

#### **August 2024 News**

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# The Children's Table

### 🎉 The Children's Table Unveils New Sign, Thanks to Generous Donors! 🎉

We recently received a much-needed upgrade in the form of a new, larger sign to help families in need locate our facility more easily. For years, the community has depended on the smaller green and white sign off Highway 24, Thrasher Drive. The new sign features bold, clear letters and a prominently displayed address, making it more visible to passersby.

This improvement was made possible through the generous donations of Allen Alexander and Melody LaFlam. The Children's Table extends heartfelt gratitude to these donors, whose support will benefit the community for years to come. "This is going to be very helpful," said Mr. Bill, emphasizing the significance of the gift



In a recent unveiling ceremony, founders Mr. Bill and Ms. Verna Brown were pictured alongside Alexander and LaFlam, proudly standing by the new sign.



## New FREE Gardening Classes -**Register Early!**

Free Gardening Classes at The Children's Table: Join Us for the Gardeners **Growing Gardeners Program!** 

The Children's Table is excited to announce a new series of FREE gardening classes, made possible with the help of instructors from the University of Florida Agriculture Extension Office. Our Gardeners Growing Gardeners program is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 9 AM to Noon, with a backup date of Saturday, September 14 (in case of storms).

Registration is required for these classes, which are free and open to everyone interested in becoming part of something bigger. You can register online at our website: ChildrensTable.org. During these classes, we will cover essential gardening topics, including: Soil preparation, Site selection, Tools, Seeds, transplants, and planting activity, Cool and warm season crops.

This class is designed for all ages, and we encourage families to become part of our FREE learning garden. The classes start at 9 AM on September 7, and we will be working with our latest crops. You'll learn how to grow your own fresh food right on your property, making it an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to embrace country living and sustainable practices.

Come learn something new and join us in planting and watching what sprouts! Let's all contribute to a greener community and enjoy the fruits of our labor. For more information, please visit our website or contact us directly. Let's get gardening and grow something great together!

We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with the UF Extension team, through which we now offer ongoing gardening classes. These classes are designed for all ages and skill levels, providing budget-friendly options to make gardening accessible to everyone. A heartfelt thank you to our volunteer instructors and to everyone who attended our inaugural classes. Your enthusiasm and participation are the driving force behind our success.

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Register for FREE Gardening



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# 🌞 Freda's Kids Scholarship Fund Launched in Memory of Alfreda Freeman 🌟



We are excited to announce the creation of the Freda's Kids Scholarship Fund, established in honor of Alfreda Freeman. Freda was a beloved foster mom whose selfless service changed countless lives. This fund will continue her mission by providing educational opportunities for young people in need.

Freda's unwavering commitment to children in need has inspired the creation of this scholarship fund, which aims to provide educational opportunities for young people who, like those she fostered, require support and encouragement to reach their full potential. The Freda's Kids Scholarship Fund will ensure that her legacy of changing lives continues for generations to come.

"We wanted to create something that would honor Freda's memory and continue her mission of helping children," said Mr. Bill. "Freda's Kids will provide much-needed financial support to students, empowering them to pursue their dreams and achieve academic success."



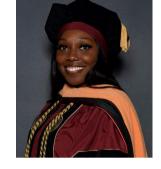
In-Person: During any of our food distributions

Mail: The Children's Table, PO Box 222, Bronson, FL 32621 (Memo: Freda's Kids)

Online: http://www.ChildrensTable.org/Donate (Memo: Freda's Kids)

Your support ensures Freda's legacy lives on, transforming lives through education. Thank you for your continued support!









#### **Former TCT Volunteer Graduates FSU with PhD**

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Cerise Smith, a longtime volunteer with us, is beaming with pride for her two exceptional daughters. Cerise's dedication to our community and her family's commitment to service are truly inspiring. Please join us in congratulating Brittany and the entire Smith family on this wonderful milestone. We are proud to have been a part of Brittany's journey and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

Congratulations, Brittany! Your friends at The Children's Table are cheering you on!







Don't let your family go without the nutritious food they deserve. Join us every Monday from 10 AM to 12 PM at 680 West Thrasher Drive in Bronson. The Children's Table provides fresh food for your family. We ask for a \$7.00 donation per family and allow two families per car. However, donations are not required. We are here to help your family with no strings attached.

Your Donations Help Us - Help Our Community! Call, Visit our Website or mail your tax deductible donation to: P.O. Box 222 Bronson, FL 32621