



The national resource for the support of children who are caring for chronically ill, injured, elderly, or disabled family members.

## AACY Board News



AACY would like to welcome Dominique Renaud, VP Patient Access, Trustbridge to our Board.

Dominique Renaud joined Trustbridge, the parent company of Hospice of Palm Beach & Broward County as well as Hospice by the Sea, in June of 2006 as the Billing Supervisor in Accounting. She has been promoted several times throughout the last 13 years and most recently as VP Patient Access in November 2019. In her current role she serves as the professional administrative leader directing, planning, and assuring the effective operations of Admissions and Volunteer Services for all Trustbridge companies that admit patients along with the strategic planning and development of a comprehensive volunteer services program. Trustbridge cares for an average of almost 1900 patients a day.

Dominique brings more than 20 years of healthcare knowledge along with her hospice experience to this position. She has held numerous leadership roles and has worked in a variety of areas within the hospice & business field. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University.

Her passion has always been her family, serving the community, and working in healthcare.

## Legislative News



## In The News and Raising Awareness



A ribbon-cutting in larger headquarters means the opportunity to serve more kid caregivers to be successful in school and personally. This Boca nonprofit supports middle and high schoolers with a sibling or family members dependent on their care.

On Wednesday, October 30th, the Boca Chamber helped the American Association of Caregiving Youth celebrate a move from The Atrium building to more space in 6401 N. Congress Ave., Suite 200, Boca Raton, FL 33487

AACY's Caregiving Youth Project has initiated expansion to western Palm Beach County thanks to a grant from the Quantum Foundation.

## Community Recognition



Connie Siskowski, RN, PhD and President of AACY, was appointed by the Board of PBC Commissioners to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services.

## Help from Washington

Representatives Lois Frankel and Kathy Castor, sent a request letter to Lance Robertson, Administrator HHS, Asst. Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living and the newly constituted Family Caregiving Advisory Council, to have the voices of caregiving youth represented in the Family Caregiver Strategy.

Signors of the letter included 23 members of Congress in support of youth caregivers. They are from 11 states and the District of Columbia.

[Read the entire letter by clicking here.](#)

In 2018, Congress passed the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act to better support family caregivers. Part of this law required forming the Family Caregiver Advisory Council (FCAC). This FCAC, with government and nongovernment members, is tasked with creating the country's first national Family Caregiver Strategy.

Members of the public are welcome to view future meetings and links will be available for you to participate. The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) has created a webpage, the RAISE Act Family Caregiver Resource and Dissemination Center, to support council members and people like yourself who want to be involved. Dr. Siskowski, President of AACY, has accepted a faculty position to provide guidance for the council. Additionally, you can directly contact the council administrators through this email address: [RAISEAct@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:RAISEAct@acl.hhs.gov)

For those of you who want to see positive change in your behalf or your family member's behalf as well as have your voice heard, the FCAC is presenting the opportunity for you to proactively influence the future of support to you and millions more. Please consider filling out the RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council survey.

Important Links: [RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council](#)

Input needed: [RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council](#)



## Help from Tallahassee

Did you know that 19% of Florida's 67 counties have a high school graduation rate of 80% or less? State Rep. Mike Caruso and State Sen. Lori Berman confirmed they're both sponsoring a \$250,000 appropriation request to begin a pilot caregiving Youth Project expansion program in two Florida counties. The legislative session begins in January. Stay tuned for the outcome at the end of session in March.

## Upcoming Events

Purchase a ticket for a chance to win 2 Tickets to the Super Bowl LIV Limo Service to and From the Game plus a \$400 gift card. Drawing is

Connie is an "At Large" member with the term expiring on 9/30/21. Anyone who lives in Palm Beach County with a related issue or concern is welcome to send an email to, [connie@aacym.org](mailto:connie@aacym.org)!

## Youth Caregiver Research

New national research, funded by Livanta and conducted by the Advisory Services of Optum on caregiving youth, cites AACY and its work multiple times. We are hopeful that this study, within the healthcare insurances arena, will provide one more opportunity for the work by caregiving youth and its impact on the lives, to pave the way for greater recognition and support. Read the full report here [Youth Caregiver Research](#)

## Thank You!

Thank you to our new donor, the Goldberg Family Foundation for their generous donation. The Goldberg Family Foundation is dedicated to promoting positive change in peoples' lives and helping build and enhance the communities in which they live. Since 2008, the Foundation has provided funding to worthy and qualified grantee organizations seeking to better the lives of others.

Other ways you can help transform the lives of youth caregivers:

- Become a Caregiving Youth Champion
- Attend our First 5K - 2/2/20
- Contribute a recurring donation - no amount is too small

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Please consider signing up for the American Association of Caregiving Youth.

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January 10, 2020.

American Honda Birdies For Children

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AACY's Inaugural 5K Run/Walk and Kid's Fun Run. Sunday 2/2/20.  
\$10 Kids, \$30 Adults; \$35 Adult Registration after January 16th.

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