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Covenant House Florida Newsletter

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As we welcome the month of September, we're excited to bring you the latest updates, upcoming events and new opportunities for the young people, families and community partners we serve at Covenant House Florida. We remain committed to empowering these young individuals with the resources, care and opportunities they need to thrive.



The Cov At A Glance

Education Celebration: Honoring Our Scholars

On Wednesday, August 27, 2025, Covenant House Florida's Life Skills area was filled with pride, joy, and applause as staff, youth and graduates gathered for our Education Celebration. This special event recognized the incredible achievements of young people who have worked tirelessly to pursue their education and future goals.



We celebrated:

- Two (2) high school graduates who proudly earned their diplomas.
- Eleven (11) youth who are continuing their higher education through associate degree programs, bachelor's degree programs, or professional certifications.
- Young people who completed their SATs and advanced workforce training, including one (1) youth who completed their Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) Certification.
- Several C.M. Fike Memorial Scholarship recipients



This celebration was not just about diplomas or certificates. It was about resilience, determination and the bright futures ahead. Each milestone reached represents countless hours of hard work and the courage to keep moving forward.

At Covenant House Florida, we believe that education is a cornerstone of opportunity, and we are proud to stand alongside our youth as they take bold steps toward independence and success. Congrats!



A heartfelt thank-you to [FPL](#) and [Open Minds Align Foundation](#) for sponsoring this meaningful celebration and helping us uplift our youth!

A Home Run Kind of Day!

Marlins Ballpark Buddies Program creates lasting memories for CHF youth



Covenant House Florida youth had the chance to enjoy not just one, but two unforgettable Miami Marlins games, all thanks to the Marlins Ballpark Buddies Program. For many of our young people, this was their first time stepping inside loanDepot park and the excitement of cheering from the stands, watching the action up close and soaking in the energy of the crowd made the experience truly special.

Moments like these give our youth the chance to relax, laugh and create joyful memories together outside of their everyday routines. Beyond the thrill of the game, these outings remind our young people that they are part of a larger community that cares for and supports them.

A heartfelt thank you to the Miami Marlins and loanDepot park for giving our youth a day they will never forget.

Building Blocks of Hope

Bausch & Lomb volunteers inspire CHF youth through teamwork and trust



Last week at Covenant House Florida in Fort Lauderdale, we had the joy of welcoming an incredible group of volunteers from Bausch & Lomb, a global leader in eye health dedicated to helping people “see better to live better.” Their commitment to improving lives around the world was beautifully reflected in the activities they shared with our young people.

Youth were paired in teams of two and matched with Bausch & Lomb staff as they worked together on engaging challenges designed to build trust, communication and creativity.



A heartfelt thank-you to our partners at Bausch & Lomb for your time, energy, and generosity. Your dedication to helping people “see better, live better” continues to inspire us, and we are so grateful for the impact you made in the lives of our young people.



Partnership in Action:

UCF College of Medicine X Covenant House Florida

Our young people were uplifted by an incredible group of volunteers from the UCF College of Medicine. What began last year as a new collaboration has now grown into a year-round partnership that continues to make a powerful impact.

Each semester, a new group of 15 dedicated medical students joins our mission, hosting a monthly on-site resource clinic at Covenant House Florida. These clinics bring more than just healthcare. They provide connection, compassion and hope to youth working toward brighter futures.



We are so grateful to the UCF College of Medicine for their ongoing commitment to our young people. Your time, care and dedication remind our youth that they are seen, valued and supported every step of the way.

Building Skills for the Future

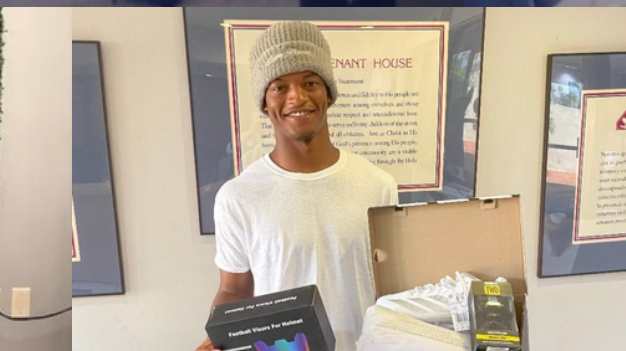
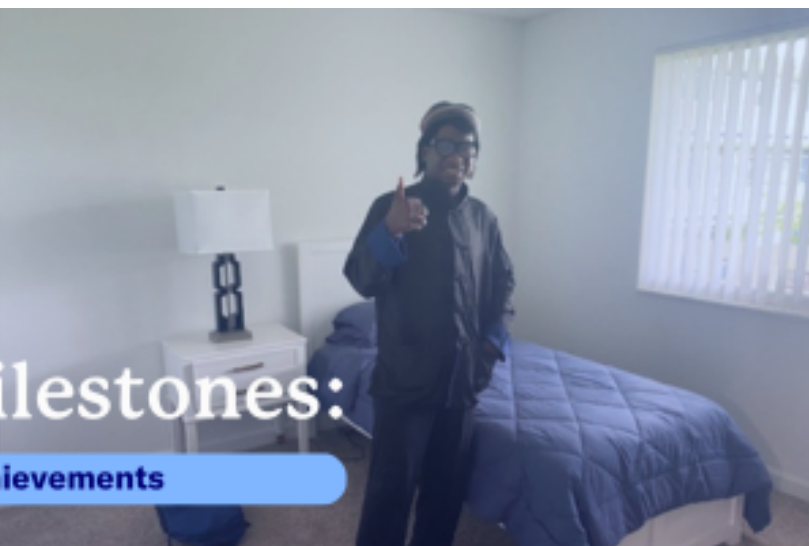
CHF Orlando youth gain on-the-job training with Goodwill



Several of our young people from Covenant House Florida's Orlando location gained valuable On-the-Job Training with the support of our amazing partners at Goodwill. These hands-on experiences give youth the chance to learn practical skills, explore career pathways and build the confidence needed to succeed in the workforce.



We are deeply grateful to the Goodwill staff for opening their doors, sharing their expertise and encouraging our young individuals as they take important steps toward independence and brighter futures. Opportunities like this show the true power of community partnership.



Arianna's Journey Toward Independence

Arianna, a ROPAL youth at Covenant House Florida Orlando Location, was recently employed at Goodwill Industries one of our Employment partners.

Ja'Narius's Next Chapter

Ja'Narius, a remarkable young person, was awarded a Football & Merit Scholarship to Wittenberg University! We are so proud of Ja'Narius for reaching this milestone and cannot wait to see all that he will accomplish!

A Bright Future in Data Science

CHF proudly presented a \$2,000 check to one of our youth, Lawrence, who completed the IT Program in Data Science in less than 30 days! His determination, focus and drive made this achievement truly possible.

Our Outgoing Board Members

Celebrating the Leadership and Service of Our Board Members

We want to honor and thank the dedicated members of the Covenant House Florida Board of Directors who are stepping down. Your leadership, generosity, and commitment have strengthened our mission and created brighter futures for our young people.

Though your terms are ending, your impact will be felt for years to come. On behalf of our staff, youth and the CHF family, thank you for your time, wisdom and unwavering support.



We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Carrie for her service, leadership and passion for our mission as her term on our Board of Directors concludes

Carrie SiuButt

Covenant House Florida
Board Member
2022 – 2025

- Served as FY 2025 Chairperson of the Development Committee

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We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Sheela for her service, leadership and passion for our mission as her term on our Board of Directors concludes

Sheela VanHoose

Covenant House Florida
Board Member
2019 – 2025

- Served on the Membership Committee

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We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Leonard for his service, leadership and passion for our mission as her term on our Board of Directors concludes

Dr. Leonard Bass

Covenant House Florida
Board Member
2015 – 2025

- Served as Chair of Membership Committee

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We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Christine for her service, leadership and passion for our mission as her term on our Board of Directors concludes

Christine Molloy

Covenant House Florida
Board Member
2016 – 2025

- Served as Chair of the Development Committee until 2024

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