



Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025
3150 S.W. 3rd Avenue - 8th Floor
The Children's Trust – Training Room
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

Board of Directors

Kenneth C. Hoffman
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County Attorney's Office
Legal Counsel

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Kenneth C. Hoffman
Chair

8:35 a.m. **Public Comments**

Kenneth C. Hoffman
Chair

8:40 a.m. **Approval of May 19, 2025, Executive Committee minutes summary**

(Additional Items Packet) (Pgs. 2)

Kenneth C. Hoffman
Chair

8:45 a.m. **Resolutions**

Kenneth C. Hoffman
Chair

Resolution 2026-A: Authorization to fund an unsolicited request for funds from United Way Miami with the full amount supporting food distribution organizations, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a term of 12 months, beginning November 18, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. *(Pgs. 3-4)*

8:50 a.m. **2026 Board Retreat**

Kenneth C. Hoffman
Chair

9:10 a.m. **Slate of Officers**

- *Timeline*
- *Eligibility*

Kenneth C. Hoffman
Chair

9:25 a.m. **Other Items**

- *Tax Collector*

9:30 a.m. **Adjourn**

The public is allowed to comment on a specific agenda item but must register with the Clerk of the Board prior to being allowed to comment.



**Executive Committee Meeting Summary
Summary of Actions Taken
May 19, 2025
9:16 a.m.– 9:20 a.m.**

The Executive Committee Meeting on May 19, 2025, was held with a quorum of members physically present:

Committee members in attendance: Kenneth C. Hoffman, Pamela Hollingsworth, Matthew Arsenault, Dr. Daniel Bagner, and Lourdes Gimenez.

Legal Counsel in attendance: Leigh C. Kobrinski

Staff in attendance: Imran Ali, James Haj, Jack Bentolila, Lori Hanson, Natalia Zea, William Kirtland, Rachel Spector, Bevone Ritchie, Bryan Pomares, Juana Leon, Lisete, Yero, Yuliet Alfonso, Victoria Gandul, Jennifer Ulysse, Nandy Smith, Sebastian Del Marmol, Patricia Leal, Amanda Gorski, Felix Becerra, Lindsay Francois, Alejandro Aguirre, Ximena Nunez, Michele Mordica, Danielle Barreras, Grettel Suarez, Garnet Esters, Wanda Sanchez, Wendy Duncombe, Ximena Nunez.

Meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Kenneth Hoffman, Chair of the Executive Committee.

The following actions were taken at the May 19, 2025, Executive Committee meeting:

Resolution 2025-42: Motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Daniel Bagner and seconded by Matthew Arsenault Authorization to negotiate and execute contract renewals with 22 providers, identified herein, for Family and Neighborhood Support Partnerships, in an amount not to exceed \$13,669,562.00, and for The Children's Trust to encumber a purchase order in the amount of \$600,000.00 for pooled family stabilization funding, for a total amount not to exceed \$14,269,562.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, with one **remaining** contract renewal. **Motion passed, 5-0. Motion passed unanimously. Pamela Hollingsworth initially advised of a conflict and potential recusal for this item at the at the May 19 Board meeting, but upon closer review of the item, she determined she had no conflict.**

Resolution 2025-47: Motion to approve the resolution was made by Matthew Arsenault and seconded by Lourdes P. Gimenez Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 44 providers, identified herein, to deliver evidence-based parenting and family strengthening services, in a total amount not to exceed \$23,230,563.00, each for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, each with two remaining annual renewals, subject to annual funding appropriations. **Motion passed, 3-0. Recusal by Dr. Daniel Bagner and Pamela Hollingsworth.**

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DATE: November 17, 2025

Resolution: 2026-A

Strategic Framework Priority Investment Areas: Community engagement, awareness and advocacy; Funder collaboration initiatives; and Children & Youth in High-Need Neighborhoods

Strategic Framework Headline Community Results: Healthy lifestyle habits for eating, sleeping, physical activity and mental wellness

Recommended Action: Authorization to fund an unsolicited request for funds from United Way Miami with the full amount supporting food distribution organizations, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for a term of 12 months, beginning November 18, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 is allocated for FY 2025-2026.

Description of Services: United Way Miami submitted an unsolicited request for funds for between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 from The Children's Trust to be provided directly to its newly established "United Way Miami & Miami-Dade County's Mayor Food Assistance Fund." The fund provides direct financial support to Farm Share and Feeding South Florida for food distributions to Miami-Dade families, with no administrative or other fees kept by United Way. This new fund was launched in partnership with Miami-Dade County to allow community members and stakeholders to provide support to both of these food serving organizations to support community food distributions at a time when Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are significantly delayed, reduced, or eliminated due to the federal government shutdown.

The situation related to SNAP benefits evolves each day as the freeze on the program continues to make its way through the courts and as administrative decisions shift. In early November 2025, The Children's Trust responded to this immediate need, and as a short-term solution, utilized the President & CEO's spending authority to grant United Way Miami the maximum award of \$50,000.00.

This resolution authorizes the President & CEO to expend up to an additional \$100,000.00 for the United Way Miami fund as Trust staff continues to closely monitor community food security needs as the federal administration challenges and changes continue.

Background: In late October, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava launched a countywide emergency response to address the impact of the ongoing federal government shutdown on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Hundreds of thousands of families in Miami-Dade County rely on SNAP benefits for food security, and the delay in SNAP benefits from the federal government has strained a nonprofit food security system that had already been drastically impacted by recent federal budget cuts. Part of this response included the establishment of the "United Way Miami & Miami-Dade County's Mayor Food Assistance Fund" at United Way Miami.

Prior to the immediate challenges for families due to the SNAP benefits uncertainty, both Feeding South Florida and Farm Share reported that previous state and federal budget cuts have drastically reduced their ability to provide food to Miami-Dade families. Feeding South Florida projects several millions of dollars in reductions to their budget and services this year, while Farm Share reports a \$2.5 million direct budget cut, and a 28 percent decrease in their food supply due to the elimination of certain federal food programs.

Procurement Policy: Per the procurement policy, section 2005 Unsolicited Request for Funds, requests for funding submitted by an organization based solely upon the requester's initiative, and not in response to a formal solicitation or procurement process of The Children's Trust, will be considered for funding on a case-by-case basis following the processes described in the policy.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

The foregoing recommendation was offered by _____ who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **17th day of November 2025.**

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____

SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____