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LET'S MAKE THIS A GREAT YEAR FOR FANA!

Thanks to you and your support of FANA, I was able to personally present a \$30,000 donation to Maria Theresa of FANA last July with about a few hundred people watching at the Buffalo Families of FANA picnic. I received so many questions about our organization and I want to keep that interest going forward. Since I've been able to donate in front of the group, they see that what we REALLY do does matter. I will be attending the Buffalo Families of FANA golf tournament weekend again this summer, where I get to present our donation again, this time to Elena de Martinez, Directora General (Mercedes' daughter). Ideally, our board would like to present at least \$30K, not less, and we need your help!

Your funds have gone once again to sponsor children put into the FANA programs, placed through Bienestar. FANA asks that we would continue to assist the program. And remember, these children are up for adoption! This is an update from Elena:

"We increased 18% of our adoptions from 2018 to 2019 and are actively looking for families open to adopting children with special needs, 7 and older and sibling groups. For example, we were able to find 4 families who adopted sibling groups of three children. In our hosting program, we traveled with 26 children and found families for 23 and we continue finding a family for the three remaining children."

I'm hoping we can equal or up the donation I present to Elena at the next Families of FANA golf tournament in July (she will be there) to show our continuing support and thanks to FANA for our children and those of others. Donation information is attached and below. It would be disappointing to go with a lower amount.

We have so much information about the adoption community and I sincerely hope you are taking advantage of it! Information about FANA, Friends of FANA, and other adoption support groups are plentiful. We hope that you find some of these helpful. If you still need more, please contact me at lpjwhite@verizon.net, and I'll do my best to point you in the right direction.

[Here are some great events upcoming that include information and fun!](#)

Barker Adoption Foundation has a couple of exciting events coming up including (Please go online to register):

Saturday, April 1, 7-9:00 pm - Live Webinar – “Dear Adoption Expert”, with post-adoption experts.

<https://www.barkeradoptionfoundation.org/about-us/events/dear-adoption-expert-live-webinar>

Saturday, May 2, 6:30-11:00 pm - 75th Anniversary Benefit Gala, Embassy of France, Washington, DC. Celebrating Barker's Collective Legacy.

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egvupufl1a4cfd1e3&oseq=&c=a52eec20-a9a2-11e5-978a-d4ae52712b64&ch=a531d250-a9a2-11e5-978a-d4ae52712b64>

C.A.S.E. is a local organization providing adoption support and education. They have many activities for follow-up adoption. www.caseadopt@adoptionssupport.org.



Families of FANA, WNY (Buffalo)

Friday, July 13 – July 17 – Annual golf tournament weekend - a great way to meet up with FANA families of all ages. The picnic especially! Event sites are located in areas in or around Buffalo.

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Please note that our www.friendsoffana.org website has been revamped so that we can share updated information with you more quickly in the future. There are still some changes to come, however. We are expanding our contacts, ways to interact and information from FANA. We will let you know when it's completed so you can check.

Brenda Ulrich has been taking on the dual roles as secretary and default web administrator. She certainly would appreciate some assistance as both are extremely time consuming. If anyone can help with our website maintenance, it would be greatly helpful. Contact Brenda at brendaandglenn@comcast.net or me.

Potential Events –

We'd appreciate anyone who has ideas for an event to get us all together. Julie Olker-Montoya has been working hard on getting us a Colombia event, and we hope to have an event sometime this year. If you have any ideas and can help coordinate, please contact Julie (jolker@yahoo.com) or me.

We always welcome new members to the board and would love to hear new ideas and see fresh faces! It's not too time consuming and we only meet a few times a year. Please volunteer and we welcome older FANA children as well!

For your donation, we have attempted to make it easier on you. Aside from sending a check, you can send your payment through PayPal. Just please make a note that you include who the donation is from and if it's donation and/or dues (\$35.00). For your tax purposes, we will need to have that information to provide you with a receipt. Send to www.friendsoffanadc@gmail.com.

Don't forget about matching gifts! This is soooooo easy. AmazonSmile donates a percentage of your purchase to FANA at no cost to you! Simply log onto smile.amazon.com. Select Friends of FANA as your charitable organization, then every eligible purchase results in a donation. You will be contacted by them to let you know how much has been disbursed.

There is also your company's matching gifts. Please check your employer's program. We also have Benevity. They match as well. www.benevity.com.

Thank you again for all you do! Without your support, FANA could not run as well as it does now and help make happy families. Again, please let me know if you have questions, want to volunteer or need more information.

Lisa White, President, Friends of FANA DC