



Healing Begins Here...

A note from the Mary Lee's House team:

The entire Mary Lee's House team would like to express our gratitude to those who make our mission possible.

We are reminded daily of the importance of coming together as a community to support children and families during some of their most vulnerable moments. Our team is incredibly proud of the welcoming environment we provide and of the positive experiences created for every child and family who pass through our doors.

To the agencies we support, thank you for your continued dedication to the safety, well-being, and healing of children in our community. It is a privilege for all of us at Mary Lee's House to work alongside these essential services and provide a safe space, necessary resources, and compassionate support to the children and families in our care. We know that the difference we make is a collective effort and every agency, staff member, donor, volunteer, and community supporter plays an important role in helping a child leave Mary Lee's House in a better place than when they arrived.

As we enter the Fall season, we encourage everyone to stay connected, look for opportunities to support our mission, and continue finding meaningful ways to make a difference. Whether through volunteering, attending an event or simply sharing our mission with others in our community, every contribution matters.

We are grateful to have you alongside us as we enter this next season of service. Together, we can continue to give hope, provide support, and create a better future for children and families.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events and to all that we will accomplish together. Thank you for being an important part of the Mary Lee's House community!

Mary Lee's House Team



House Happenings: Meet our New Interns!

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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We want to thank Sam for the new mural painting in the Clothing Closet!

Samantha Ferguson

Hello! My name is Samantha Ferguson, and I am currently a senior at the University of South Florida, majoring in Psychology. I am originally from Indiana but was raised in Charlotte County, Florida. I've been interning at Mary Lee's House for over four months, and it has been one of the best decisions I've ever made during my time in college! A fun fact about me is that I was once a Fine Art major!

Renee Schreiber

Hello everyone! My name is Renee Schreiber, and I am a 2025 graduate of the University of Tampa, currently pursuing my Master of Social Work online through Fordham University. I first joined Mary Lee's House as an intern in spring 2024 and loved the organization and its mission so much that I returned for my MSW field placement! I'm excited to support the incredible agencies at Mary Lee's House, connect with the community, participate in future events, and continue learning from everyone here!



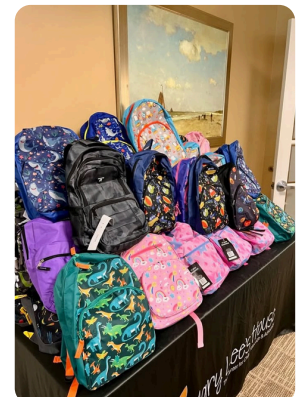
House Happenings: A Look Back

Back to School Volunteer Event

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, every child who visited in July received the school supplies they need to start the 2026 school year strong! We distributed over 100 filled backpacks!

On June 24th, we hosted our Annual Backpack Stuffing Volunteer Event, where our amazing volunteers stuffed backpacks with necessary supplies. We are so grateful to everyone who hosted a donation drive, donated through our wish lists, or volunteered their time to support this effort.

We know that every backpack handed out carried not only essential school supplies but also the support and encouragement of our community.



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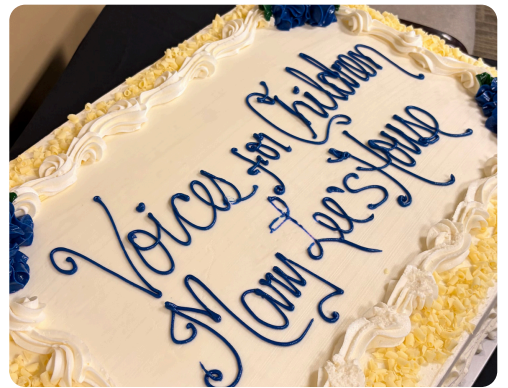
What's New at MLH Event

Welcoming Voices for Children

On June 30th, we hosted the What's New at Mary Lee's House Event to celebrate and welcome Voices for Children to our building!

We were excited to welcome their staff, supporters, and board members for an evening of light bites, cake, and community. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate their arrival, and share in our excitement about what's ahead.

We are thrilled to have Voices for Children join the Mary Lee's House community and look forward to a long-lasting partnership. We're grateful to have them as part of our building and can't wait to see the impact we'll make together!



Poison Prevention Training

Hosted in partnership with Florida's Poison Control Centers



We partnered with Florida's Poison Control Center to host the Poison Prevention Training on July 23rd at the Children's Board focused on poison prevention and safety for young children.

The training covered common household items that can pose a danger to children, medication safety, and potential hazards involving animals and wildlife. Participants also learned what steps to take and who to contact if a poisoning or other safety threat occurs.

We're grateful to Florida's Poison Control Center for sharing their expertise and helping our community feel better prepared to recognize potential hazards and respond quickly when it matters most.



Visit Maryleeshouse.org to explore future training opportunities!

House Happenings: A Look Back



Christmas In July

Partnered with the FBICAAA

We had a festive time celebrating Christmas in July 2026 on July 25th! In partnership with the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association, Santa arrived with his SWAT team helpers, bringing plenty of holiday cheer to the children we serve.

The kids had the opportunity to explore a massive army tank, and each child received multiple toys, bringing a little Christmas magic to the middle of summer!

We are incredibly grateful to the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association for their continued partnership and generous support. This annual event helps keep our toy closet stocked throughout the year, ensuring we have toys on hand to brighten a child's day when they need it most. Thank you for helping us spread joy all year long!

Be part of the magic! Shop our
Toy Closet Wish List Today!



Kindess Rock Garden

Our Kindness Rock Garden is officially open! Thank you to the many Junior Pinwheels who created inspiring rocks filled with messages of hope, colorful artwork, and creative designs for children visiting Mary Lee's House to take home as a reminder of healing and encouragement.

We also extend our gratitude to the Junior League of Tampa Bay for donating the beautiful Centennial Kindness Bench that now sits in the garden.

Be sure to check out this special space the next time you visit Mary Lee's House!

els Equity LifeStyle Properties



Thank you to our friends at
Equity LifeStyle Properties
for hosting a Volunteer
Pinwheel Party day!

House Happenings: Fall & Upcoming 2026

Community Harvest at 1905 Restaurants

Happening through September!



Community Harvest



We're honored to once again be included in the 1905 Family of Restaurants' Community Harvest program, now celebrating its 29th year! Through this incredible initiative, a percentage of all diners' checks during the month of September is donated to nonprofits selected by guests. The support we receive through Community Harvest helps us create engaging moments for our families and supporters. Take this opportunity to gather with your friends or family at any 1905 Restaurant while supporting our mission. Make your reservations today!

Mary Lee's House Birthday Party Oct. 7 - 5:30-7pm

Celebrate Mary Lee's House turning 18 years old! Join us for light bites, cake and beverages. This is a great time for new visitors to go on a tour of the house and learn more about the MLH mission.

Wednesday, Oct. 7th
5:30-7:00pm
2806 N Armenia Ave



RSVP Today!



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

We're excited to host the Fifth Annual Trunk-or-Treat, providing a safe and fun Halloween celebration for Mary Lee's House and the entire community! Join us on Friday, October 30th, 2026, in our parking lot for an evening full of festive family 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, fidgets and glow-in-the-dark goodies, all while enjoying a safe, spirited atmosphere that brings the community together.



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



House Happenings: Fall & Upcoming 2026



Agency Appreciation Day - Nov. 5th

The Mary Lee's House team is hosting the annual Fall Feast 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! Reach out to outreach@maryleeshouse.org for more information.

Partners for Pinwheels Luncheon - Nov. 12th - 11:30-1pm

We are spinning with gratitude for our 2026 Partners for Pinwheels! We are looking forward to hosting the 2026 Partners Luncheon! We will share our accomplishments of the year, what we have in store for our future and award the 2026 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 status?
Email parter@maryleeshouse.org.



**Learn More about
Becoming a Partner!**

Thank
you!

Give Consistently. Help Us Plan Confidently.

As a nonprofit that does not rely on government funding, we depend on the generosity of our donors to serve families and reach our community. But inconsistent income can make it difficult to plan ahead and know what resources will be available.

A recurring gift changes that.

Even \$10, \$25, or \$50 a month provides dependable support that helps us plan outreach, respond to families, and continue our work throughout the year.

Would you consider becoming a recurring donor? Your monthly support gives us the stability to plan ahead—and gives families the confidence that we'll be there when they need us.

Thank you for making our work possible, month after month.

**Join our monthly giving community today and help
change a child's story each month, select
'Recurring' when making your donation.**





Thank you, 2026 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+

Ann Ferrentino – Ashlie Teeling – Banker Lopez Gassler PA – Bright Brothers (Hagan Brand Investments) – BRM Family Foundation – Cara Ann Noble Ferrentino – Carter Injury Law – Central Park Village Youth Services, Inc. – Children's Advocacy Center Foundation – Chris Hamilton – Chris T. Sullivan Foundation – Cynthia Van Voris – David A. Straz Jr. Foundation – Dorothea & Fletcher Gleason Family Foundation – Edward Farrior, MD – Elizabeth "Betsy" King & Gator Farrior – Ferman Motor Car Company – Florida Trust Wealth Management – HealthEdge – Hettinger Family Foundation – Hieronymus Foundation – Jacob Best Foundation – Jean Valenti – Jeff & Erin Reynolds – Lauren Bowles – Maria & Wayne Lord – Mark Abdoney – Mary Lee Farrior – McHone Family Trust – Mike Wichman – New York Yankees Foundation – Northern Trust – Omni Services – Oulson Family Foundation – Peter Sudler – Publix – Rex Farrior – Rosemary Henderson – Scott Stricklin – Target Circle – The Nunnally Foundation – Toni Everett – Vanguard Charitable – William & Paola Schifino

Green

Gift of \$1,000-\$2,499

Anne Cuevas – April McDonald – Barbara & Scott Hurst – Barry Bishop – Bette Crowder – Carol & EC Smith – Cindy Coney – Conner Family – Hugh Farrior – Jennifer Murphy – Jennifer Renspie – John C. Mills, Jr. – Katie McCarey – Kenneth "Kentry" Lane – Kim & Steve Miller – Lizzie Callaway – Mark Nouss – Pauline Holovak – Prayer Bowls – Robert & Brooke Motley – Robert Farrior – Scott Heberlein – Seymour C.M. Dawson – USAmeribank – Virginia E. Kiser

Blue

Gift of \$500-\$999

Allen & Helen Renshaw – Amanda Schifino – Anne Ryun – Ashley Henderson – Beverly Larmon – Edward Kennedy – Fitz and Kathy Conner – Hany Elhabiby – James & Marcy Baker – Joyce Haley – Kara Schafer – Leslie Verghese – PAR Inc. – Patricia F. Van Bueren – Rachael Ortega – Ray Gonzalez – Rosemary Armstrong – Sandie Spangler – Smith Seckman Reid (SSR) - Tampa – The Herbert & Shelly Baumann Fund – Thomas Bonan – Tony Land

Red

Gift of \$100-\$499

Ajay Sikha – Allyson Wessale – Blossom Family Chiropractic – Bonita Black – Brenda Hennessy – Brittany Brown – Brittany Laws – Carol Bass – Denise Cassidy – Donald W. & Mary Gould – Emily Weaver – Eric & Lyris Newman – I. Clay Thompson Jr. – James & Lindsey Robbins – James Whittemore – Jeff and Merry Lee Motto – Jessica Hudson – Jessica Montiel – Julie & Tony Pizzo – Kari Zipay – Katherine O'Donnile – Kathryn & James McManus Gratitude Fund – Kenzie Erickson – Liana Lopez – Linda Rothstein – Maddie Hickey – Mark Criser – Mary Bean – Mary Beth Hunt – Mattie Vega – Matthew Trufant – Melanie Foley – Michael Albani – Nicky Ross – Rachel Falknor – Reid Conner – Richard and Cornelia Corbett – Sarah Walters – Scott Savitt – Sheree Slone – Sutton Place LTD, INC – Suzy Lopez – Tampa Sertoma Breakfast Club – Thomas Mullady – Travis Godwin – Valerie Lemakos – William Dickman – Wyatt Farrior – Yvonne Leon



**Together, we make a difference-
Join Today!**

Become a partner today!



Mark your Calendars!



Oct. 14th - 10-11:15am

Day Time Tour- sign up online!

October 7th - 5:00-6:30pm

Mary Lee's House 18th Bday party!

October 30th - 5:30-7pm

Trunk or Treat

November 5th

Agency Appreciation Day!

November 12th - 11:30-1pm

Partners Luncheon

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!



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