



**2020 will mark Operation PAR's 50th Anniversary!**

*In 1970, Shirley Coletti was unable to find the resources she needed to help her teenage daughter who was using drugs. Frustrated by this, Shirley worked together with friend and neighbor James T. Russell, Pinellas County's State Attorney, Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung and Pinellas County Commissioner Charles Rainey to launch Operation PAR. Back in 1970, the agency provided treatment services which were administered by a volunteer staff of both professionals and paraprofessionals.*

*Now almost 50 years later, Operation PAR is a thriving not-for-profit, responding to the pressing needs of the community in the areas of prevention, intervention and treatment for people struggling with substance use disorder. The year 2020 will mark 50 years for Operation PAR and we look forward to celebrating those 50 years of our commitment to the community, of touching and changing lives and of the support we receive each and every day from our friends in the community...friends like you!*

**Did you know?**  
**The acronym PAR (as in Operation PAR) stands for Parental Awareness and Responsibility.**



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**A message from the CEO,  
Dianne Clarke, PhD**

Operation PAR continues to be at the forefront of the opioid epidemic sweeping our communities. As the substance use disorder specialists this is just where we belong! In 2018 we served more than 4,000 individuals in treatment every day and more than 12,000 people during the year. We had 248 babies born with no illicit drugs in their systems. We gave out more than 4,000 lifesaving opiate reversal medication kits to clients and their families with more than 40 lives saved. But those are just numbers. Each one of those numbers is a real person, with a real family and a real goal to better their lives and the lives of their children. They come from many different backgrounds with different needs. Some are young, first time mothers, others are older men with histories of substance use from their teenage years, some have stable families, others are homeless. Every person has a story to tell with needs to be met and our caring, professional staff are there to help each person *create the life they want*. Although the opioid epidemic continues Operation PAR is committed to be involved every step of the way to keep our families and communities healthy. People's lives depend on it.



**A message from the Board Chairman,  
Joseph Saunders, Esq.**



As the 2018 Board of Directors Chair I am proud of the work Operation PAR has done to save lives and support families in the communities we serve. One of the many strengths of this organization is our commitment to collaborate with other community programs. Operation PAR partners with so many fine local, county, and state organizations that all have the goal of tackling substance use issues. Whether it be law enforcement, community prevention coalitions, state trade associations, or school and college advisory committees, Operation PAR is there to add unique perspectives and assistance. 2018 has brought a new and exciting level of integration with physical health partners like Baycare Health Systems, the Department of Health, and St. Anthony Hospital Emergency Room. Here is where people in crisis from overdose and withdrawal are and this is where we need to be to motivate and engage them into our treatment programs. It takes a community for personal recovery and it also takes a community to make a healthy environment for all families. The Operation PAR Board of Directors is committed to our community and committed to helping Operation PAR save lives.



Nancy L. Hamilton Developmental Center Receives gifts for Nancy Hamilton’s Birthday

A birthday celebration was held in December to honor Operation PAR’s former CEO Nancy Hamilton; however, no one brought her gifts. Instead, family and friends generously gave gifts to the Nancy Hamilton Developmental Center named in Hamilton’s honor. The afternoon was spent celebrating, visiting with the children at the Center and yes, eating cake.

The Developmental Center is part of PAR Village, a nationally acclaimed residential program for women who have substance use disorder and their children. The Center provides developmental services and child care for children, from birth through six years of age, of families receiving various services at PAR. Staff addresses developmental delays and provides age-appropriate parenting skills and specialized groups to help foster healthy bonding and development between the children and their parents. With a keen interest in Early Childhood Development and the educational background to go with it, Nancy set up the Hamilton Developmental Center during her time at PAR to benefit the children living in PAR Village. Thank you Nancy, for continuing to help support the development of these young lives!

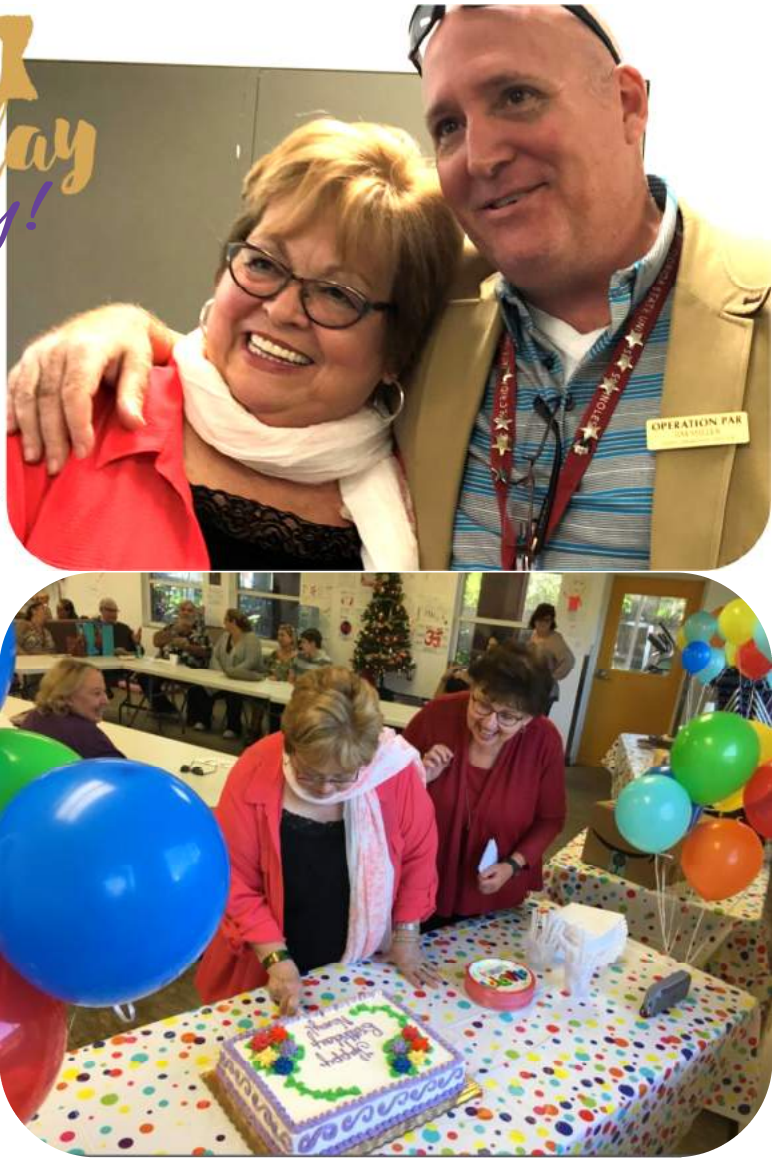
*Did you know?*  
*During 2018, there were a total of 248 drug-free babies born at Operation PAR!*



*Pictured to the left and below is the Academy after a transformational year of updates, client outings, enhanced services and an eye on the future for continued growth and success for all of the young clients served.*



Happy Birthday Nancy!



Special Thanks

Throughout the year, Operation PAR receives monetary donations, equipment donations, entertainment opportunities and donations of items which offer budget relief. In addition many local businesses donate items for our Poetic Justice Silent Auction. Thank you to the following individuals and companies who have assisted with our mission.

- Isabella Adams  
Advanced Telecom  
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Daniel Ratcliff  
Raymond James Financial  
Regions Bank  
Ride and Roll Cyclery  
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Carl and Carol Thornton  
Frank and Jan Tims  
Lloyd and Judy Tomlinson  
Stewart and Linda Turley  
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Wallace Welch & Willingham  
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*Please accept our sincere apologies if we failed to acknowledge a contribution.*



# So very Thankful

The holidays bring about a flurry of activities at Operation PAR. From Thanksgiving Feasts to visits from Santa Claus, the celebrations put on by staff for their clients and all of the generous gifts from the community in between, it is a busy time.

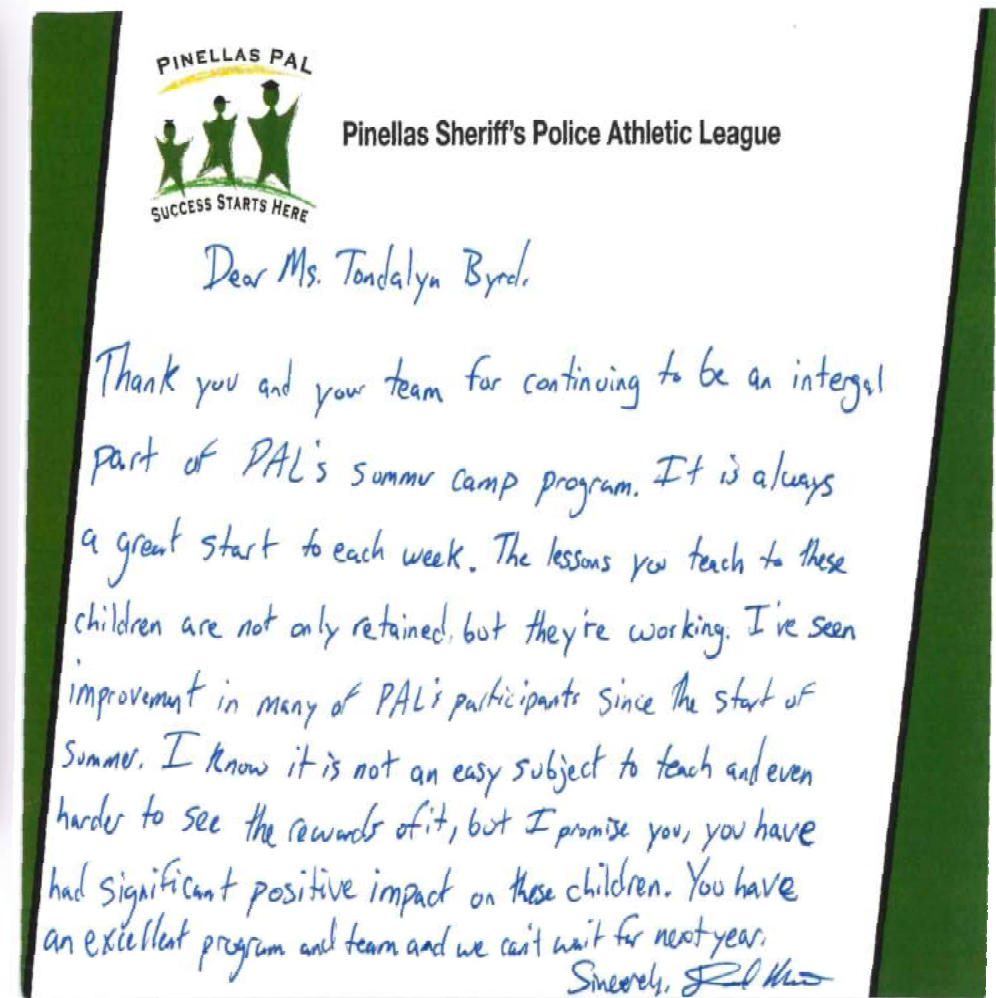
Operation PAR is grateful for all of the donations that come in to help us to make this time of year a little brighter for the people we serve. Special thanks to the staff of Wallace Welch & Willingham who provided a festive holiday party for the children and their families at the Cornerstone of Successful Achievement (COSA) Guidance Center. The afternoon included pizza and treats, ornament making, caroling and of course, a visit from Santa Claus!

We would also like to thank those local companies who put up giving trees each year for their staff to donate gifts for the children at PAR Village and the Academy, including: Catalent Pharma Solutions, LPL Financial, First Unity Church and Pinellas Park High School. Operation PAR receives donations of toiletries, games and personal items from many throughout the year as well as handmade wooden toys from our friends at the ToyMakers of East Lake. Thank you one and all.

## Things to be thankful for - from a PAR client

Well I have many things to be thankful for. I start my day off by thanking God for the air that I breathe so I can have another day of being alive. I'm also very thankful for PAR! The day that I signed up for PAR will be a day that I will never forget, because I was on my way to my own funeral. Being so close to death was no fun. I was so oblivious that I was dying slowly to drugs and without PAR, I probably would not be here. So yes, I am thankful for this program.

I finally feel like a normal human being again. I never thought that I would be able to enjoy life without a needle in my arm and staying high all day. I'm so proud of myself and my family is too. So with that being said, I'm just thankful for all of my blessings that come my way and hopefully I will be able to support my family with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner this year thanks to Operation PAR.



## Operation PAR's Mission

To strengthen our community by caring for families and individuals impacted by substance abuse and mental illness.

## Operation PAR's Vision

Operation PAR: A beacon of hope in our community—helping people...be aware, be responsible, be healthy and happy.

## 2018 Charity Care

*This past year more than \$6 million in Charity Care services were provided to the communities in the six counties served by Operation PAR. These Charity Care dollars are not unpaid debts that have been written off, but rather services that were delivered to the community and not paid for by grants, state funding or third parties. Simply put, these dollars represent Operation PAR's strong commitment to providing affordable and accessible care to all those who need it.*

Hernando County.....	\$ 619,000
Lee County.....	\$ 1,874,000
Manatee County.....	\$ 980,000
Pasco County.....	\$ 921,000
Pinellas County.....	\$ 1,483,000
Sarasota County.....	\$ 722,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,599,000</b>



# Candidates Forum

## ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH

Operation PAR, once again joined forces with Boley Centers and PEMHS to host the Candidates Forum. The bipartisan event provides an opportunity for candidates for the Florida Senate and the House of Representatives who represent Pinellas County to share their position on funding for substance abuse and mental health services, child welfare, homelessness, healthcare and developmental disabilities.

The evening included questions from the audience which was comprised of staff and community members, the majority of whom reside and vote in Pinellas County. In addition to having their views heard, the event helps to drive home the strength and ability of the three agencies and allows the candidates to better understand how we are working to improve the lives of people who are living and struggling within our own communities.

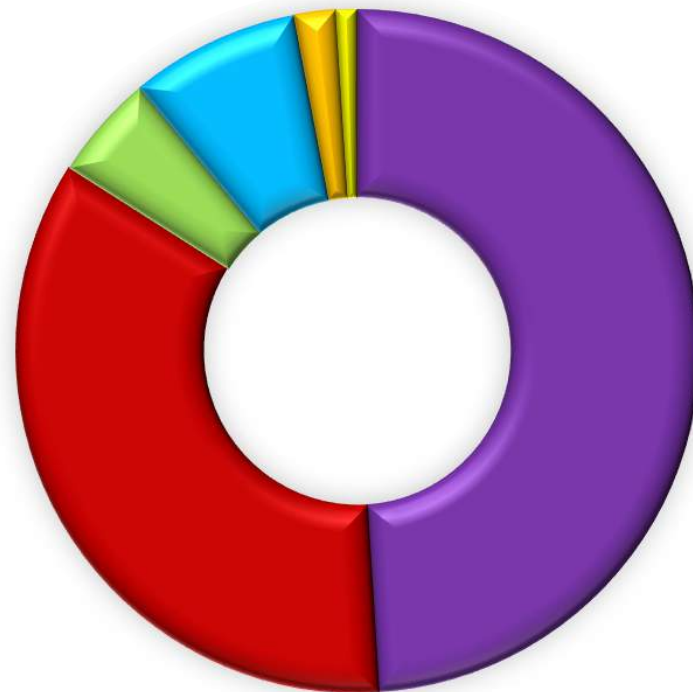


### Funding Sources 2017/2018

Patient Revenues	\$15,959,784
Department of Children & Families	\$11,247,647
Federal & State Funding	\$ 1,619,232
Local Funding	\$ 2,583,121
In-kind Donations	\$ 933,327
Other	\$ 244,081

### Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Total Assets	\$28,816,178
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,445,205
Total Revenues	\$32,587,192



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## 25th Annual Poetic Justice Gala - Under the Sea, Treasures of the Deep

Special thanks to all those who helped make Operation PAR's 25th Annual Poetic Justice Gala a huge success! A few mermaid tales were spotted, fabulous food by Bascom's Chop House was had, fantastic auction items were bid on and many smiling faces were seen. What was conceived of 25 years ago by Mary Critchfield as an event to raise awareness and funds, has been going strong ever since. All these years later, it is made possible by the support of some very special people and businesses, including:

- *The committee led by Debi Burns and Karol Bullard along with Susie Berman, Sharon Clayton, Kay Dillinger, Carrie Gibbons, Peggy Leclerc and Connie Whitehead*
- *Fred and Karol Bullard*
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