

# FOCUS

Official Newsletter of CEF of Southwest Florida



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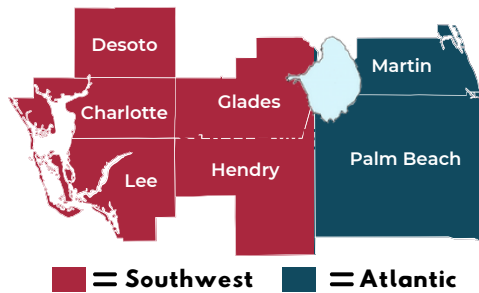
With 2024 rapidly approaching, our ministry year continues with FOCUS as our theme.. Remembering our vision of Every Child | Every Nation | Every Day, we're setting goals for 2024, that push us towards our mission and vision.

### MINISTRY YEAR FOCUS:

Reach the **Family** (Matthew 28:19-20)

Share our **Faith** (2 Timothy 2:15)

Make club **Fun** (1 Peter 1:8)



■ = Southwest ■ = Atlantic



## What's Next?

### SOUTHWEST 2024 GOALS:

Reach more children with the Gospel

Establish more partnerships

Gain more financial support

Launch Palm Beach and Martin into a new chapter

It has been three years since our chapter was expanded to include Glades, Hendry, Martin, and Palm Beach counties. In those three years, we have seen incredible growth in these counties from one existing Good News Club to nine clubs, 81 volunteers, and 310 children reached! We praise God for this success and wish to thank our ministry coordinator, Carrie Chiurato, for her hard work and dedication to spreading the Gospel during this time. This area has grown so much that we believe it is time to establish it as it's own CEF chapter with a local committee, staff, and office!

## What Do We Need?

There is a lot that goes into establishing a new chapter. The state office will coordinate much of it but there are some things that you can play a part in, like:

- **PRAYER** - Join us in praying for wisdom for this this new venture
- **OFFICE SPACE** - Turn over for exciting news!

## Local Committee Members

Stephanie McDermott  
CHAIRWOMAN

Ann Dreyer  
SECRETARY

Laurie Anderson  
TREASURER

Mike Gravesen

Melinda Means

Patricia Thompson

## 2023 Ministry

as of October 2023

### 22 Active Clubs

### 673 Children Reached

### 90 SALVATIONS

### 182 Volunteers Serving

### 17 Church Partners

# What Do We Need? (continued)



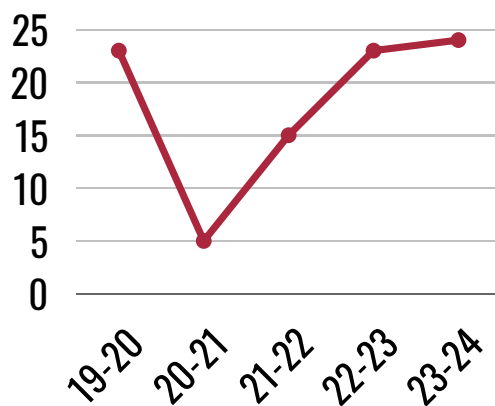
## Future Home of the East Coast Chapter!

We already have office space! An individual donated an office in a multi unit building for CEF to use for FREE! What an incredible gift and a huge hurdle already cleared in our path to establish this new chapter.

- **RESOURCES** - As you can see, the office is in need of furnishing. There are different tools needed in this office to train, equip, and support the ministry. (See below for more info.)
- **WORKERS** - In accordance with Luke 10:2, we need funded workers to join the local staff and grow the ministry.
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - We need a minimum of five individuals to serve on a local governing committee to provide accountability and guidance for the staff. Contact Stephanie McDermott for more information ([stephiemcdermott@gmail.com](mailto:stephiemcdermott@gmail.com))

## We're Growing!

Prior to COVID, we had 23 active Good News Clubs across our chapter. Going through that time was extremely disruptive to our ministry as our volunteers, church partners, and schools all were greatly affected. This was a difficult time with many hours spent in prayers for wisdom and guidance. **Look and see what God has done!** We have grown back and surpassed where we were before COVID with 24 GNCs this school year! We are so excited for what 2024 holds and look forward to sharing the impact with you at the end of the school year. Praise the Lord!



## Upcoming Events

**CYIA Unplugged Retreat**  
JANUARY 12-14, 2024

**Spring GNC Conference**  
JANUARY 13, 19 & 20,  
2024

**Giving Challenge**  
APRIL 9-10, 2024

**CEF Regional Conference**  
**Orlando, FL**  
APRIL 22-26, 2024

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Copier Lease \$150/mo.



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Filing Cabinet \$550



3

White Board \$60



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Keurig Coffee Maker \$100



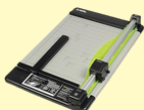
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Microwave \$70



6

Paper Cutter \$100



7

Office Supplies \$15/mo.



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Desks x3 \$100 ea.



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Door Signage \$150



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Laptop x3 \$500 ea.



11

Office Chairs x3 \$150 ea.



12

TV + Wall Mount \$300



13

Mini Fridge \$100



14

Storage Shelves \$100



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