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## ***2018 MIDNIGHT IN THE TROPICS BENEFICIARIES***

### **YOUTH CONNECTION SERVICES**



Their mission is to end youth homelessness and build positive relationships between youth, their families and the community. Provide assistance to youth and families featuring:

- 24-hour crisis intervention and referral services
- Safe emergency housing for youths ages 11-17
- Transition to adult living planning and housing for young people 16-20 years old
- Individual and family counseling
- Support groups for youth and parents
- Community education and outreach



### **RAINBOW DREAMS**

Provides clean, organized bedrooms for children who are in need. After identifying qualifying families, they meet with each child to determine their hobbies, interests, and favorite colors. The volunteers then go shopping to cater to each child's specific wishes. Their rooms are cleaned, painted, and set up while the children are at school, or away from home. When they return, their room is revealed with a brand new bed, dresser, desk, window treatments, pictures, and pillows personalized to their interests.



### **LACASA**

The funds raised for LACASA will go towards the training of a CASA volunteer!

What is a CASA?? CASA stands for **Court Appointed Special Advocate** which happens to be a volunteer training program. CASA advocates serve as the voice of children who are in foster care or involved in the family court system. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court and other settings. The primary responsibilities of a CASA volunteer are to: Gather information: Review documents and records, interview the children, family members and professionals in their lives.



### **LIVINGSTON SUNRISE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Livingston Sunrise Rotary Foundation works to support youth and families in the community as well as internationally. Our organization contributes both time and funds to support various needs of numerous organizations for example: Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Summer Lunch Bunch - Salvation Army, Literacy, Livingston Promise, Gleaners Food Bank, Family Assistance, Hunger Council, and Brighton Garden Park to name a few.

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