



Welcoming Summer 2026!

Summer brings longer days, school breaks, family vacations, and countless opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. As schedules become more relaxed and children spend more time exploring new activities, it's important for families to remain mindful of seasonal safety concerns.

Whether spending the day at the pool, visiting a new destination, or enjoying time in the sun, taking simple precautions can help prevent accidents and injuries. Staying hydrated, using sunscreen, supervising children around water, and discussing safety expectations before outings are all effective ways to promote a safe and enjoyable summer experience.

By planning ahead and staying aware of potential risks, families can focus on creating lasting memories and enjoying all that summer has to offer. We hope you and your loved ones have a season filled with fun, adventure, and safe experiences.

House Happenings: A Look Back

A Night with Mary Lee's House: VIVA HAVANA

Thank you to everyone who attended our Night with Mary Lee's House: Viva Havana gala! Together, we raised more than \$300,000 to support the children, teens and families of Hillsborough County.

Guests enjoyed an evening featuring a live auction, Cuban musicians, authentic cuisine, and lively dance performances. Beyond the celebration, the event highlighted the power of our community coming together to support a meaningful cause and the importance of co-location of services provided at Mary Lee's House.

The funds raised will help sustain the trauma-informed space and resources provided by Mary Lee's House, ensuring that children and families continue to receive compassionate care in a safe and healing environment.

We are grateful to our supporters, sponsors, and volunteers whose generosity and hard work made this event possible. Thank you for helping us create a brighter future for the children and families we serve.



House Happenings: Summer 2026

Welcome Voices for Children to Mary Lee's House

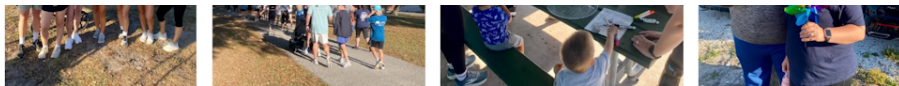


We are excited to welcome Voices for Children of Tampa Bay to Mary Lee's House!

Voices for Children supports, empowers, and advocates for some of the most vulnerable children in our foster care system. Their mission aligns closely with our commitment to protecting and supporting children and families in our community.

Mary Lee's House was founded on the belief that agencies dedicated to protecting, respecting, and healing children are stronger when they work together. By sharing one roof, we can strengthen collaboration and provide even greater support for the children we serve.

We are proud to welcome Voices for Children to our home. One roof. Stronger together. For every child who needs a voice and a safe place to land.



Engrave a Hanger for Father's Day!

Looking for a Father's Day gift for the dad who has everything? Give him something truly meaningful. Sponsor a personalized engraved hanger in Mary Lee's House's Chasing Possible Father's Closet. This hanger will be a lasting tribute that honors a father, grandfather, mentor, or special man in your life while helping Hillsborough County families!

Customize the hanger with:

- ✦ His name
- ✦ A short quote or saying (no more than 4-6 words)
- ✦ A tribute in honor or memory of someone special

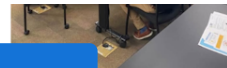


Unlike another tie or gadget this is a gift with purpose. For \$100, your engraved hanger will become a permanent part of our closet, serving as a visible reminder of the generosity and compassion that helps support the children and families we serve every day.

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended and dedicated time to support the children in our care. Your critical role in building a brighter future for our children is truly appreciated.

We also thank our partners at the Children's Network of Hillsborough County for their collaboration and continued support of this important work.

[Purchase an Engraved Hanger HERE!](#)



Join a Mary Lee's House Committee

Take the opportunity to lead and make a meaningful impact in the lives of children and families in Hillsborough County. Whether serving on the Marketing, Development, or Events Committee, volunteers play a vital role in advancing the mission of Mary Lee's House.

Committee members work alongside the Mary Lee's House team to help shape strategy, generate new ideas, build community awareness, strengthen fundraising efforts, and support successful events and initiatives throughout the year. Opportunities include promoting programs and events, cultivating community partnerships, assisting with fundraising activities, providing strategic guidance, and helping ensure the success of key organizational priorities. Share your talents, expand your network, and help create brighter futures for the children and families we serve. Join us in making a difference with Mary Lee's House!

Interested? Please email Jennifer Kuhn at jkuhn@maryleeshouse.org

Volunteer Event: Backpack Stuffing – June 24th from 5:00-6:30pm

Calling all volunteers! Join us as we prepare Hillsborough County students for the upcoming school year. We'll be stuffing backpacks with essential school supplies and distribute them through the month of July until the start of school. All items will be provided and junior pinwheels ages 7+ are welcome to join. Sign up today!

Can't attend? You can still make a difference! Rally your friends to host a supply drive or donate directly through our Amazon wish list.



[Sign up HERE!](#)

[View Wish List HERE!](#)

Attend What's New at Mary Lee's House – June 30th from 5:30-6:30pm

Celebrate with us!

There are so many exciting things happening at Mary Lee's House, and we'd love for you to join us. Come celebrate the addition of Voices for Children of Tampa Bay, explore our new Kindness Rock Garden, and see our newly named Toy Closet.

Guests will enjoy light bites and drinks while learning more about these meaningful additions to our campus and the impact they have on the children and families we serve.

RSVP today—we look forward to celebrating with you!



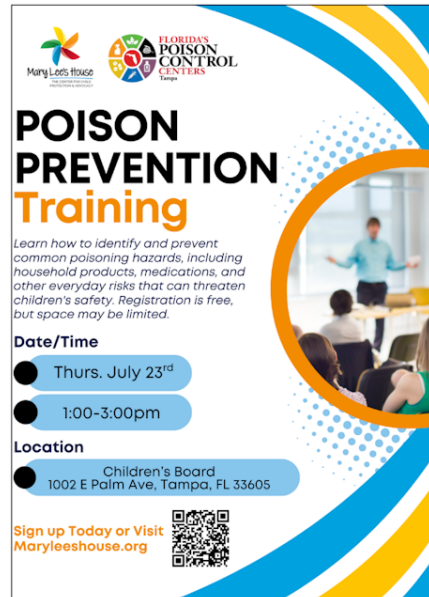
[RSVP HERE!](#)

Poison Prevention Training – July 23rd from 1:00-3:00pm

Join Mary Lee's House and the Florida Poison Information Center for a free Poison Prevention Training on Thursday, July 23, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at the Children's Board (1002 E Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605).

This informative training will cover common household items, medications, and other substances that may pose a risk to children and families. Participants will learn practical prevention strategies and what to do in the event of a poisoning emergency.

This training is ideal for parents, caregivers, and professionals who work with families and young children. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge that can help keep children safe. Registration is free, but space may be limited. **Sign up today!**



The poster features the logos for Mary Lee's House and the Florida Poison Control Centers. The title "POISON PREVENTION Training" is prominently displayed. Below the title, a circular inset shows a person presenting to a group. Text on the poster describes the training's focus on identifying and preventing poisoning hazards. It lists the date and time as Thursday, July 23rd, from 1:00-3:00pm, and the location as the Children's Board at 1002 E Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605. A QR code and the website Maryleeshouse.org are provided for sign-up.

POISON PREVENTION Training

Learn how to identify and prevent common poisoning hazards, including household products, medications, and other everyday risks that can threaten children's safety. Registration is free, but space may be limited.

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Sign up Today or Visit Maryleeshouse.org

[Sign Up HERE!](#)

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Mary Lee's House
THE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION & ADVOCACY

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



OVER THE PAST 17 YEARS

12,327

Medical exams
were performed

5,801

Children
received
counseling

5,496

Forensic
interviews were
conducted

3,061

Closed circuit
testimonials &
depositions
took place

59,941

Child advocate
services were
provided

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