



MEET BRYAN CLAGETT, *CHAIR OF THE BOARD AT* The Center for Child and Family Services

Bryan and Amy Clagett moved to Ford's Colony in 2018. According to Bryan, "We love living in Ford's Colony! It is an ideal community with a beautiful setting and a remarkably engaged group of property owners. We simply could not ask for more from a community."

Bryan was formerly the CMO and investor in Geezeo, which sold last year to a multi-billion dollar bank technology company. Now, he is semi-retired and focuses on advisory roles in the financial technology space via his company, Jamestown Associates LLC.

An active boater, Bryan spends long weekends with Amy and their grown kids, Sara and Bobby, at their river house in Mathews County. "I stink at fishing, but I love drinking a cold beverage while enjoying a sunset on the Chesapeake Bay from my Grady White."

When asked why he chose to serve on the board of the Center for Child and Family Services, Bryan explains, "CCFS has a storied past of supporting the community, and I like their message of empowerment. Giving back to the community is very important to me, as is surrounding myself with talented, passionate people that work collectively to solve problems."

The Center for Child and Family Services (CCFS), founded in 1943, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community service organization focused on providing behavioral, mental health, and financial counseling services to families. CCFS offers over 20 comprehensive and diverse programs to assist families in overcoming challenges, making responsible choices, and improving quality of life for its constituents. In addition to its headquarters in Hampton, CCFS has an office here in Williamsburg.



Some of the wonderful and caring staff members at CCFS



Bryan (on left) serves as the emcee at the annual Country for Kids to raise money for the center

More than 30 employees support two primary specialties of the center -- consumer credit counseling and behavioral health services. The consumer credit counseling service program has certified credit counselors who work with families to develop realistic plans to reach their financial goals.

The behavioral health services program provides comprehensive trauma-informed counseling services to children, adults, families, and organizations and has been designed to help people face the problems of daily life and find solutions to those problems. The goal is to improve the quality of life for each individual or family.

Other services provided include adult anger management, counseling services, domestic violence batterer intervention services, servicios en Español, substance abuse services, neurofeedback, and more.

The center is run by a well-seasoned professional staff, with extensive knowledge of behavioral health, financial counseling, and management operations. Ford's Colony resident Casey Duplantier, the retired CEO of 1st Advantage Federal Credit Union, is a long-standing member of the CCFS board. "I can't begin to tell you how lucky we are to have Casey on our side," says Bryan. "His knowledge of the market and recognition of our relevancy has been a tremendous asset to the center and my fellow board members."

"With the pandemic hitting our economy so hard, the underserved in the local area have really struggled. Fortunately, we're well-positioned to lend a hand and have the support of many local businesses and financial institutions."

Are there volunteer opportunities if someone wants to help?

"There are many events the center sponsors, including the annual Country For Kids Concert and the Holiday Light Stroll held in Newport News Park. We welcome volunteers at these events and many others in which we participate. And we are also always looking for sponsors and a diverse mixture of board members."



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