



A note from the Mary Lee's House team:

Thank you for keeping Mary Lee's House a priority this summer and supporting us through new adventures! From back-to-school efforts to the Tailored for Change Fashion Show, our community came together to make a real impact for children and families. We've been so inspired by everyone who collected donations, attended an event or gave their time this season and we are excited to continue to expand resources for families!

Mary Lee's House Team

House Happenings: A Look Back

Back-to-School Season

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, over 100 children received the supplies they need to start the school year strong. We hosted our Annual Backpack

Stuffing Volunteer Event on July 1st, stuffing over 50 backpacks. Thank you to all who hosted a donation drives, donated via our wish lists or volunteered their time. The outpouring of support was truly heartwarming and so many children felt with every backpack handed out. We're so grateful to all community partners who helped make this effort possible— Thank you!



A special thank you to Barnes Trial Group, Solomon Partners and [solidcore] Hyde Park!

House Happenings: A Look Back

Our Mission

Mary Lee's House is a community collaboration committed to protecting, respecting, and healing the children who have experienced abuse and neglect who pass through our doors.

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Christmas in July

Partnered with the FBI Alumni Association

We had a festive time celebrating the Christmas in July event on July 25th, 2025! In partnership with the FBI Alumni Association, Santa arrived with his SWAT team helpers and even brought along a massive army tank for the kids to explore. Each child received multiple toys, adding some holiday magic to their summer. We want to thank the FBI Alumni Association for their continued partnership. Their toy donations help keep our closets stocked year round.



Summer Pinwheel Parties!



A heartfelt thank you to The Junior League of Tampa Bay, Barnes Trial Group, and the Academy of Holy Names faculty for hosting pinwheel parties this summer! These wonderful groups came together to craft, connect, and learn more about the mission of Mary Lee's House!

We love welcoming community members in to take a closer look at how, together, we're working to protect and uplift children across our county. These gatherings are a powerful reminder of what's possible when we unite for a cause.



Bring your work or social groups together & host a Pinwheel Party with us! [Learn More!](#)

Mary Lee's House is supporting fathers in Hillsborough County!

When we support a
family as a whole, children thrive!



Within the child welfare community, professionals have identified a critical gap: support for fathers has long been underrepresented compared to the resources available for mothers and children. Recently, however, there's been a growing effort to close this gap through parenting programs, mentorship, and peer support groups tailored for fathers. These initiatives help break down stigmas around seeking help and address generational trauma. Research shows that when fathers are actively involved in their children's lives, kids are far more likely to thrive—emotionally, academically, and socially. As a community, we're learning that for children to truly flourish, they need stable environments and caregivers who have begun healing from their own childhood trauma.

We're proud to announce the opening of the 'Chasing Possible' Father's Closet—the first resource of its kind in Hillsborough County, dedicated to supporting fathers within the dependency system. This thoughtfully curated space will provide gently used professional wear, accessories, and men's grooming items in a wide range of sizes, available by referral only through our trusted child welfare community partners.



Tailored for Change Fashion Show

A truly unforgettable night! Our Tailored for Change event was a huge success, featuring the hilarious and adorable runway show, shopping station auction and an incredible outpouring of community support. Together, we raised over \$20,000 to directly support fathers within the dependency system—helping them grow, heal, and evolve with their families.

Thank you to everyone who made the evening possible: our volunteers, sponsors, models, committees and every guest who showed up with purpose. Your generosity and presence remind us that when we nurture the entire family unit, we change the trajectory of a child's future. Let's keep the momentum going. Support dads in Hillsborough County, learn more on the next page or visit maryleeshouse.org.



Be a permanent part of our closet. Have a hanger engraved with your name or in honor of someone.



Ways to support the 'Chasing Possible' Father's Closet

Learn More!



We are excited to see this resource grow and with the community's continued support, we can ensure it remains fully stocked and accessible for fathers who are taking meaningful steps toward building better lives for themselves and their families. When parents have access to resources and education, they can change their children's lives—breaking cycles, creating stability, and opening doors to brighter futures.

Together, we can work to reduce trauma across Hillsborough County. This is more than a closet—it's a vital need that brings the entire community together and empowers families for generations to come.



Be part of this impactful new resource!



Donate gently used men's professional clothing or grooming items. Clean out your closet of gently used professional menswear, accessories or unused grooming products and let them help a father in your community!



Host a Gently Used Professional Menswear Drive. Come together with your friends, neighbors or colleagues to gather gently used professional men's wear and accessories.



We'll go shopping for you. We will need many sizes, help us fill the gap with a donation.



Purchase an engraved hanger. Be a permanent part of our closet. Have a hanger engraved with your name or in honor of someone.

*Drop off any donations at Mary Lee's House, weekdays from 9-2pm

Thank you to our *Chasing Possible* & Tailored for Change Partners!



Heather Petrone
Video Content Creator



A big thank you to our Tailored for Change emcee, Sean Daly!

House Happenings: Fall & Upcoming 2025



Community Harvest at 1905 Restaurants

Happening through September!

We're honored to once again be included in the 1905 Family of Restaurants' Community Harvest program, now celebrating its 28th year! Through this incredible initiative, 5% of all diners' checks during the month of September are donated to nonprofits selected by guests. The support we receive through Community Harvest helps us create engaging moments with the families and supporters. Take this opportunity to gather with your friends or family at any 1905 Restaurant while supporting our mission.

Meet Mary Lee's House - Sept. 24 - 5:30-7pm

and Gently Used Professional Menswear DROP OFF!

Join us for an evening behind the scenes look and learn about the agencies who make up Mary Lee's House and how we work together for Hillsborough County children & families! Check out the new 'Chasing Possible' Father's Closet and drop off any of your own gently used menswear or accessories! Drinks & Hors D'oeuvres provided. Sign up through the QR Code or by visiting maryleeshouse.org.



[Sign up here!](#)

Rock Painting Party - Sept. 24th - 5:30-7pm

Volunteers & Accompanied Junior Pinwheels 6+

We need your creativity and helping hands to paint rocks for a special upcoming project. It's a fun and meaningful way to get involved—and all materials will be provided. This is a great event for all volunteers and junior pinwheels ages 6 and up! Come join us and help bring some color and kindness to our community. Sign up through the QR Code or visit maryleeshouse.org



Navigating Healthcare in Hillsborough Training - Oct. 7 - 2:00-3:00pm

All Agency & Industry Professionals Welcome!

Join alongside fellow Mary Lee's House agencies and industry peers to learn from professionals from the Family Healthcare Foundation. In this 45 minute training, you will learn about healthcare options for children and families, and how a Navigator can help them apply for those options and other resources available. Sign up through the link below or visit maryleeshouse.org.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!



[Sign up here!](#)

House Happenings: Fall & Upcoming 2025



Trunk or Treat Event - Oct. 30 - 5:30-7pm

We're excited to host the Fourth Annual Trunk-or-Treat, providing a safe and fun Halloween celebration for Mary Lee's House and the entire community! Join us on Thursday, October 30th, 2025, in our parking lot for an evening full of festive fun and spooky delight.

We invite local volunteers to decorate their car trunks with festive themes—and help us create a safe and fun Halloween experience. Trick-or-treaters will have a blast filling their bags with candy and glow-in-the-dark goodies, all while enjoying a safe, spirited atmosphere that brings the community together.

**Interested in decorating a trunk or volunteering?
To learn more use the QR code!**



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Partners for Pinwheels Luncheon - Nov. 5th - 11:30-1pm

We are spinning with gratitude for our 2025 Partners for Pinwheels! We are looking forward to hosting the 2025 Partners Luncheon! We will share our accomplishments of the year, what we have in store for our future and award the 2024 Partner of the Year! Save the date, formal invitation to follow!

**Not a partner for pinwheel? It's never too late to become one!
Visit the QR code or visit maryleeshouse.org for more information.**

**Want to confirm your partner for pinwheel level?
Email parter@maryleeshouse.org.**



THANK
YOU

Agency Appreciation Day - Nov. 6th

The Mary Lee's House team is hosting a special lunch to show our appreciation for the dedicated agency workers housed within the building who consistently make a difference in the lives of Hillsborough County's families and children. We are looking for raffle item donations, gift cards or catering contacts. Help us honor the hard work of each agency employee!

**Interested in donating raffle items or volunteering your time?
Reach out to outreach@maryleeshouse.org**



Thank you, 2025 Partners for Pinwheels!

Partners for Pinwheels is a collective of engaged, community-minded citizens who, through philanthropic efforts, support positive change for children in need at Mary Lee's House. It is the mission of Mary Lee's House to protect and heal the thousands of children and victims of abuse and neglect. Donations from partners is used to fund the sustainability of Mary Lee's House and meet the most critical needs of families, as well as provide community outreach, resources and training. **Thank you to our Partners!**

Gold Gift of \$2500+

Adam Thomas - Ashlie Teeling - Banker Lopez Gassler PA - Beth Schatzberg - BRM Foundation
 Brian & Renee Murphy - Cara Ann Noble Ferrentino - Carden & Associates, Inc. - Chris T. Sullivan Foundation
 - David A. Straz Jr. Foundation - David & Linda Hartley - Ferman Motor Car Company
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Green Gift of \$1,000-\$2,499

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Blue Gift of \$500-\$999

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 Schatzberg Brothers Electric - Tom & Karen Berry - Vince & Mary Jo Pennino

Red Gift of \$100-\$499

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Together, we make a difference-
Join Today!



Mark your Calendars!

August 24th - 5:30-7pm

Rock Painting Volunteer Event

August 24th - 5:30-7:30pm

Meet Mary Lee's House & Men's Professional Clothing Drop Off

October 7th - 2-3pm

Agency Training

October 30th - 5:30-7pm

Trunk or Treat



November 5th - 11:30-1pm

Partners Luncheon

November 6th -

Agency Appreciation Day!

November 19th - 5:30-7pm

Holiday Volunteer Event

Make a Donation to Mary Lee's House

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Email _____ Donation Amount (\$) _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check Please make checks payable to Mary Lee's House and mail to: Mary Lee's House
2806 N. Armenia Ave
Tampa, FL 33607

Card Name on Card _____
Card Number _____ Exp Date _____
CVC Code _____ *Can be found on back of credit card.
If using an Amex, it will be a 4-digit code on front card

Online Payment Scan the QR Code to the right to visit the Mary Lee's House website and donate directly from your mobile device or visit maryleeshouse.org to donate!



Follow Mary Lee's House on social media!



Mark your Calendar

July 1 - 5:30-7pm

Back to School Volunteer Event

Aug 26 - 5:30-7:30pm

Tailored for Change Fashion Show

Sept. 3 - 5:30-7pm

Meet Mary Lee's House & Men's
Professional Clothing Drop off



1. Host a Community Drive! Learn more [HERE](#)
2. Follow us on social media & share our posts!
3. Attend a Volunteer Event! (Sept 24th or Nov. 19th)
4. Bring a friend to Meet Mary Lee's House – Sept. 24th
5. Download the Target Circle App and use your votes to support MLH through Sept. 23rd?