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CCKids' 2023 Annual Report Now Available

Communities Connected for Kids proudly presents its 2023 Annual Report. The report is a hybrid presentation of fiscal year finances and donations (July 2022 through June 2023) and activities, events and initiatives from the 2023 calendar year.

Click on the image above or [here](#) to access the report.

We are very proud of our accomplishments during the year, especially as they were set against a backdrop of financial insecurity.



Shameria Baker, a dependency case manager with CCKids, presents one of the blue Manicure Movement kits distributed during our company's March all-hands staff meeting. The Manicure Movement will officially kick off in the community next month.

Manicure Movement Gets a Soft Launch; Throttle Opened on 1K for Kids and Recruitment Campaign



Fort Pierce - April is a month away, but CCKids is gearing up for National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month a few weeks early.

We kicked off the 2024 Manicure Movement - an education campaign to raise awareness for the issues of child abuse, neglect and abandonment - during a quarterly all-hands staff meeting last week. Staff painted one nail blue to represent the one in five children who experience abuse by age 18 and recommitted themselves to the prevention of child abuse.

Next, we will take the campaign's message to the community in April, a month formally reserved for child-abuse prevention and education events.

The early launch is partly due to CCKids' plans to bring all 2024 events under the umbrella of a single, yearlong foster-parent recruitment campaign. That campaign - *25 by 2025* - will highlight the community's need for foster parents and set a goal of adding 25 new foster homes to the area by January.

The Manicure Movement will serve as a sort of teaser for 25by2025, which will officially kick off during the 1K for Kids & Story Stroll, scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, April 27.

Registration is now open for the 1K, which features an interactive stroll along Port St. Lucie's beautiful [Hillmoor Lake Park](#) to celebrate our local foster families.



The first 100 to register will get a free event shirt (design shown in picture). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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