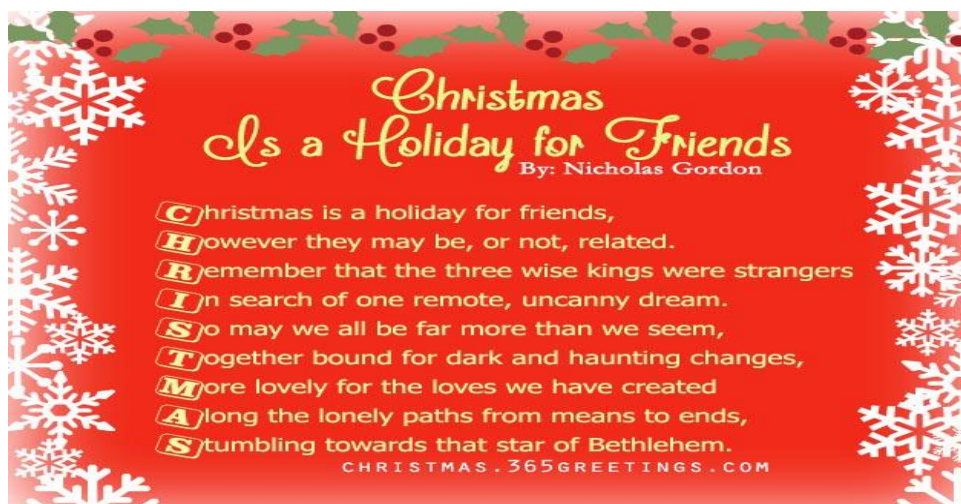
### CONDOLENCES TO:

Yvonne Gray  
 on the loss of her ex-husband

### Please Let Us Know...

*Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if you are ill, know of anyone who is ill or would like to share any condolences and would like it to be announced in the newsletter. **If no one tells us, we cannot share it.***

Elet Cyrus, Chair .....561.791.9087  
 Paul Baker .....561.784.0067  
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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 7 pm  
VIA ZOOM

Join us for our General Membership meeting on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We are conducting our monthly membership meetings via Zoom until further notice. You will need a mobile device (smart phone/tablet) or a computer/laptop with a microphone to participate in the meeting. You may also call in. See instructions below.

Click on link or copy and paste link in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318987422?pwd=dllNER0a2JuNltYUZlVkJzYmRSdz09>

OR

Visit website: [www.cafciabc.org](http://www.cafciabc.org)

Select "Click to Access Zoom General Meeting"

OR

Download the ZOOM App: [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)

Select "Join A Meeting"

Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

OR

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Meeting ID: 853 1898 7422

Password: 478705

## CAFCI'S 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL and New Year's Eve Celebration

Friday, December 31, 2021 at 8 pm  
West Palm Beach Marriott

CAFCI's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Friendship Ball will be held on Friday, December 31, 2021 at the West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach. Entertainment will be provided by DJ TD's Unlimited, aka DJ Donovan, and a special performance by Steve Higgins. Please see the flyer in this newsletter and the CAFCI website for more information.

All COVID-19 precautions will be in place. When making your ticket reservation, please be sure to provide your meal preferences (chicken, snapper or vegetarian).

We look forward to coming back together and celebrating a special evening with you.

### Message from the CAFCI BALL Journal Committee

Thanks to all our supporters, members and friends for the sponsorships, advertisements, and member messages we have received. See the thank you flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. The Ball Journal showcasing our sponsors, advertisers and supporters will be published and distributed at the Ball.

Genieve White, Journal Committee Chair

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, January 17, 2022 at 10 am  
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

The Cultural Committee and the Village of Royal Palm Beach are in the process of planning an exciting 20<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK program which will be on Monday, January 17, 2022, beginning at 10 am. For additional information, visit CAFCI's website at [www.cafciabc.org](http://www.cafciabc.org).



### CAFCI'S 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 any accomplishments of close relatives (eg. 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](mailto:ujama4@aol.com) or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell ([junettep56@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

## OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee are honored to recognize its members and their relatives for their accomplishments, so please share your good news with us, and we will publish as space permits.

### CAFCI Student Assistance Fund

*Empowering Youth & Investing In Our Future*

For more information, visit the Student Assistance Program section on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram> or contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353.

#### COLLEGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

The application is available on the Student Assistance Program section on CAFCI's website (<https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram>)

Please encourage Palm Beach County graduating high school seniors who have been accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning to apply for the award.

#### STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARDS CEREMONY

**Date:** Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 6 pm

**Venue:** To be determined

**We need your help. There are several ways you can donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient via one of the methods listed below:**

1. Mail check payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF, 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
2. CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option.
3. SAF Golden Krust Dining to Donate: **November 15, 2021 to December 20, 2021** Patronize Golden Krust (located at the northeast corner of Jog and Okeechobee Blvd.) using the SAF coupon. Golden Krust will donate 10% of your purchase to SAF. See coupon elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. VERY IMPORTANT: Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. You do NOT receive a discount.

A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. Please also share the fundraiser link to help spread the word to family, friends, businesses and social media contacts.

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated and thank you for your continued support. The list of 2021 Donors and Sponsors is posted on CAFCI's website at [www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram](http://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram).

### SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

#### School District of Palm Beach County

For more information on financial aid and scholarships, visit [https://palmbeachschools.org/students\\_parents/scholarships\\_and\\_financial\\_aid](https://palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/scholarships_and_financial_aid)

#### The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties Scholarships

Visit <https://yourcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships> for more details.

Or reach out to [scholarships@cfpbmc.org](mailto:scholarships@cfpbmc.org) and the team will be happy to assist you.

Eligible applicants are current seniors in high school or current undergraduate students attending school in Palm Beach or Martin Counties. Some funds require interviews and some do not. Interview invitations are not an indication of receiving an award. Scholarships are awarded mid-April 2022. **The deadline is January 31, 2022 at midnight.**



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Valid **11/15/2021 to 12/20/2021**

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## MESSAGE FROM PAST SAF RECIPIENTS

**Rachel Rose**

2021 SAF Award Recipient

November 16, 2021

*Hello, I hope this email finds you well. This is Rachel Rose, and I'm updating you on my college experience. Life in DC is amazing although it's starting to get chilly. In the mornings, I run with my friends around the monuments, and I'm always in awe at the fact that I'm just two blocks away from the White House and all these monuments are basically in my backyard. This semester, I'm taking 16 credits, 5 classes, and all of them are going well. I'm taking courses in both Russian and French which I very much enjoy. I would say that I'm thriving academically and socially here in DC. Planning my meals and staying organized have been two of my biggest challenges here thus far, but I am currently trying new ways to stay on top of my health and organization. Thank you so much for your support.*

**Anjal Mckenzie**

2020 SAF Award Recipient

November 16, 2021

Good morning Ms. Nadine,

*A while ago you wrote a letter of recommendation on my behalf for an organization that I was applying to. Well, over the past few weeks I had been going through the process of joining and now, as of this past Sunday, I have been inducted and am a new member of SISTUHS, Incorporated! I wrote this to give thanks to you and to express my great appreciation! Though the journey wasn't the easiest, being a part of something so transformative and inspirational has been the proudest moment of my life thus far. I've grown closer to my true identity, my roots, my goals, and my community. The SISTUH-hood and connections that I've formed are stronger than ever and are all the reasons why I finally feel at home here on campus. Without your letter of recommendation (despite having asked so last minute), this experience and life long journey wouldn't have been possible and for that I am forever grateful. Thank you sooooo much!*





## CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111

Each year the Troop Committee plans a Mystery Campout to celebrate the Troops' birthday, November 1, 2003. The scouts and parents never know where they are headed until the morning after arrival at the campsite when the T-shirts are given out. This year we journeyed to Parrish, Florida to a rope course/zipline adventure called "Tree Umph". Since we had attended previously, we dubbed this trip the "2.0 version".

*The mystery campout, an annual tradition.*

*A birthday celebration, the "2.0 edition".*

*Tree-Umph again? "Oh yes" we declared.*

*For this updated adventure you must be prepared.*

*We strapped on the gear and went through the training.*

*The weight of the straps, backs already straining.*

*Then onward and upward the scouts they did climb.*

*Keep up the pace, don't get left behind.*

*Now Kelly, and Hogan, Girard and McNally  
they took to this trek,*

*It was right up their alley.*

*Dr. Rice, ASM, was right at their heel,  
forging ahead, this was the real deal.*

*Cabrera & Estevez, safe on the ground,  
sitting and waiting with no one around.*

*So they took a few photos and chatted a bit  
but mostly relaxed, in their chairs they did sit.*

*Now what of the scouts, just how did they fare?*

*They were valiant and brave, not easy to scare.*

*They coursed through the levels 1,2,3,4,5.*

*Some planned, some abounded, and some strategized.*

*The zipline was awesome, through the trees up so high*

*Oh wait, what's that? Noah's Croc, "Bye-Bye"*

*Yes, shoes were a problem, just ask our Scoutmaster*

*For he hung upside down till it ripped, a disaster.*

*And what is that call, crying out in the distance  
It's Mrs. Kelly, "Guide, guide, guide, need assistance!!!"*

*We laughed and we played and we had loads of fun*

*Happy Birthday Troop 111 - Another year is done!*

By Lorianne Cabrera



Isabella Paige

## CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111 & Cub Scout Pack 120



Cub Scouts and Parents

participated in the Scout Food Collection for the holidays. They collected over 1,400 pounds of canned and boxed goods and delivered it to a Palms West Presbyterian Church Pantry. The Church was extremely appreciative. The Scouts also helped out and contributed to the VAFMSF Yard Sale.



Mohammed Almasoudi

# Happy

## 7 Principles of Kwanzaa

### NGUZU SABA

<b>K</b>	<b>IND-HEARTED</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>ITH</b>
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<b>N</b>	<b>ATURALLY</b>
<b>Z</b>	<b>EALOUS</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>STONISHING</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>FRICAN</b>

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- Day 1**  
**Umoja \* Unity**  
Strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.
- Day 2**  
**Kujichagulia \* Self-Determination**  
To define ourselves, name ourselves, create and speak for ourselves.
- Day 3**  
**Ujima \* Collective Work & Responsibility**  
To build and maintain our community together and be responsible for one another and to solve problem together.
- Day 4**  
**Ujamaa \* Cooperative Economics**  
To build and maintain our own stores and other businesses and to profit from them together.
- Day 5**  
**Nia \* Purpose**  
collective building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.
- Day 6**  
**Kuumba \* Creativity**  
To do always as much as we can to leave our community more beautiful and prosperous than we inherited it.
- Day 7**  
**Imani \* Faith**  
To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and victory of our struggle.



Since a lot of us will be doing **online shopping** for the holidays, here are tips for safe online shopping.

1. Skip the debit card. When shopping online it's best to stick to credit cards or payment services like Paypal. ...
2. Shop secure sites only. Before entering any personal or financial information, make sure you verify that the site you are on is legitimate and secure.
3. Update your software. Updating your software is one of the easiest things you can do to protect your information, but many people put it off.
4. Outsmart email scams. The holidays are a great time for email scammers to send out viruses and malware in the guise of a gift or special offer.
5. Don't click on links. In addition to sneaky attacks in emails, beware of links to deals that are too good to be true on social networking sites.
6. Beef up your passwords. There's a reason this piece of advice may sound like a broken record – it's really important. ...
7. Never give more info than needed. Most websites you visit or shop on will ask you for information to complete your purchase or start a wish list.
8. Don't go public. Free hotspots are like manna from heaven when you're out and about, but hackers like them even more than you do.
9. Be smart about shopping apps. Apps make everything more convenient, including stealing your private information. ...
10. Put devices on lockdown. One of the perks of online shopping is that you can do it from anywhere and use any device. ...

Reference: [www.safewise.com/blog/10-cybersecurity-tips-for-online-shopping/](http://www.safewise.com/blog/10-cybersecurity-tips-for-online-shopping/)

When shopping online at Amazon, you can donate to CAFCI.  
Just sign into or create your account at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida as your preferred charity.  
Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to CAFCI.



*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. 15, 2021*



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

**DROP-OFF UNWRAPPED TOYS  
FOR CHILDREN  
NEWBORN TO 18 YEARS**

**Call Simms at 561.719.0263 for drop-off locations**

**Donate online at  
[cafcipbc.org/donation-center](http://cafcipbc.org/donation-center) and select Toy Drive**

**Donations to benefit the children of surrounding communities and the  
Wesleyan Holiness Church, Belle Glade, FL**





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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR

*31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
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and New Year's Eve Celebration*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

8:00 PM - 1:00 AM

WEST PALM BEACH MARRIOTT

1001 Okeechobee Blvd.  
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Dinner Served at 9 PM

Dress: Semi-Formal

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**Steve Higgins**

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Tickets \$100 per person

Advanced Ticket Sales Only

**DJ TD's Unlimited**  
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Tickets can be purchased online at [cafciipbc.org](http://cafciipbc.org)

*All venue Covid-19 safety precautions will be observed*

For tickets or information:

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**CAFCI's**  
***31<sup>st</sup> Annual Friendship Ball***  
***and New Year's Eve Celebration***

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

**CAFCI extends special thanks to our generous supporters of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Friendship Ball. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to our fundraising efforts as you adapt with us to the changing environment. *Our Resilience Is Our Strength!!!***

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**And to our wonderful members and friends  
for their member messages of encouragement and support, THANK YOU.**

**Join us as we ring in the New Year!!!**



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



### 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

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement'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 Recipients – 2019

A sample of some of our star students from the Class of 2019.



### 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.cafcipc.org](http://www.cafcipc.org)** and clicking on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.
3. It is preferred that your generous donation be received on or before **April 22, 2022**, in preparation for our virtual Award Ceremony on Saturday, **May 7, 2022**.

No contribution is too small and on behalf of the students and families, we **Thank You Very Much!**

### Contact Us

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## 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.



### Student Eligibility Requirements

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 3.0 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.

### Award Ceremonies

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

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



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December 1, 2021

Dear Prospective Student Assistance Fund Donor:

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) continues its more than 31 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 29 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 helping CAFCI advance our youth's higher education 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. This year, because of COVID-19 resulting in the loss of jobs and loss of family members, there is an overwhelming number of students facing financial challenges in achieving their college goals. 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. We invite you to partner with CAFCI in financially assisting our youths to make their educational goals a reality. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our youth as your donation will not only provide hope to more students but will also help to ease their financial burden. Please find accompanying information about our organization and past recipients.

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 *Donors' List*. **You may make your donation online by going to [www.cafcipc.org/donation-center](http://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center) and select Student Assistance or by mailing your donation to:**

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

Thank you in advance for your donation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 561-790-4002.

Respectfully,

*Nadine White-Boyd*  
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Co-Chair, Student Asst. Committee

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*Dennis Wright*  
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President



## COVID-19

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 and vaccinations visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov/covid-19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)

For the latest COVID-19 vaccine updates in Florida visit <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/>  
The Florida Health COVID-19 24-hour hotline is available to answer general vaccine questions: 866.779.6121  
Senior Hotline: 866.201.6754 - Appointment line for seniors over 65 who do not have access to a computer.

## IN THE NEWS ...

### OMICRON VARIANT

The recent emergence of the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529) further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and general prevention strategies needed to protect against COVID-19. Everyone 5 and older should get vaccinated and boosters are recommended for everyone 18 years and older.

For more information on the Omicron variant visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/index.html>.



### **DONATE TO CLINICS CAN HELP:** DO YOU HAVE MEDICAL

EQUIPMENT OR UNOPENED MEDICAL SUPPLIES YOU NO LONGER NEED, OR ARE YOU IN NEED OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES? If so, check out "Clinics Can Help," a local nonprofit organization that accepts gently used durable medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, shower chairs, commodes, nebulizers, oxygen concentrators, etc.) and unused medical supplies (adult diapers, wound care materials, etc.) donated by the community. "Clinics Can Help" cleans and refurbishes the equipment it receives, and redistributes it, along with donated medical supplies, to Palm Beach County residents who need it. "Clinics Can Help" stores the equipment and supplies at its warehouse at 2560 Westgate Avenue in West Palm Beach. Last year it provided over 3,000 children and adults in Palm Beach County with medical equipment and supplies. CAFCI members can donate medical equipment or unused medical supplies to "Clinics Can Help," or seek needed medical equipment and supplies. To learn more, click on this link: <https://www.clinicscanhelp.org/>. You can also call "Clinics Can Help" at 561.640.2995 to see if it has the equipment or supplies you need.

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$60 \* Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at [www.cafcpbc.org](http://www.cafcpbc.org) OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan, 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR CAFCI'S EVENTS

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

Saturday, December 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT 8 PM**

**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL & NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**

**West Palm Beach Marriott**

Saturday, January 8, 2022: **General Membership Meeting & Board Swearing-In**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Monday, January 17: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**, 10am, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, February 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, March 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Saturday, April 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Via Zoom Video Conferencing

### AROUND TOWN

- Visit Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- Visit the Kravis Center at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events.
- The Norton is open with free admission on select days to City of West Palm Beach residents, Healthcare Professionals and First Responders, Florida Educators and Bank of America Cardholders. Visit the Norton's website for advance, timed-ticket reservations and additional information at <https://www.norton.org>.
- **November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30; 7:30 and 8:30 pm daily:** Take in the magic of the holiday season with snowfall each evening at Rosemary Square.
- **December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesdays to Sunday 6:30 to 8:30 pm):** Garden of Lights at Mounts Botanical Garden; Reconnect with Magic as Mounts Botanical lights up the gardens for 20 sparkling evenings. Bring the whole family to experience the magic of Mounts at night as thousands of jewel-toned lights illuminate and amplify the lush tropical foliage, majestic trees and signature gardens along an easy-to-follow walkway.
- **December 5<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>:** West Palm Beach is known for celebrating the holiday season with "Sandi," the world's only 700-ton sand tree. Sandi, the Holiday Tree, will bring us a bliss of hope with its nightly music and light shows through New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 2021. The light shows will run between 6 and 10 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:** Golden Krust is having a **Customer Appreciation Day** with lots of prizes and surprises. Big raffle at 6 pm.
- **Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm to 10 pm:** United Sports and Social Club Christmas Dinner, Olympia Clubhouse, 9100 Fatio Blvd., Wellington; \$40 per person; For tickets or more information, email [unitedsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:unitedsportsclub@gmail.com)
- **Monday, January 17, 2022 at 8 am:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Coordinating Committee of Palm Beach County presents their 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship Breakfast at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. For information and tickets, please call 561.832.4682 or go to [www.mlkccpbc.org](http://www.mlkccpbc.org).

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

There was no significant *Home Of Our Own* activity this past month. We continue to search for that ideal gem both in and outside our preferred search area. Our preferred search area is bounded on the north by Orange Boulevard, Jog Road to the east, Lake Worth Road to the south and Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to the west.

You can assist in the effort to find a home for CAFCI by putting on an event or promoting an activity to raise funds. To share your ideas or provide information regarding available property, or if you have a question, please send an email to [cafcibellsouth.net](mailto:cafcibellsouth.net), [radcliffewoody@aol.com](mailto:radcliffewoody@aol.com) or call 561.791.4002 and leave a message.



Participation in the *Home Of Our Own* project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at [www.cafcpbc.org](http://www.cafcpbc.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 participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.**



Submitted by Radcliff "Woody" Brown, CAFCI Home Of Our Own Chair



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