



## What is a pandemic?

A pandemic is an epidemic of an infectious disease that has spread across a large region, for instance multiple continents or worldwide, affecting a substantial number of people.

In March of 2020 our community, along with the entire country, was turned upside down by Covid-19. Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa were shut down and a quarantine status was put into place. Organizations and their employees, who were deemed essential, reorganized work routines and alternated staff between working in the office and working at home. Mary Lee's House was one of those organizations. We are proud to say that we



remained open throughout the entire pandemic, and everyone pulled together to ensure that every child that needed our help, would get the services they required. Mary Lee's House staff and our collaborating agencies worked with reduced staff and when possible, virtual appointments were offered to provide service to children and their families. Every effort was made to continue to provide the care and protection that each child needed.

Now, in 2021, Covid restrictions are beginning to lift, and Mary Lee's House is taking steps to slowly reopen our building to all staff and visitors. We will continue to make sure that everyone that enters our building feels safe. Soon we will be able to resume tours to the public so that we can share all the great things that our agencies are doing to provide protection & support to those who have been affected by abuse and trauma.



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# Around the House

As Hillsborough County's first and only child advocacy and protection center, it is the mission of Mary Lee's House to protect and serve the children that walk through our doors as well as prevent abuse and neglect in the community. Before Mary Lee's House, a child victim in need of services was shuttled from one agency to another often resulting in fragmented care, added stress, and further trauma to the children the system was meant to protect. By utilizing trauma-informed, child-centered, and preventative care, we seek to continue to protect, respect, and heal the children in this community. Serving over 30,000 children across Tampa Bay, Mary Lee's House is a collaboration of governmental entities, private donors, and public agencies, brought together to provide the best protection for children.



Mary Lee's House is a source of support to the collaborating agencies in our building. Mary Lee's House specifically does not chase after government money. The main reason for this is because all of our agencies in our building receive some or all government dollars. This results in their budgets having limitations due to fiscal restrictions. There are certain things that the government won't allow taxpayers dollars to be utilized for or there may be limited dollars, such as the snacks or food for families, or outreach activities, or painting TIC murals, or some prevention items. By Mary Lee's House raising our funds, we are able to fill the holes and gaps that the agencies in our building encounter so that we can make sure that a family's needs are met regardless of what that need may be.

## OUTREACH HEROES

Mary Lee's House, like so many other nonprofits in our community, was greatly affected by the pandemic. Quarantine prevented us from holding some of our annual events. However, some of our donors did not allow the pandemic to prevent them from continuing to support our mission.

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the following corporate donors who hosted outreach events on our behalf.



AAA Auto Group Made a monetary donation and donated 100's of bottles of hand sanitizer



Julie Curry and her staff created a Pinwheel themed Works dessert and donated part of the sales to us during the month of April, Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Loretta Zanetti and colleagues held a Botox event and donated all the proceeds to Mary Lee's House. They were able to raise \$10,000!



Tyler Stankey along with Julie Curry teamed up to create a Freak Shake beer based on Bake 'n Babes famous dessert by the same name. They held a kickoff at the Pour House on Channelside to reveal it and proceeds from the sale of the beer, were donated to us.



The Gasparilla membership organization, Krewe of the Conch Republic, held a holiday fill the float event and collected hundreds of items that consisted of toys, books, clothing and shoes.



PAR employees took part in a virtual walk to benefit Mary Lee's House. Forty-six PAR employees and their families raised more than \$4,200 for our organization.



### **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2219 MURAL – PUBLIX ROOM**

Brianna Herrera & Kenzie Cappy of Girl Scout Troop 2219 donated their time and materials to paint a trauma-informed sea life mural in the Mary Lee’s House Publix room. The mural is part of their Silver Award Project for the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, the highest honor earned by a Cadette. Cadettes focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference. Brianna & Kenzie contacted us because Kenzie’s mom is with Junior League of Tampa and heard about the ways that we serve children who have been victims of trauma. After giving the girls a tour of Mary Lee’s House, and explaining how we utilized the Publix room as part of the services we provide to children & their families, the girls took on the task of painting the child-friendly trauma informed mural.

The Publix room is a multipurpose space to help ensure the success of the families that walk through our doors. As a continuation and expansion of the PEDI Clinic, the Publix room allows for developmental interventions and behavioral observations of the children and families we serve. The Publix room also provides a trauma informed space to facilitate conversations to counsel parents, caregivers, and guardians of the children that receive services at Mary Lee’s House. We are excited about the mural and the transformation of the room. We look forward to providing more ways to support our families!

# 2021 Caddyshack Classic Golf Event

On April 8th Mary Lee's House held its annual golf event and it was a beautiful night for socializing and fundraising! Topgolf served as a great backdrop for the Caddyshack themed fundraiser. Guests not only enjoyed a round of golf, but they were also treated to dinner, drinks and live music by the band **Back to the 80's**. Mary Lee's House, with the help of our amazing sponsors, raised funds that will help us continue to be a place where Hillsborough County's most vulnerable come to get the services they need.

As part of the evening's festivities, awards were given to the best female costume, best male costume, best men's score, best female score and best team score.



## Congratulations to the following winners!

**Best Team**

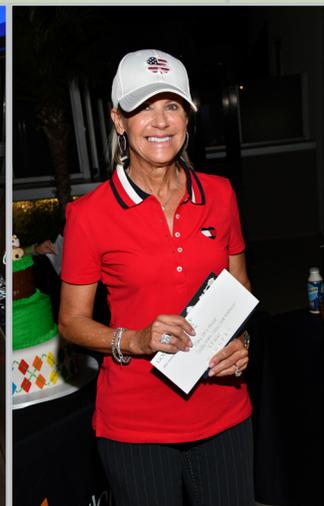


**Best Female Costume**  
Jayne Whitcomb

**Best Male Costume**  
JB Davis

**Best Male Score**  
Tyler Hill

**Best Female Score**  
Cheryl Harper



# Thank you to all of our Caddyshack Classic Sponsors



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# Partners for Pinwheels

**Partners for Pinwheels (P4P)** is a collective of engaged, community-minded citizens who through philanthropic efforts and drive, support positive change for children in need.

Partners contribute throughout the year, from January through December, to one of our tiered levels. The donations raised are used to fund the sustainability of Mary Lee's House and the most critical needs of families as well as provide community outreach, resources, and training.

**We would like to thank our 2021 Partners for your support!**

| <b>GOLD</b><br>\$2500 or more  | <b>GREEN</b><br>\$1000-\$2499   | <b>BLUE</b><br>\$500-\$999  | <b>RED</b><br>\$100-\$499  | <b>ORANGE</b><br>Volunteers  |
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Partners as of 8-4-21

**GOLD LEVEL:** Represents a gift to the Partners for Pinwheels of \$2,500 or more.

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**RED LEVEL:** Represents a gift to the Partners for Pinwheels at the \$100-\$499 level.

**ORANGE LEVEL:** There is no required gift. This level is reserved for volunteers who will donate a minimum of 40 hours of service per year.

(Clinical hours are not offered by Mary Lee's House. Please contact one of our collaborating agencies if you require clinical volunteer hours)



# Sponsor a Pinwheel



During April, Mary Lee's House held a Sponsor a Pinwheel event to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention month. Donors sponsored pinwheels through online donations that were then planted in a pinwheel garden on their behalf or on behalf of someone that they wanted to honor. Through the support of our donors, we were able to raise over \$5,700!

In addition, we would also like to thank Tots4Tampa for planting their own pinwheel garden to help spread awareness in our community!!

Mary Lee's House, which serves as Hillsborough County's Child Protection and Advocacy Center, supports and works towards the vision that every child deserves a chance to succeed and to ensuring they have the opportunity to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment that is free from abuse and neglect. The pinwheel is a positive emblem of the effect we can have when we work together to prevent child abuse.

## Thank you to Everyone that Sponsored a Pinwheel!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October TBD** Trunk or Treat at Mary Lee's House
- November 10th** Partners for Pinwheels Annual Luncheon at the Tampa Bay History Center
- January 1, 2022** Partners for Pinwheels 2022 begins
- April 2022** Mandatory Reporter Training - date TBD
- April 2022** Buy it Before they're Famous - date TBD
- Fall 2022** Annual Golf Fundraiser - date TBD

**24th ANNUAL**  
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During the month of September, visit one of the Tampa area Columbia restaurants listed below and 5% of your check will be donated to Mary Lee's House!

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place

**3,005**

Forensic interviews  
were conducted

**4,328**

Children received  
counseling

**4,014**

Medical exams were  
performed

**8,432**

**OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS**



An average of **2,500** children pass through the doors of Mary Lee's House each year.

