



## September 2021 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

5:30p – 7:00p

Hill Station

Upper Terrace Tent

2712 Kavanaugh Boulevard

Little Rock, AR 72205

### **Kick-off Party for The Evolve Gala**

- Join CFYF staff and friends to kick off promo campaign, raise awareness, and gain support for CFYF's signature event, The Evolve Gala
- Note: The event and location has changed; no longer Art Show @ Community Bakery and the event will be at Hill Station rather than 1836 Club
- Casual attire (pants or jeans, polo or oxford shirts; no shorts or sandals)
- Parents are invited and encouraged to attend

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

5:00p – 7:00p

The Centers 12<sup>th</sup> Street Campus

6501 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Little Rock, AR 72204

### **Kick-off Celebration & Dinner**

- Bring or take photos for *Champions* directory
- Meet mentors
- Join GroupMe threads
- Tour The Centers for Youth and Families Group Homes (pending COVID-19)
- Casual attire (t-shirts, shorts, tennis shoes okay)
- Dinner will be provided
- **Parents are invited and should attend if able**

Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

6:30p – 8:00p

The Centers Outpatient West Campus

1521 Merrill Drive

Little Rock, AR 72211

### **Introduction to The Centers / Philanthropy 101 Seminar**

- Guest speaker Bethany Howell, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Speaker Melissa Hendricks, The Centers for Youth and Families Foundation
- Divide into breakout groups to brainstorm fundraising projects for January 2022 group fundraising project
- Peer-to-Peer review and vote to adopt group project
- Park in lot near Taj Mahal restaurant, look for "tower" with "The Centers" logo, and use stairs or elevator to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- Casual attire (t-shirts, shorts, tennis shoes okay)
- Parents do not need to attend

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## **October 2021 Calendar of Events**

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10:30a – 3:00p OR 2:30p – 7:30p  
Greek Annunciation Church  
1100 Napa Valley Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72211


### **Service Project: Greek Food Festival Volunteer Shift**

- Limited spaces available; sign up via SignUp.com (event link will be shared via GroupMe when available)
- Select 1 of 4 available shifts
- PPE will be provided
- Meal provided
- Event is outdoors
- Casual weather-appropriate attire (closed-toed shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend but may purchase food and support Greek Orthodox Church's annual fundraiser; more information will be provided via GroupMe

Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30p – 8:00p  
Freeway Medical Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Training Room  
5800 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Little Rock, AR 72202

### **Therapeutic Foster Care & Human Trafficking Treatment Program Overview**

- Speaker Jeff Gwatney, from The Centers' Therapeutic Foster Care Program
- Speaker Katie Crosby, from The Centers' Human Trafficking Treatment Program
- Dinner provided
- Prepare bags for Champions Classic Golf Tournament when presentations conclude
- Business casual attire (khakis, button-down shirt, sports coat, no tie required)
- Parents do not need to attend

 Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
8:00p – 8:15p  
Four Points by Sheraton  
Hotel Lobby  
925 S University Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72204

### **Group Photo on Lobby Staircase**

- Business casual attire (khakis, button-down shirt, sports coat, no tie required)
- This is a required event; text Daniel if unable to attend (870-692-5435)
- Parents do not need to attend

Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
8:45a – 12:00p  
Pinnacle View Middle School  
5701 Ranch Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72223

### **6<sup>th</sup> & Goal-Model Up 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Football**

- Mentorship collaboration with Little Rock School District Athletic Foundation & Fitz Hill
- Each session limited to 8 *Champions*; reserve on first-come, first-serve basis
- Sign up using SignUp.com (<https://signup.com/go/KqgZROx>)
- Athletic attire (closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend

Week of October 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Week of October 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Week of October 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Time(s) by Appointment  
Location(s) by Appointment

### **One-on-One Fundraising Appointments**


- *Champions* who've elected to fundraise their pledge commitment will meet one-on-one with CFYF staff to construct fundraising pledge
- Schedule appointments with Daniel – details forthcoming
- Casual/school attire
- Parents are invited but not required to attend

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
8:45a – 12:00p  
Southwest High School  
9715 Mabelvale Pike  
Mabelvale, AR 72103

### **6<sup>th</sup> & Goal-Model Up 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Football**

- Mentorship collaboration with Little Rock School District Athletic Foundation & Fitz Hill
- Each session limited to 8 *Champions*; reserve on first-come, first-serve basis
- Sign up using SignUp.com (<https://signup.com/go/KqgZROx>)
- Athletic attire (closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend

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Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00a – 11:00a  
Argenta Plaza  
510 North Main Street  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

#### The Finest Gala Setup

- Assist Bethany Howell & Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Team (Guest Speaker from Philanthropy 101) w/ setting up:
  - Guest tables & chairs
  - Décor
  - Bar tables (No alcohol will be accessible)
  - Catering station tables & tent
- Limited to 10 Champions
- Sign up online ([https://afasignup.formstack.com/forms/champion\\_volunteer\\_sign\\_up](https://afasignup.formstack.com/forms/champion_volunteer_sign_up))
- Casual / athletic attire (closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend

Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00a – 11:00a  
Argenta Plaza  
510 North Main Street  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

#### The Finest Gala Break Down

- Assist Bethany Howell & Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Team (Guest Speaker from Philanthropy 101) w/ breaking down:
  - Guest tables & chairs
  - Décor
  - Bar tables (No alcohol will be accessible)
  - Catering station tables & tent
- Limited to 10 Champions
- Sign up online ([https://afasignup.formstack.com/forms/champion\\_volunteer\\_sign\\_up](https://afasignup.formstack.com/forms/champion_volunteer_sign_up))
- Casual / athletic attire (closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
8:00a – 11:00p  
Information Tent  
Near Aspire Realty  
2821 Kavanaugh Boulevard  
(Palm Street & Kavanaugh Boulevard)  
Little Rock, AR 72205

#### Hillcrest HarvestFest Load In

- This is an additional service opportunity added to give a morning alternative to the Halloween Carnival Setup @ The Centers since there is a cap for that event
- Limited to 10 Champions
- Sign up using SignUp.com (<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/7870303842028080105/true#/invitation>)
- **\*\*Proof of vaccination or negative COVID test required\*\*** Additional details available by clicking link above
- Check in w/ Jen Shuler (501-749-5896 / [jenshiler@gmail.com](mailto:jenshiler@gmail.com)) at Information Booth near corner of Palm Street & Kavanaugh Boulevard (Outside of Aspire Realty)
- Kavanaugh Boulevard will be blocked off; use side streets for drop-off or parking (parking should be available at 8:00a)
- Casual / athletic, weather-appropriate attire (closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend but are encouraged to enjoy the festival

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
1:00p – 3:00p  
Destiny House  
The Centers 12<sup>th</sup> Street Campus  
6501 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Little Rock, AR 72204

#### Halloween Party Setup

- Setup tables/chairs, decorate, and prepare for CFYF residents and guests' annual Halloween party
- Limited to 10 Champions due to HIPAA and COVID restrictions
- Sign Up using SignUp.com (<https://signup.com/go/WJgoObr>)
- Casual / athletic, weather-appropriate attire (closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend

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## **November 2021 Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:30p – 8:30p  
Little Rock Tech Park  
417 Main Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

### **Introduction to Entrepreneurship & Economic Development**

- Guest speaker Brent Birch, Executive Director, Little Rock Tech Park
- Guest speaker Jay Chessir, President/CEO, Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Free street parking (parallel) along streets after 6:00p
- Paid parking available at 6<sup>th</sup> & Main Streets
- Business casual attire (khakis, button-down shirt; sports coat and ties not required)
- Parents do not need to attend

Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
All Day  
Online/Social Media

### **Giving Tuesday Ask-A-Thon**

- Giving Tuesday is a nationally-recognized day of philanthropy w/ a strong online presence
- Hinges off nationally-recognized holiday shopping events (Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday...)
- **Champions and their parents** are encouraged to fundraise for CFYF by:
  - Creating an online fundraiser using JustGiving.com (
  - Creating or sharing CFYF's Giving Tuesday fundraiser on Facebook
  - Inviting family, friends to give online
- Parents interested in corporate match partnership opportunities w/ CFYF should contact Daniel (870-692-5435)

Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
After School – 6:00p  
Kemuri Restaurant  
Private Room  
2601 Kavanaugh Boulevard  
Little Rock, AR 72205

### **Giving Tuesday Phone-a-Donor**

- *Champions* can drop in after school and make phone calls to encourage gift-giving from friends, family, and CFYF donor lists
- Free parking (parallel) along Kavanaugh Boulevard and side streets or behind the restaurant
- Business casual attire (khakis, button-down or oxford shirt; sports coat and ties not required)
- Parents do not need to attend

Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:00p – 7:30p  
Kemuri Restaurant  
Private Room  
2601 Kavanaugh Boulevard  
Little Rock, AR 72205

### **Giving Tuesday Reception**

- *Champions*, parents, donors, and CFYF guests are invited to celebrate their efforts throughout the day on Giving Tuesday
- *Champions* will engage with restaurant patrons to encourage gift-giving throughout the evening
- Free parking (parallel) along Kavanaugh Boulevard and side streets or behind the restaurant
- Business casual attire (khakis, button-down or oxford shirt; sports coat and ties not required)
- Parents are encouraged to attend; please RSVP via GroupMe when invitation is sent at a later date

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## **December 2021 Calendar of Events**

Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>\*

Time(s) TBD

Online

### **Holiday Wish List Adoption Day**

- \*Date(s) are tentative; time(s) TBD
- Take this opportunity to choose a Holiday Wish List for a child or adolescent receiving treatment from CFYF by email or phone
- *Champions* are encouraged to sponsor a child(ren) as a family, group, or individual project
- Additional details forthcoming
- Parents are invited to help select a CFYF youth to sponsor and provide gifts for him/her

Date TBD

Time TBD

Location TBD

### **Presentation by Congressman J. French Hill**

- Date, time, and location forthcoming
- Details will be announced via GroupMe
- Business casual attire (khakis, button-down or oxford shirt; sports coat and tie optional)
- Parents do not need to attend

Date TBD

Time TBD

Arkansas State Capitol

East Entrance

500 Woodlane Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

### **Arkansas State Capitol Tour**

- Date and time TBD
- Guest Tour Docent State Representative Clarke Tucker will guide tour (pending confirmation)
- Reception & photo with Governor Asa Hutchinson (pending availability)
- Free parking is available along Woodlane Street (pay attention to reserved spaces)
- Free street parking (parallel) is available after 6:00p on Capitol Avenue
- Business casual attire (khakis, button-down or oxford shirt; sports coat and tie optional)
- Parents are invited to attend if desired

Date TBD

Time TBD

Location TBD

### **Extra Credit Service Opportunity**

- [Date, time, location, and service project opportunity details forthcoming](#)
- [Casual/athletic attire](#)
- [Parents do not need to attend](#)

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## January 2022 Calendar of Events

Date(s) TBD  
Time(s) TBD  
Location(s) TBD


### **Group Fundraising Project**

- Date(s), time(s), and location(s) will be determined by *Champions*
- The goal for January is to implement a group fundraiser for all *Champions*
- This project will be voted on during September event ("Introduction to The Centers / Philanthropy 101) and will be coordinated throughout the fall
- Attire will be determined based on *Champions's* project choice
- Parent involvement will be determined based on *Champion's* project choice

Date TBD  
Time TBD  
Arkansas Foodbank  
4301 W 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
Little Rock, AR 72209

### **Service Project: Food Donation Drop-off at Arkansas Foodbank**

- Date and date TBD
- *Champions* will collect non-perishable food items prior to drop-off and gather at the Foodbank for a tour and photo opportunity
- Pending confirmation, *Champions* will participate in volunteer opportunity with Arkansas Foodbank staff
- Casual/school attire (closed-toe shoes required)
- Parents do not need to attend

 Week of January 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Time(s) by Appointment  
Photography by Melissa Home Studio  
18601 Kanis Road  
Little Rock, AR 72223

### **Individual Portrait Session**

- Schedule individual appointments by calling Melissa at 501-821-2290
- Each session is approximately 15 minutes
- Photos will be available for purchase
- Each *Champion* is required to have his photo taken; text Daniel if unable to schedule this week for alternative scheduling options
- Business professional attire (suit and tie required)
- Parents do not need to attend

Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30p – 8:00p  
The Centers Outpatient West Campus  
1521 Merrill Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72211

### **The Centers' Adult Services Overview**


- Guest speaker David Kuchinksi, Clinical Director, CFYF
- Guest speaker(s) from CFYF staff
- Dinner not provided
- Park in lot near Taj Mahal restaurant, look for "tower" with "The Centers" logo, and use stairs or elevator to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- Casual/school attire
- Parents do not need to attend

Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:30p – 8:00p  
The Centers Outpatient West Campus  
1521 Merrill Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72211

### **Special Presentation on Human Trafficking**

- Guest speaker Phyllis Bell, Senior Advisor on Child Welfare & State Intern / Office of The Governor's Office
- Dinner not provided
- Park in lot near Taj Mahal restaurant, look for "tower" with "The Centers" logo, and use stairs or elevator to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- Casual/school attire
- Parents do not need to attend

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## **February 2022 Calendar of Events**

Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30p – 8:30p

The Centers Outpatient West Campus  
2<sup>nd</sup> Level Conference Room

1521 Merrill Drive

Little Rock, AR 72211

### **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: Why Does it Matter?**

- Guest speaker Donald Wood, Just Communities of Arkansas
- Bring Valentine's Day candy and cards for children and adolescents at CFYF
- Park in lot near Taj Mahal restaurant, look for "tower" with "The Centers" logo, and use stairs or elevator to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- Casual/school attire
- Parents do not need to attend

Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00a – 12:00p

Recycle Bikes HQ

717 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street

North Little Rock, AR 72114

### **Service Project: Recycle Bikes for Kids I**

- Refurbish recycled bicycles to donate to children and adolescents at CFYF
- This session limited to 7 *Champions*; reserve on first-come, first-serve bases
- Athletic/work attire (clothes may get stained or damaged; closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend

Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00p – 1:30p

Location TBD

### **Group Lunch in Argenta**

- Location TBD (likely day-of) and will be sent via GroupMe
- Following Recycle Bikes project, *Champions* will have the option to eat lunch in Argenta
- *Champions* do not have to participate in Recycle Bikes to attend lunch
- Casual/athletic attire
- Parents do not need to attend

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## **March 2022 Calendar of Events**

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00a – 12:00p  
Recycle Bikes HQ  
717 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

### **Service Project: Recycle Bikes for Kids II**

- Refurbish recycled bicycles to donate to children and adolescents at CFYF
- This session limited to 7 *Champions*; reserve on first-come, first-serve bases
- Athletic/work attire (clothes may get stained or damaged; closed-toe shoes recommended)
- Parents do not need to attend

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00p – 1:30p  
Location TBD

### **Group Lunch in Argenta**

- Location TBD (likely day-of) and will be sent via GroupMe
- Following Recycle Bikes project, *Champions* will have the option to eat lunch in Argenta
- *Champions* do not have to participate in Recycle Bikes to attend lunch
- Free street parking (parallel) available on weekends
- Casual/athletic attire
- Parents do not need to attend

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

6:30p – 8:00p  
The Centers Outpatient West Campus  
1521 Merrill Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72211

### **Tips for Employability, Interviewing, & Résumé Building**

- Guest speaker Mickey Quattlebaum, Director of Human Resources, CFYF
- Park in lot near Taj Mahal restaurant, look for “tower” with “The Centers” logo, and use stairs or elevator to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> level
- Casual/school attire
- Parents do not need to attend

Champions of Hope will be featured in the March Issue of *Inviting Arkansas*. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase an ad recognizing your *Champion* and/or his/her business.

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## April 2022 Calendar of Events

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Deadline to Nominate 2 Champions for 2022-2023 Class**

- Recruitment for the next *Champions* class will begin before the 2021-2022 school year concludes
- A recruitment panel will host a meeting or Zoom call to answer questions for potential *Champions* and his family; details forthcoming
- Parents are invited to participate in recruiting the next *Champions* class

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

5:30p – 7:00p


Bluebird Pavilion

6800 Pinnacle Valley Road

Little Rock, AR 72223

### **Celebration Dinner and Certificate Presentation**

- *Champions* will be presented with participation certificate and remarks given by CFYF staff
- Dinner provided by Corky's BBQ
- Bring outdoor chairs if possible
- Casual weather-appropriate attire
- **Parents invited and should attend if able**

 Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00a – 10:00a

Statehouse Convention Center


Wally Allen Ballroom

101 E Markham Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

### **Presentation Rehearsal for The Evolve Gala**

- Rehearsal for the evening's special presentation during The Evolve Gala program
- Free street parking (parallel) available on weekends
- Paid parking available at Statehouse Convention Center parking deck
- Valet parking available at Marriot Hotel
- Casual attire
- *Champion Moms are required to attend*; *Champion Dads* are invited but please no additional guests

 Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

6:00p – 12:00a\*

Statehouse Convention Center

Wally Allen Ballroom

101 E Markham Street


Little Rock, AR 72201

\**Champions & parents may leave after special presentation*

### **The Evolve Gala**

- *Champion* families receive three (3) complimentary tickets
- Additional individual tickets available for purchase
- Sponsorships are available beginning at \$2,500
- *Champions* and their families are encouraged to invite guest(s), help secure sponsorships in advance, and advertise The Evolve Gala
- *Champions* and their families may help secure items for the silent and live auction
- Free street parking (parallel) available on weekends
- Paid parking available at Statehouse Convention Center parking deck
- Valet parking available at Marriot Hotel
- Black tie attire optional; otherwise, suits with ties are required by *Champions*
- *Champion Moms & Dads* are encouraged to participate

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