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Dear Nonprofit Leader/Supporter:

We celebrate the financial support, time, talent and effort of the Donors Next Door who make South Florida a better and more caring community.

Over 1,100 South Florida nonprofits perform miracles every single day. Leave A Legacy encourages people from all walks of life to make legacy gifts to the charities of their choice. By raising awareness about charitable giving, Leave A Legacy also builds the community by encouraging people do something for tomorrow today. Although our lives are finite, we can pass on our hopes, dreams, aspirations and values to generations to come. Leave a Legacy helps spread the message that "everyone can be a philanthropist".

To highlight the theme of this year's annual Leave A Legacy luncheon, "Charity Begins @ Home", we are publishing the second "Donor Next Door" Family Album. This Family Album is a dynamic and creative way for nonprofits to showcase the generous philanthropists in our community and the myriad of outstanding programs that our nonprofit organizations are providing. We applaud the difference they are making in so many lives throughout Miami-Dade county every day and hope they will serve as inspiration and examples to us all.

As the Family Albums are distributed throughout the community, they will not only showcase that "Everyone Can Be a Philanthropist," but give everyone within and around the nonprofit community an essential tool to bring relevance and understanding to the important work of nonprofits.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one that helps sustain Leave A Legacy. Leave A Legacy's mission is to promote philanthropy and assist the philanthropic organization. The philanthropic community's link between the critical needs of the South Florida community and the hope for a better tomorrow.

Thank you,

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BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA FOUNDATION:

A Gift From the Alger Family

Homestead Hospital Foundation received its largest donation ever – a \$330,000 charitable gift annuity from the Richard Alger family. The gift was made in honor of Richard's parents, Mason and Dorothy Alger, founders of Alger Farms in Homestead. "My father was born in a family rich in character and moral influence, but poor in resources," said Richard Alger. "He spent his lifetime building his fortune, first from a farm in Massachusetts, then a produce business in Boston and lastly, the farm in Florida. He built an estate that included the very land he farmed. As a result of these wise investments and hard work, this gift was made possible." To the Algers, supporting the South Dade community through Homestead Hospital Foundation is the right thing to do.

The Algers entered into a gift annuity agreement with the Foundation with monies derived from the sale of appreciated assets. They opted for an annuity rate less than the prevailing ACGA (American Council on Gift Annuities) rate to increase the monies that will benefit Homestead Hospital.

"We are extremely grateful that the Algers have included Homestead Hospital in their estate planning," said Bo Boulenger, CEO of Homestead Hospital. "They are visionaries like Richard's parents, Mason and Dorothy Alger, and they believe in the future of this hospital."



COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

For the people of Homestead and south Miami-Dade County, the future brings good news. The existing Homestead Hospital will be replaced with a new 120-bed hospital to meet the growing healthcare needs of the south Miami-Dade community. Baptist Health will build the hospital and an adjacent medical office building just east of the Florida Turnpike on the north side of Campbell Drive. It will cost more than \$100 million. "The new facility will be designed as a prototype hospital for the future," said Brian E. Keeley, Baptist Health's president and CEO. It will have the most technologically advanced equipment and services." The new 300,000-square-foot hospital will feature all private patient rooms, an Emergency Center triple the size of the existing one, additional operating rooms and more clinical space for outpatient diagnostic services and minimally invasive surgery.

Thanks to the support and generosity of community leaders such as the Algers, Homestead Hospital will continue to meet the growing healthcare needs of the community. The new hospital is expected to open in 2006.

Homestead Hospital Foundation is a part of Baptist Health South Florida Foundation, the fundraising arm of Baptist, Baptist Children's, South Miami, Homestead and Mariners Hospitals, Miami Cardiac & Vascular Institute, and numerous outpatient, diagnostic and treatment facilities. All are affiliates of Baptist Health South Florida, the largest not-for-profit healthcare organization in the region.



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DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:
Building a Permanent Endowment

Selma Alexander was a Miami pioneer, community activist and supporter of beautiful works created by man and nature. She was a stalwart supporter since the early 1960's of Fairchild Tropical Garden, the Florida Philharmonic, and the Vizcayans, all of which she helped found. She advocated on behalf of children's programs, traveled extensively and, it is acknowledged, served as Miami's unofficial but most gracious ambassador.

Selma Alexander was a vivacious and giving person in perpetual motion. She wanted her philanthropy to make a difference so she established several charitable funds at Dade Community Foundation in support of the arts and her beloved Miami. As a tribute to her legacy, the Selma Alexander Fund forms part of the community foundation's permanent endowment as it provides grant support to the Florida Philanthropic Orchestra, an organization she held in high esteem. Consistent with her interest in securing a better future, Selma designated support from her named fund be contingent on the recipient organization's dedication to building endowment. As a result, the Florida Philharmonic established an endowment fund in honor of her wishes. A second endowed charitable fund established by Selma Alexander supports the Foundation's community grants program.

Selma Alexander passed away in 1999 at the age of 86. Her spirit of giving continues through the philanthropic funds she established at Dade Community Foundation.

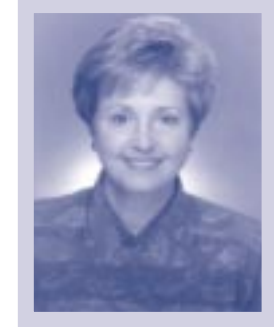
A TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF GIVING

Dade Community Foundation's mission is to encourage philanthropy and charitable giving by developing a permanent endowment to meet Greater Miami's emerging charitable needs. The Foundation receives and manages charitable contributions from individuals, families, organizations, corporations, other foundations and non-profit organizations. Our business is philanthropy. In perpetuity we honor the wishes of our donors and pay tribute to their legacy of giving.

In addition to Selma Alexander, some of the other charitable individuals who turned to Dade Community Foundation to perpetuate their giving are: Mitchell Wolfson, Sr. supporting charitable needs and bringing diverse groups together, Rena Lobl supporting the homeless, Jean T. Robinson supporting the treatment of heart disease, Dr. Jane Hsiao supporting at risk children, after school tutoring and mentoring programs, Helen A. and Bertram J. Goldsmith assisting students pursuing a college education, and Judges Edith M. and Henry Atkinson supporting community.

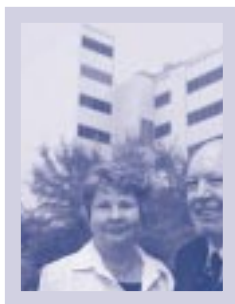
All of these donors trusted Dade Community Foundation to turn their caring into commitment, now and for generations to come.

Dade Community Foundation recognizes former state representative Annie Betancourt as our "Donor Next Door". Annie's many years of service include the establishment of a philanthropic fund at the Foundation supporting education and community.



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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI: *Leading by Example*



At a gathering in his honor at the University of Miami's Jerry Herman Ring Theatre, Jay Jensen said, "There are two very important people here with me tonight: my stockbrokers." The room erupted with laughter and applause because everyone knew that Jensen, who has given nearly \$3 million to the University, is neither business tycoon nor heir.

Jensen, who received a Bachelor's and a Master's of Education from the University of Miami, began teaching at Little River Junior High in 1954 for a salary of \$3,250. He retired as a drama teacher from Miami Beach High in 1991, never earning more than \$50,000. Yet through frugal living (he has never owned a car), decades of extra work, and smart investments, he amassed a multi-million dollar portfolio. Jensen's generosity to the University's School of Education has endowed a scholarship for future educators. "All of us are where we are because of teachers and the education we received," Jensen stated. "We seem to forget that."

Jensen has not forgotten his educational roots. In 1997, he created a Visiting Artist Endowment, which allows the University's Theatre Arts Department to bring in well-known artists and directors. In addition, Jensen has given his alma mater twenty-six gift annuities totaling over \$250,000.

As a teacher, philanthropist, and arts enthusiast, Jensen leads by example. He has directed plays at Temple Beth Shalom and the Miami Beach Community Theatre. At the Miami Beach Senior Citizens Center, the Hebrew Home for the Aged and the Hope Center, Jensen works with the elderly and the mentally challenged to "exercise their minds and make them laugh." He is also known as "teacher of the stars," having taught such personalities as Andy Garcia and Roy Firestone.

When asked why he gives so much of his financial resources, he quotes fellow Miami alumnus Jerry Herman's Broadway play *Hello Dolly*: "Money is like manure. It's got to be spread around to do any good." By all indications, Jensen is not yet finished spreading his legacy around.

PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY

South Florida provides a vibrant context for University of Miami students and faculty to study, live and work. Going back to the 1920s, the histories of the University and South Florida are inextricably linked. In her inaugural address in fall 2001, President Donna E. Shalala pledged to continue the University's active partnership with the community.

As the University's largest academic unit, the College of Arts and Sciences has a faculty of over 430 and more than 3,800 students pursuing scholarship in a wide variety of programs, including those in the arts, the humanities, the social sciences and the natural sciences. These programs are exceedingly diverse in character, touching almost every form of human endeavor and feature of the natural world.

The College's Department of Theatre Arts has a rich tradition and a national reputation for both training world-class performers and staging first-rate theatre productions. An undergraduate professional and liberal arts program, the department is dedicated to the study, preservation, presentation and advancement of the art of theatre.

The School of Education shares the University's commitment to student learning, faculty scholarship, liberal education and service to humanity. First offering education programs in 1926, the school has grown dramatically and currently houses three departments—Teaching and Learning, Educational and Psychological Studies, and Exercise and Sport Sciences—with strengths in teacher education, literacy studies, special education, exercise and sports physiology, sports administration and counseling psychology.

The School is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the "Best Graduate Schools of Education" in America—an amazing accomplishment considering that its faculty is two to five times smaller than its peers. Located in one of the most multicultural communities in the United States, it is uniquely situated to conduct research on how diversity is redefining American education in the twenty-first century.



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BARRY UNIVERSITY: *Empowering Students to Achieve*



Barry University continues to serve its mission of quality education, religious dimension, community outreach and caring environment thanks to faithful friends and benefactors like Pam and Stewart Greenstein.

After learning about our program, Stewart and Pam decided to fund an annual scholarship to benefit students with financial need. Their total donation goes to support the financial needs of one student each year. Elise Colon, a promising junior majoring in professional writing, has been able to continue her academic pursuits thanks to the annual \$5,000 award from Pam and Stewart Greenstein. Elise has benefited greatly from this scholarship in the last two academic years.

The Greensteins have continued to generously support Barry University Founders' Ball, which is our premier fundraising event, held each November. The Founders' Ball supports the general Barry University Scholarship program.

Pam and Stewart are strong believers in the power of education, and have demonstrated their commitment to Barry's Scholarship program. Barry University is thankful for the success of the Greenstein's Shorty's Bar-B-Q restaurants, because that success is empowering some of South Florida's most deserving and brightest students to continue their quest for personal achievement.

DREAMS FULFILLED THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP

Pamela and Stewart Greenstein Scholarship

I am a junior at Barry University majoring in Professional Writing. At age seven, I discovered my love for the written word. Since then, I have written a number of fictional short stories a news articles. I love using language figuratively as a form of artistic expression, but I also feel compelled to write news.

After graduating, I will likely start writing for a magazine or a newspaper. My ultimate goal is to have my own popular culture magazine. This publication will reflect the voice of my generation, one that is truly like no other. It will serve as a vehicle for discussion, study and reflection on current issues.

As news editor of the Barry Buccaneer, the student-produced newspaper, I have gained valuable experience that will help me to be an effective member of a journalistic team.

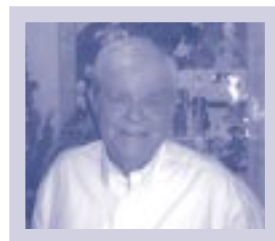
I consider myself a seeker of truth; constantly reading, listening, observing, and studying my environment in order to gain greater understanding. One of my dreams is to encourage others to do so as well. I feel that as an active journalist, I am serving a civic duty to my fellow citizens. I believe that there is more to report than just problems. There are solutions too.

I am the child of artists. My father is a songwriter and musician; my mom a talented poet. Although I know God has blessed me musically, my true passion lies in my writing. I am grateful to my parents and all the kindhearted people who raised me. They instilled in me a strong desire to be a virtuous woman. I also give thanks to Jesus Christ, our heavenly father, for giving me the desire and strength to be successful.

I cannot express in words how thankful I am to the Greenstein family for their gracious contribution to my education. Although my family and I have been blessed in many ways, financially we have always struggled. However, that never got in the way of my dreams to go to college. I always knew that if I worked hard, God would provide. And he sure did! He always does!



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DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK:
Fighting Hunger in South Florida

In 1986 when Van Myers retired as CEO of Wometco Enterprises, he wanted to give something back to the South Florida community that had been his home since 1940. One thing Van could not understand was why there were so many hungry people in the tri-county area. Convinced that his peers simply did not know about the rampant hunger in America, Van set out to do something about the problem. He approached A.D. Moore, a founding member of our Board of Directors, and A.D. indicated that he had just the organization. Since then, Van has been a key member of our Board, donating his time, energy, and business experience to benefit South Florida's hungry.

Together with Jane, his wife of 63 years, Van has been active in Daily Bread fundraising at all levels, responding to regular appeals, attending events and encouraging his friends and colleagues to join the fight against hunger. As one of the five individuals Mitchell Wolfson entrusted with his family legacy, Van has been instrumental in channeling contributions from the prestigious Wolfson Foundation to Daily Bread Food Bank, helping fund capital improvements, food procurement and outreach activities.

Born in Virginia, Van attended Harvard on a state scholarship and graduated with honors. A few years later, he joined the Navy's elite Amphibious Force and participated in two critical WWII invasions. A resident of Coral Gables since 1955, he is the father of two and counts five grandchildren and two great grandchildren among the great joys in his life.

Van Myers represents the best of what our community and our country have to offer. He embodies the philanthropic spirit that is an essential element of the American dream, a dream that everyone should have the opportunity to share! As Van says, "Hunger in America is obscene. The US is a great country, and we should not tolerate hunger in our backyard."

EDUCATING AND ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY TO FIGHT POVERTY

Generous financial donors and sponsors, concerned local merchants who donate food and services, tireless volunteers, 800 affiliate agencies, a dedicated Board of Directors, and a devoted staff – everyone involved with Daily Bread Food Bank is actively embracing the idea that each of us can make a difference in our community!

In 2002, Daily Bread distributed approximately 18 million pounds of food, freeing up over \$30 million dollars for our affiliate agencies to invest in social and community services. These are significant achievements, particularly since the 2000 Census classified Miami as the poorest big city in America. The data on poverty and hunger in South Florida is truly staggering: in Miami-Dade County, 20% of the general population and 26% of children live in poverty; in the city of Miami alone, those statistics soar to 32% and 42% respectively.

Such sobering statistics confirm the desperate need within the community; however, we prefer to focus on our results. Daily Bread's efforts touch every strand of South Florida's eclectic and diverse cultural fabric. Our affiliate agencies include faith-based organizations, soup kitchens, food pantries, day care centers, shelters, immigrant service organizations, and residential centers for the elderly, to name just a few.

Daily Bread can provide six healthy, nourishing meals for every dollar we receive. And a square meal means more than just a full stomach, a good night's sleep, and a productive day at school or work – it translates into a smile: the Saturday-morning smile on the face of a child who didn't have to wait until school on Monday to eat again; the relieved smile on the face of a parent who can feed the family and pay the rent; the grateful smile on the face of a senior citizen who realizes that someone does remember.

Thank you to the many people in the community who helped make those 12 million smiles possible in 2002! With the community's support, we plan to spread even more smiles in 2003 and the years to come.



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DIABETES RESEARCH INSTITUTE:

The Best Hope for a Cure

When their beloved nine-year-old daughter Ivette Marie was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 1985, Juan Calles and his wife Ivette approached the search for a cure in a grassroots manner. They garnered the support of friends and family and hit the South Florida streets collecting funds for the Diabetes Research Institute – a place they had determined was their daughter’s best hope for a cure.

“I met with Dr. Daniel Mintz, who was head of the Institute at that time. He was so informative, outlining his vision of research needed for a cure. His commitment was inspiring,” said Juan. “With the DRI’s current scientific director, Dr. Camillo Ricordi, the evolution toward a cure has gained momentum, and I feel very positive about the progress that has been made.”

As proud parents and grandparents, Ivette and Juan Calles are devoted to their family and the community. Their personal contributions and support of various events throughout the year exemplify their dedication to the DRI and its mission of finding a cure for this relentless disease. They are Grand Founders of the DRI Foundation, and Juan serves as vice president of its board of directors.

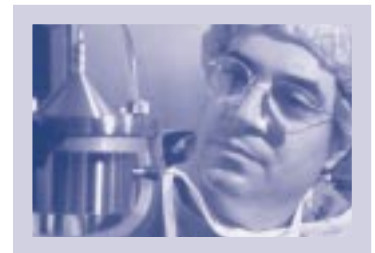
Going above and beyond, the husband and wife have committed to leaving a legacy by naming the DRI as the beneficiary of their own personal life insurance policies. Juan has additionally spent much of his professional life encouraging others to do the same. Originally from Cuba, the Miami resident began managing the regional office of Union Central Life Insurance Company in 1977. The Miami agency, which had previously been the company’s least productive office, soared to become Union Central’s top producer under his leadership. As a result of his expertise, Juan has enabled many concerned individuals to provide sizeable bequests to charities through their wills, life insurance and estate planning.

Juan and Ivette Calles realize that their contributions extend beyond helping their own daughter. Their generosity ensures that research toward a cure for all people living with diabetes will continue into the future.

A GLOBAL LEADER IN CURE-FOCUSED RESEARCH

The Diabetes Research Institute at the University of Miami School of Medicine is a recognized world leader in cure-focused research. Pioneering new technologies in islet cell transplantation since the early 1970’s, the DRI has successfully reversed diabetes in patients involved in ongoing clinical trials. To build on these achievements and accelerate progress, the Institute serves as a global resource and training center for investigators working in islet cell research. The most comprehensive diabetes research facility of its kind, the DRI conducts a broad range of scientific programs focused on the rapidly evolving fields of gene therapy, pancreatic stem cell development, molecular biology and transplant immunology, among others, to speed the most promising findings from the lab to the patient.

The DRI is grateful to supporters like Ivette and Juan Calles, whose generosity has helped pave the way for vital scientific discoveries. Much of the research currently underway is directed at transplanting insulin-producing cells without the need for powerful anti-rejection drugs and obtaining enough islet cells to treat all people with this disease. For the millions of families already affected by diabetes and who are looking to the world of science for answers, the Diabetes Research Institute is the best hope for a cure.



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FOUNDATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES:

Care and Compassion for Future Generations



Betty and Marvin Florman were the quintessential couple. Married for 41 years, they came to Miami in 1951, and the love they had for their community was reflected by the many volunteer roles they took on during their lifetimes.

Marvin died in 1986, and Betty passed away last year. However, their legacy of generosity and compassion lives on, thanks to a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment overseen by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Marvin created the Marvin S. Florman Trust in 1984, around the time his business, National Brands, was sold. He died unexpectedly just a few months later. The trust provided for Betty's needs until her death last June. After Betty died, one third of the trust assets were given to the Foundation to establish the Florman Family Philanthropic Fund.

The fund's assets are now being invested. Money from the fund's annual income will be divided among the Federation's annual campaign and the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged at Douglas Gardens.

Providing for the Jewish community was an extremely important goal for the Flormans. Because of their generosity, so many people in our community will be able to get the help they need.

This extraordinary couple personifies what the Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies is all about. We give people the opportunity to leave indelible legacies in the Jewish community far beyond their lifetimes.

The Talmud teaches us that, just as our ancestors planted for us, we must plant for future generations. Betty and Marvin are deeply missed in our community, but we take comfort in knowing that the care and commitment they demonstrated during their lifetimes still touches countless people today.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

In these challenging and uncertain times, it is comforting to know that, because of visionaries who planned years ago for our future, our Jewish community today is able to respond quickly to tragedies that seemed unimaginable just a few years ago. A planned gift with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies is indeed a gift of consequence.

The Foundation is dedicated to developing the philanthropic resources today that will benefit the Jewish community in the future. With a Foundation gift, each donor creates an enduring legacy that will benefit Jews everywhere for generations to come. Our donors honor and reaffirm Jewish traditions and at the same time, their generosity assures a strong future for Jews in Miami, in Israel and around the world.

This year, the Foundation is extending its outreach to focus more on inter-generational philanthropy, giving entire families the opportunity to make a difference together.

The Foundation's assets stand at more than \$103 million, with more than 500 families and organizations represented. While each task that we undertake is often varied and unique, the work of caring for our Jewish family worldwide happens each and every day because of our donors and leaders. We are indeed fortunate to have such an outstanding Foundation family – and we look forward to welcoming more members in the future.



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HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA:

An Enduring Legacy

Sam La Roue, district director of admissions and registration services at Miami-Dade Community College loved South Florida. It showed, from his private collection of South Florida memorabilia to his 1998 award-winning book *Coral Gables In Postcards: Scenes from Florida's Yesterday* and *The Biltmore Hotel: An Enduring Legacy*, both co-written with his friend Ellen Uguccione.

“He was born to be a historian,” said his brother Robert La Roue. “He had severe polio and went around in an electric scooter, but he never let that get in the way of his dedication and desire to research and study South Florida.” Sam died in February, 2003 at the age of 57.

A Trustee of the Board of the Historical Museum, where he served as Chairman of the Collections Committee, Sam is missed by all his friends at the Historical Museum, but has left an enduring legacy of his own.

In 1998 Sam met with the museum’s gift planning specialist and determined that he would make a planned gift in the form of a bequest. When he died, Sam left the museum a significant gift of real property, personal property and artifactual material, including his beautifully restored 1932 Twin Coach bus, originally owned by the City of Coral Gables. The Samuel D. La Roue Jr. Fund, established to honor Sam’s memory, will be used to foster and continue many projects that were dear to his heart – all meant in some way to further and preserve the history of South Florida.

The Samuel D. La Roue, Jr. Fund is one of 13 designated funds within the museum’s endowment. These funds are earmarked for specific programs and activities in keeping with the museum’s mission.

SHARING AN INTEREST IN HISTORY

An association of people sharing an interest in the history of South Florida and the Caribbean

The Historical Association of Southern Florida began in 1940, founded by 13 people who used a file cabinet for storing collections. With its nonprofit incorporation in 1941, research, publication, education and collection began in earnest. The association opened its first museum in 1962, and in 1984 the museum moved to downtown Miami, the site of its present 40,000 square-foot Philip Johnson-designed facility.

The museum strives to serve the South Florida community by providing residents and visitors alike a forum for sharing our collective past while working together to preserve our cultural heritage. To reach these objectives the museum is engaged in a number of ambitious pursuits including exhibitions, educational programming for children and adults, publications, collections and folklife research.

The Endowment & Planned Giving

Since the 1980s the museum has been engaged in an ongoing endowment effort. The purpose of the endowment has always been to serve as a cushion in difficult economic times and to be a source of funding for new or expanded programs in good times. The current economic downturn has adversely affected many cultural institutions. That is why the Historical Museum is particularly grateful for its endowment of over \$9 million and to the many people who have contributed to it.

Planned Giving is one way to contribute to the endowment. The museum offers confidential philanthropic estate planning services at no charge to the donor. The museum’s gift planning specialist is available to work with prospective donors and their financial advisors to create estate plans that include many tax benefits, while providing gifts in perpetuity to the museum.



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HOPE CENTER: *Championing the Cause with Distinction*

Hope Center is proud to present its “Distinguished Honoree” awarded to our long time supporter and champion, Judge Ted Nelson. Judge Nelson’s involvement began decades ago when his brother, the late Shepard Nelson, was a client and resident. Since that time, Judge Nelson has been instrumental in ensuring the financial security of Hope Center by assisting in the formation and funding of the Hope Center Foundation. He is a strong believer in the goals and the work of Hope Center.

Judge Nelson has also served his community with distinction. Since his graduation from the University of Miami School of Law in 1949, he has specialized in trusts and estate planning in Miami Beach and Bay Harbor, and has been a Judge, Mayor, Councilman and Magistrate for the Bay Harbor Islands. Judge Nelson is a member of the Florida Bar Association and a member of the Estate Planning Council of Greater Miami. He also serves on the Advisory Council of Temple Israel of Greater Miami and just recently stepped down as National Vice-President of Ramot Shapira Educational Centers of Jerusalem.

OPENING DOORS TO GREATER INDEPENDENCE

Established in 1955, Hope Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide training, opportunities and care for people with developmental disabilities opening doors to greater independence. Hope Center is a residential and day-training facility and serves clients from an ethnically diverse population. Our clients come to us from South Florida, as well as from throughout the Americas. The staff at Hope Center prides itself on working directly with clients and families to develop individualized programs that promote choice, opportunity and inclusion. Hope Center offers comprehensive services and support, which include: congregate and community-based living; counseling, nursing and behavioral services; residential habilitation, day training, and community-based employment; and respite care.

The residential program at Hope Center enables residents to live in settings that meet each individual’s unique needs and preferences. Dormitories provide a care environment for those who require assistance and training in all areas of self-care and daily living skills. Raphael Hall is a semi-independent unit designed to prepare individuals to live more autonomously. Supervised apartments are available for clients who have acquired many of the necessary skills to becoming self-sufficient.

Education is the cornerstone of all of our programs. Services are provided in both in classrooms and a sheltered workshop. Through our day training program, our client’s people have the opportunity to participate in daily, valued routines and to learn new social and adaptive skills. In sheltered employment, some clients complete various business-production contracts in a work-like setting and are compensated based on the speed and accuracy of their work. Supported employment provides the training and job opportunities for our more independent clients to work in the community. Successful job partners include: Bayside Marina, Burger King, Calder Race Course, Carrier Inc., City Hall of Coconut Grove, City of Miami Housing Division, Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, Department of Human Services of Florida, Flagler Greyhound Dog Track, Florida Highway Patrol, Jenes Retirement Living Inc., Manual Arttime Center, Miami Marine Stadium, Miami Subs, Publix, Regal Cinemas, Southsea Gourmet, Target, Veterans Hospital, Wendy’s, Williamsburg Adult Care Facility and Winn Dixie.



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LEGAL SERVICES OF GREATER MIAMI:

Working for Equal Justice under the Law



Every member of the Florida Bar has an “aspirational” professional responsibility to engage in pro bono activities which address the legal needs of the poor. Miles A. McGrane III has taken this responsibility to heart, and has devoted himself to making equal justice under law a reality.

Appointed to the Board of Directors of Legal Services of Greater Miami in 1984, Miles quickly took on a leadership role, serving as Vice President of the Board, then as President from 1988-1990. Miles remained a strong supporter of Legal Services even after his Board term ended. When Legal Services of Greater Miami faced major funding cuts in 1995 and launched its Campaign for Justice to buy its main office building, Miles enthusiastically agreed to serve on the Campaign Committee. Most importantly, he also stepped forward as the lead donor to the Campaign and made the largest gift in the history of the organization, setting a shining example of generous philanthropy for others in the legal community to follow. His example helped to make the Campaign a success.

Miles continues his commitment to public service as a member of the Florida Bar Foundation Board of Directors, and is now President-Elect of The Florida Bar. He is also working with Legal Services on its new Fellowships for Justice Campaign.

Through his dedication and personal commitment to Legal Services for almost 20 years, Miles has greatly increased the resources of Legal Services of Greater Miami, and has helped to make equal justice under law a reality for the low income communities of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. With his support, Legal Services attorneys were able to help over 20,000 individuals with civil legal problems in 2002.

“I DIDN’T HAVE ANYWHERE TO TURN FOR HELP”

Dorsey Mae Howard, a 73-year-old mother of 10, grew up in public housing. She worked hard as a nurse’s aide to fulfill her dream of owning a home and moving her family out of the projects. In 1972, her dream came true. For the next 30 years, she dutifully paid the mortgage until, in 2002, her home was paid off.

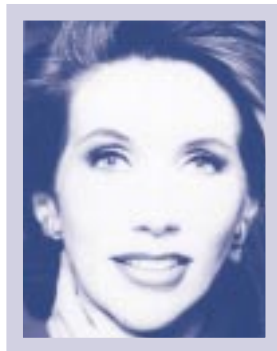
To her surprise, later that year a bail bondsman filed a foreclosure lawsuit. Confused and frightened at the prospect of losing her dream, Ms. Howard came to Legal Services of Greater Miami for help. Her attorney discovered that, unbeknownst to Ms. Howard, family members had forged her name and used her home as collateral to take out bail bonds when they were arrested.

Her attorney stopped the foreclosure, and negotiated a reduced payoff amount to settle the case. He also arranged for Ms. Dorsey to obtain, in exchange for the equity in her home, a reverse mortgage providing her with a lump sum to pay off the settlement, a small monthly check to help with expenses, and a line of credit if she needs extra cash. Best of all, she does not have to repay the reverse mortgage as long as she remains in her home.

LSGMI fights for fairness for low income people who would otherwise be victims of injustice. In 2002, LSGMI staff attorneys helped 5,366 households with daily legal problems in the areas of housing, employment, government benefits, special education and family law, and recovered over \$1.25 million for clients in disability, unemployment and other benefits. Most of the people receiving help are women, children and seniors, and almost two thirds are the working poor. Special projects target vulnerable groups, including people who are HIV positive and the homeless.



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MIAMI ART MUSEUM: *Dedication to the arts*

Lori S. Ferrell is the consummate arts and education advocate. She is a member of such South Florida arts organizations as the Miami Art Museum, Miami City Ballet, New World School of the Arts and the Young Patronesses of the Opera.

Mrs. Ferrell has been a trustee of the Miami Art Museum (MAM) for more than 10 years. She is a former president of the museum's board of trustees. Under her tenure as president, MAM evolved from the Center for the Fine Arts, which was founded in 1984 as a space solely for traveling exhibitions, into a museum with a permanent collection. As chair of the future site committee from 1997 to 2002, Mrs. Ferrell led the team, which conducted studies for site criteria, selection and evaluation of 19 sites for a new free-standing building and sculpture park for MAM in the 21st century.

As chair of the site committee, she represented Miami Art Museum's trustees when MAM and the Miami Museum of Science signed a joint resolution to advocate for Museum Park Miami in Bicentennial Park in 2000. She spent hundreds of hours educating the public and civic leaders about the importance of the City of Miami bond referendum, which passed in November 2001 and earmarked seed funds for Bicentennial Park and the creation of Museum Park Miami. She also represented MAM at the 2002 Miami-Dade County Mayor's Economic Summit, where she spoke about the importance of endowments to cultural and educational organizations.

In tandem, Miami Art Museum initiated discussions with Florida International University and the University of Miami regarding the creation of a strategic alliance. In 2002, the leadership of the three institutions appointed an Alliance Working Group to explore ways to enhance collaboration on educational projects of community-wide importance. Mrs. Ferrell, currently serving as vice-president of MAM's board, is a delegate of the Alliance Working Group.

Lori Ferrell is married to Milton M. Ferrell Jr., the founder and chairman of Ferrell Schultz law firm, and resides in Miami. They have two children Morgan, 19, and Whitney, 17.

HELPING TO BUILD A GREAT COMMUNITY

Helping to build a great community is at the heart of the Miami Art Museum. MAM was created in 1996 through a unique community-wide planning process conceived as an institutional metaphor for Miami and its unique civic diversity and pivotal geography. Participants agreed that to be a great city, Miami needed a great art museum. They saw MAM as the community's flagship art museum and set five goals for its future:

- Collect and exhibit international art with a focus on art of the Western Hemisphere from the 1940s to the present and its historical origins
- Build a world-class permanent collection
- Make education for all citizens, particularly children, a priority
- Rename the institution
- Improve the current facility and secure, for the long-term, a prime site for a freestanding building and sculpture park for the 21st century

In five years, MAM has established a solid foundation for its permanent collection, developed internationally respected exhibitions and publications, and created the largest art museum education program in Miami-Dade County. Since 2000, when MAM and Miami Museum of Science signed a joint resolution to advocate for a Museum Park Miami at Bicentennial Park, the two museums have worked in tandem with the City of Miami's public design process in planning the future of this site. In November 2001, citizens of the City of Miami voted to approve a bond issue that earmarked seed funds for Bicentennial Park and the creation of the two museums on the site. Because of this victory, Museum Park Miami is well on its way to becoming a reality.

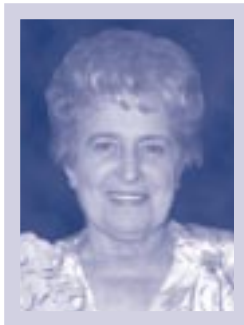
Miami Art Museum, a private non-profit educational institution, is supported in part by Miami-Dade County Government as well as foundations, corporations, individuals and MAM members.



Miami Art Museum



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MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION:

Compassion & Generosity Through the Years

United Order of True Sisters (UOTS) tracks its root back to 1846 when a group of Jewish women of German descent joined together to help their neighbors and to provide aid to the sick and to those in need. This industrious group became the first national, philanthropic women's organization in the United States to consist entirely of volunteers.

From their humble beginnings, the United Order True Sisters forged a partnership with community organizations that is unequalled in their 157 year history. Their credo, "love and faith", continues to be the mainstay of the membership in their commitment to community partnerships.

In 1958, the members of UOTS-Miami #43, identified the need for a Pediatric Cancer Clinic in south Florida. The Pediatric Oncology Clinic was established by UOTS at Miami Children's Hospital, then referred to as Variety Children's Hospital, and thus began the decades long partnership with Miami Children's Hospital. The clinic was the first of its kind in the region. These past 45 years of involvement have been geared to the needs of children with cancer. They have funded the purchase of equipment, a bone marrow transplant unit, research and fellowships as well as the establishment of a summer camp for young cancer patients.

UOTS has been led by the indefatigable, Eve Ruthfield, president since 1985, and a woman who understands the needs of children and their families. We salute UOTS and Eve and thank them for all they have done to bring kindness and caring into the troubled lives of our young patients. We are most grateful.

PUTTING A SMILE ON THE FACES OF CHILDREN

United Order True Sisters (UOTS) has a longstanding history of philanthropy in this community. Miami Children's Hospital Foundation (MCHF) and Miami Children's Hospital (MCH) have been fortunate to have been on the receiving end of their very generous relationship. Throughout the years UOTS has demonstrated their commitment by supporting improvements in the areas of clinical care, medical research and patient services and their achievements are truly admirable. But perhaps the most impressive and far reaching of all of their accomplishments was the establishment of a holiday summer camp for pediatric cancer patients.

UOTS/Miami Children's Hospital Special Clinic Camp was established in 1991. The weeklong camp provides cancer patients of Miami Children's Hospital with an opportunity to enjoy summer camp activities such as bowling, swimming, basketball, crafts and even field trips. The kids get to meet and relate with other patients in a fun and laidback environment. Their counselors provide support and hope as they themselves are recovered cancer patients and can easily relate to what the kids are going through. Since most of the children at this camp are either enduring chemotherapy or have just completed their treatment, doctors and nurses accompany the group to all events and activities in case they should need medical attention. This camp is a free service made possible through the generosity of the UOTS and is held at AD Barnes Park which was designed for people with special needs as a part of the Miami-Dade County Parks & Recreation system.

For their compassion and generosity throughout the years we at Miami Children's Hospital Foundation and Miami Children's Hospital would like to thank the United Order True Sisters for all of their support, but most of all, we thank you for putting a smile on the faces of so many children in this community!



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MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION:

Making the Community a Better Place



“Once a person gets a college education, he or she will be able to compete for a job and will become a productive, tax paying citizen better able to fulfill the “American Dream.” These were the words of my late grandfather, Colonel Mitchell Wolfson.

In 1983, I joined the Miami-Dade Community College Foundation to follow in the Colonel’s footsteps. M-DCC’s reputation in the City of Miami was, and still is, a training institution to fill thousands of hometown jobs each and every year. My first major role was to Chair M-DCC’s first Endowment Campaign, called the “Margin of Excellence Campaign.” With a concerted effort involving ten 20-member committees, we raised \$5 million dollars from the community in two years.

While leading the Foundation Board, we planned a \$10 million “Endowed Teaching Chair” Campaign. Our goal was to raise 100 Endowed Teaching Chairs at \$75,000 each. With our commitment and belief that great teaching promotes better learning in the classroom, we planned for the interest earned on each of these chairs to be awarded to M-DCC’s outstanding professors. They, in turn, could use that money to further their educations during summer programs throughout America or abroad returning energized and better prepared to teach their students. Over the next four years, we surpassed our \$7.5 million goal!

One of my proudest achievements as a Trustee of M-DCC, with the full participation of the Board, was to pass a referendum in Miami-Dade just after Hurricane Andrew devastated our community in 1992. The community supported a tax to create a \$95 million “Community Endowment.” We planned to invest the principle and distribute income to the College annually. As Chairman of the Investment Committee and an active member, I am proud that we have distributed over \$70 million to M-DCC thus far and have approximately \$110 million still invested.

I believe it is every citizen’s moral obligation to become involved with the community and help make it a better place for all people. Taught by my grandparents that building a foundation for future generations is a requirement, I believe I have helped build a strong foundation at M-DCC for my children and generations to come. The work goes on!

PROVIDING AN EDUCATION FOR ALL

In 1960, his grandfather, Colonel Mitchell Wolfson was a founder of Miami-Dade Community College. With his leadership, philanthropic efforts and direction, he helped established what is today the leading community college in America.

Louis Wolfson III, Colonel Wolfson’s grandson, has been active in similar leadership roles for years at M-DCC. Louis led the successful Endowed Teaching Chair Campaign in the 90’s, the first such financial excellence awards for educators at a non-research institution. He has served as a Trustee of the College, and continues in a leadership role with the M-DCC Foundation. By encouraging philanthropy and charitable giving for our students, programs and other needs of the College both personally and from others, he continues the Wolfson legacy at M-DCC. Through his many efforts he has greatly assisted in the open door policy of the College of leaving no student behind and believes that “Opportunity Changes Everything”. We salute Louis Wolfson III for his unconditional support and efforts at the College and the Foundation



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MIAMI FELLOWS INITIATIVE: *Building a New Generation of Leaders*

Exploring challenges facing the people and their communities was paramount when the Miami Fellows Initiative traveled to South Africa in August 2002 for their international learning experience. They learned about the parallels between South Africa and South Florida -- multiculturalism, a multilingual population, a great disparity between the haves and have-nots, and a reliance on trade and tourism with the need to preserve the fragile environment. But, perhaps most importantly, they learned the concept of “Ubuntu” which places the community before the individual. You can’t be who you are without others.

Through a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and under the auspices of the Dade Community Foundation, the Miami Fellows Initiative brings together a diverse group of young professionals to work together building bridges among Miami-Dade’s communities during a two-year experiential learning experience. “The Fellows have risen to the responsibility each of us has to our community, and they have invested their time and talent to learn how to become change agents for social reform,” said Ruth Shack, President of the Dade Community Foundation.

By participating in six experiential workshops and monthly programs, the Fellows interact with established leaders in many fields, learn new skills and challenge their own perspectives on topics unique to Miami-Dade County. The goal of the program is to develop a new generation of leaders who understand the importance of community building in a diverse society. By exploring solutions to the complex challenges facing our community and learning to value differences in order to maximize the full potential of individuals and groups, the impact of this experience will stretch far beyond the duration of the fellowship.

Working closely with Dade Community Foundation, Chase Marketing Group is proud to administer the MFI program to build a meaningful, stimulating two-year fellowship. Through a myriad of experiences, the essence of Ubuntu is realized for each of the Fellows...their personal journey woven into their new connections together as a fellowship impacting to benefit our community.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMON GOOD

Miami Fellows Initiative Class II: 2001-2003

Shelly Baer, UM School of Medicine; Darcy Brito, Pantin/JGR & Associates; Melissa Buckner, Lawyers for Children America; Crystal Connor, Office of Miami-Dade Commissioner Jimmy Morales; Marie Estime-Thompson, Estime-Thompson & Associates; Karyn Ferro, Everglades National Park; Sherman Henry, AFSCME, Local 1184; Wayne Jones, Miami Beach Police Department; Barbara Junge, de la O & Marko; Karen Mahar, Camillus House; David Marko, de la O & Marko; Marcia Monserrat, Office of Miami-Dade Commissioner Jimmy Morales; Eddie Padilla-Morales, Miami-Dade Housing Authority; Janet Perales, Dade County Veterinary Foundation; Steven Porter, Touching Miami With Love; Val Screen, Steel Hector & Davis; Larry Spring, City of Miami; Gene Sulzberger, SunTrust; Juan Talavera, Jackson Memorial Mental Health Hospital Center (Abbey Chase, Program Oversight; Melissa Moonves, Program Director)

“I think the connection I’ve made with other Fellows will ultimately turn out to be the most important outcome of the Initiative. The cross-cultural friendships are proving invaluable. Our friendships will forever prevent me from falling into the temptation of stereotyping or making assumptions. I wish every person in Miami could say the same thing.” - Karen Mahar

“Because if this program, my definition of ‘my people’ has expanded. I have to be a citizen of the entire community. MFI is creating a consciousness – 20 people at a time – where members understand the importance of the common good, and have a vested interest in making our home the best place it can be.” - Larry Spring

“MFI has given me hope, knowing Miami has honest, moral, ethical young leaders who are doing good work and making a difference. I defend its leadership more intensely now and from a different, deeper place.” - Shelly Baer



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THE MIAMI JEWISH HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE AGED:

Truly making a difference

A dedication to caring with a passionate devotion to the community: Attributes which depict George Stein, truly an American success story.

Born in Stuttgart, Germany in 1931, George Stein immigrated to New York City on the first anniversary of Kristallnacht: November 10, 1939. A graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School and City College of New York School of Education, George served in the United States Army's Psychological Warfare Unit and was involved in an official United States Government diplomatic mission to the Philippines. George later worked at an institute for emotionally disturbed boys, developing special expertise in successfully teaching those with learning disabilities. He also served as a recreational volunteer with Volunteers of America's AIDS Hospice.

Upon retiring and moving to Florida in 1989, George immersed himself with the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, where his mother of blessed memory, Mathilde, resided at both Irving Cypen Tower and Hazel Cypen Tower. A loving son, George and his mother were familiar sights as he accompanied her around the 20-acre Douglas Gardens campus and all around the town, attending a myriad of special events.

George Stein's leadership roles are reflective of the diversity of the Southeast's largest center for geriatric care, programs and services. He is currently serving his second term as President of the Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach.

A Vice President of MJHHA, he serves on the organization's Board of Directors. George is a member of the Home's FOUNDERS group and its Star Club. He supports the Alzheimer's Care Committee/NOTABLES as a Double Grand NOTABLE.

A past president of the Home's Men's Club, he has been honored both as "Man of the Year," and "Volunteer of the Year" for his selfless devotion. George also assists the Home's Rabbi in Synagogue during Sabbath and High Holy Days services.

A LIFETIME OF GIVING

The Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged (MJHHA) is the most comprehensive not-for-profit center for geriatric care, programs and services in the Southeast United States.

Nearly 700 residents and tenants live on its 20-acre main campus; seventy-five percent of nursing home residents are indigent. Philanthropic heroes -- FOUNDERS, the Greater Miami Women's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Latin Auxiliary, Alzheimer's Care Committee/NOTABLES, Men's Club and Next Generation, are vital, as are two retail Thrift Shops and assistance from both United Way of Miami-Dade and Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

MJHHA offers long- and short-term care, a geriatric hospital, independent (Irving Cypen Tower) and assisted (Hazel Cypen Tower) living, a medical center, and centers for rehabilitation, biofeedback and adult day care. The May Learning Center provides nursing education.

Thousands of South Floridians are served annually at eight community-based locations, including the Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach. The Channeling Project is a nursing home diversion/Medicaid waiver program. MJHHA operates the deHoernle Alzheimer's Pavilion, a 46-bed facility located in Deerfield Beach.

MJHHA is the State's first Teaching Nursing Home. Administered by MJHHA's Stein Gerontological Institute (SGI), this program provides integrated long-term care curriculum for nurses and physicians and operates an online geriatrics university. SGI conducts research and training in areas such as aging in place, barrier-free design, improved independence and accessibility, and operates the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology program.

Douglas Gardens Hospice provides end-of-life care; Douglas Gardens Home Care offers medical and non-medical services, while Douglas Gardens Community Care helps eligible frail seniors remain independent.

The state's first PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Center offers comprehensive care to eligible seniors. The organization is planning Douglas Gardens North, a 26-acre site located in Pembroke Pines.

MJHHA remains dedicated to providing personalized, quality care with dignity to all of South Florida.



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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND:

Finding Time to Serve



Advertising, banking, investment counseling... Karl Bishopric has found success in a variety of careers during his lifetime. But one constant has been his leadership and financial support of so many South Florida charities.

From the arts to education to social services, the generosity of Karl and his wife, Carmen, have touched thousands of individuals. They are among the very few to be celebrated as Grand Benefactors of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind.

Originally from the Piedmont region of North Carolina and Virginia, Karl came to Miami in 1947 after serving in the military. He worked in advertising for nearly 25 years. A dynamic salesman, Karl began working in finance and investments, eventually becoming President of Miami National Bank.

While serving on the audit committee of what would become the United Way, Karl learned about Miami Lighthouse for the Blind. "It was clear to me that this was a tightly run agency that really cared about its clients," Karl said.

At the invitation of a friend, Mr. Bishopric joined the Lighthouse Board in 1993. That year, the agency embarked on a \$3 million Capital Campaign, in which Karl played a major role.

In 1999, Karl and Carmen Bishopric were named Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year by the National Society of Fundraising Executives (NSFRE), the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of America. In addition to Miami Lighthouse, they have supported the University of Miami, New World School of the Arts, Miami Book Fair International, Coconut Grove Playhouse, WPBT Channel 2, Greater Miami Opera and the Florida Philharmonic.

In 2001, Karl joined the Brickell office of William R. Hough & Co., specializing in the financial needs of individuals, corporations and municipalities. He and Carmen also travel extensively, often to visit their children and grandchildren. Still, they continue to find time to serve charities they feel are important to the South Florida community.

LEARNING TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

In December 2002, Dorothy Swift entered a world of darkness within two days. A virus attacked her immune system and damaged her optic nerves, which left her completely blind. She began the new year at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, where she is regaining her independence with daily living skills.

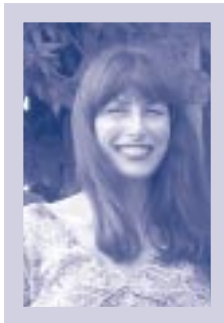
Dorothy followed her older brother, a South Miami ophthalmologist, from Pennsylvania to Miami. After receiving her Masters in education from the University of Miami, she spent fifteen years as a librarian for the Miami-Dade Public School System. She enjoyed hiking, skiing, playing tennis and walking on the beach. Before losing her sight, Dorothy led an active and independent life.

Dorothy is learning daily living skills such as measuring ingredients for cooking, kitchen safety, practicing handwriting with guides for letters and checks, traveling independently and safely with the long cane, and soon she will be taking computer lessons with voice-assistive programs to explore the internet and learn basic computer programs. "I now realize the importance of Braille. It has been helpful with labeling ingredients in the kitchen and everyday life... I have to be very organized," said Dorothy.

For over 72 years now, Miami Lighthouse has served the Miami-Dade community in a rigorous mission of "enabling blind people to live fuller, more independent lives." Programs are available for all age groups (infants to seniors) and free of charge. The training and services enable clients, like Dorothy Swift, to continue to enjoy their lives. Having enjoyed the outdoors, traveling extensively through Europe and South and Central America, she looks forward to traveling again when her program at the Lighthouse is complete. She hopes to eventually learn parachuting!



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MIAMI RESCUE MISSION:

Offering Hope to Homeless Men, Women and Children

Our vision: To move homeless people from dependence to inclusion and productivity.

You would not expect to find a classically trained musician playing Christmas carols in a homeless shelter on Christmas morning; however, that is exactly where Luanne Allgood was six years ago. Luanne is a bassoonist with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and owns her own production company, OoLaLa! Productions. As a result of this volunteer experience, Luanne was inspired to offer her time and talent to start a weekly class called "Creative Living."

Luanne is convinced that beautiful things inspire, encourage and motivate people to live exciting and full lives. She sincerely believes that when people are exposed to beautiful things, that new vistas of hope will be opened and a new sense of self-esteem and self-worth will be evident.

Every week for the last six years, Luanne and several of her professional friends can be found teaching, inspiring, motivating and encouraging homeless men to become all that they can be. Subjects may range from etiquette, communication, proper dress, to music, art, drama and even storytelling. Field trips are planned to the opera, ballet, the symphony, a nice restaurant, or even sailing.

Luanne's primary goal is to provide a different and exciting perspective on life and to open the door for career opportunities and creative expression of talented people. From all indications, the program is working beautifully. Creative Living is one of the most popular classes offered at the Miami Rescue Mission.

It is through the dedicated efforts of volunteers like Luanne Allgood that Miami Rescue Mission, South Florida's first and longest serving private, not-for-profit homeless shelter, is able to provide the finest full-service recovery programs for homeless men, women and children.

Miami Rescue Mission would like to thank SunTrust for their involvement with our organization for over 14 years and the gracious donation of their pages in the Family Album.

REACHING OUT TO THE LEAST, THE LAST AND THE LOST SINCE 1922

Miami Rescue Mission offers a comprehensive, long-term residential recovery program for men, women and children who have become homeless because of various life-controlling problems such as chemical abuse or addiction, medical and mental issues, illiteracy, and lack of adequate job skills.

The approach used to encourage and promote growth in each person begins by extending human compassion and the love of God. This approach is holistic and focuses on individual need. Each person participates in service assignments designed to train an individual for future employment. Participants receive individual and group counseling and various life skill classes. Students also attend the Jeffrey A. Tew Education Center; an innovative computer-based learning center that has the capacity to move a student from illiteracy to college entrance. On average, 135 students spend two hours per day working on an individualized education prescription.

Miami Rescue Mission facilities include; The Center for Men, The Center for Women and Children, The Jeffrey A. Tew Education Center, The Community Activity Center, an after school and summer program for "at-risk" kids, The Welfare to Work Program and The Industrial Division and Donation Center.

In 1995, Miami Rescue Mission formed Broward Outreach Center and presently operates Centers in Hollywood and Pompano Beach, FL, making the Mission one of the largest homeless providers in the nation.

During the year 2002, Miami Rescue Mission, Inc., provided 456, 329 free meals, 142,511 free bed nights, 53,828 free pieces of clothing and 160,710 free showers. 799 students participated in educational programs, 174 were assisted in job placement, 31,581 hours of volunteer services were given and 17, 758 hours of counseling services rendered.

Charles, a homeless man who had lived on the streets of Miami for several months, said it best: "If it had not been for caring people who support the Miami Rescue Mission, I might not be alive today. I now have my family, faith in God, a good job and hope for the future."6



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NORTH DADE MEDICAL FOUNDATION:*Dedication to the Community*

Mr. Franco's commitment to the community spans more than 50 years and continues today as he provides leadership and support to many community organizations. Mr. Franco has served as Chairman of the Board of Miami Country Day School since 1978. He is an Elder of Miami Shores Presbyterian Church. Mr. Franco has served as councilman and Mayor of the Miami Shores Village, President of Dade County Bankers Association and Vice Chairman of the Metropolitan Dade County Transit Authority.

In 1991, North Shore Medical Center dedicated the intensive care and telemetry units to Michael and Katherine Franco for their generous contributions to the hospital. Mr. Franco has made a charitable pledge to North Dade Medical Foundation, the successor to North Shore Medical Center, to provide funding for continuing medical education for physicians and nurses.

Michael Franco was born in Philadelphia in 1911 and entered Girard College, a school for fatherless boys, in 1919. In 1929, he went to work for a bank during the day and attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in the evening. After graduating from the Wharton School, he married lovely Katherine, a girl with unforgettable blue eyes, and they settled in Miami in 1940. Mr. Franco attended the University of Miami at night while working at First National Bank during the day. During World War II, he taught air, marine and celestial navigation to carrier pilots and deck officers. After graduating from the University of Miami, he joined the firm of Abess, Morgan, Altemus and Weinberg. He then became a CPA and a partner in the firm. Later he joined City National Bank, becoming the President in 1957 and Chairman of the Board in 1971. During his time at City National Bank, Mr. Franco became an advisor to the Comptroller of the Currency.

GROWTH AND EXPANSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The mission of North Dade Medical Foundation is to support organizations and groups that improve the lives of the residents of northern Miami-Dade County.

North Dade Medical Foundation came into existence on January 10, 1997, after North Shore Medical Center became a for-profit hospital. From its inception, the Foundation has nurtured, cultivated and built upon the hospital's five-decade legacy of service. Since the day the hospital's charter was signed on April 10, 1952, the Board of Trustees, physicians, nurses and employees provided unsurpassed care to the community. They began with a simple and noble vision; create a neighborhood hospital to serve the neighborhood.

Today, North Dade Medical Foundation shares the same commitment. With spirit and dedication, it enriches the lives of thousands of northern Miami-Dade residents through its grants program. In the last six years, the Foundation has provided almost \$8 million in funding to local non-profit organizations providing after-school tutoring, meals to the elderly, counseling to HIV/AIDS clients, support for the homeless, emergency food supplies to those in need, domestic violence awareness for school-age children, and countless other programs all to improve the lives of the community's most vulnerable residents.

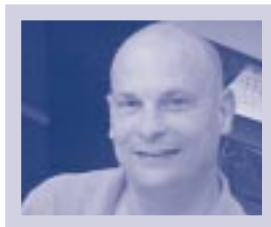


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THE MIAMI HERALD:

Continuing the Tradition of Helping



The Blank Family Foundation was formed in 1943 by Samuel Blank, the family patriarch and an original founder of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. Sam's primary mission was to contribute to and help strengthen the South Florida community, the community in which he raised his family and nurtured his businesses. Sam Blank, using the resources of the Blank Family Foundation centered his giving priorities on the Jewish community of which he was a vital part. He played a central role in the founding of Mt. Sinai Hospital, The Standard Club and the Greater Miami Jewish Home for the Aged. The Blank Family Foundation became synonymous with supporting new and emerging Jewish causes and in supporting community organizations serving those most in need of assistance.

Sam's son Jerry, and his daughters Rose and Marion, continued the tradition by adding to the Foundation corpus and expanding its grants to organizations that addressed issues of poverty and under-served individuals, through organizations such as Goodwill Industries and Jewish Family Services.

Andy Blank, the third generation member to serve the Foundation as President, continues the family tradition of community service and philanthropy. Andy has taken an active role in civic affairs and also serves as President of Seaboard Warehouse Terminals, a full service third-party warehousing and distribution logistics company with multiple locations throughout the U.S.; President of Archive America, a national business records management company; President of National Brands, a family holding company; and President of Precision Delivery Systems, a statewide transportation company.

The Blank Family Foundation's support of The Miami Herald's Silver Knight Awards, has helped to ensure the successful tradition of providing scholarships to deserving young students in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, who have also demonstrated a commitment to the communities where they live by active civic involvement.

The Blank Family Foundation and the Trustees, Jerry Blank, Andy Blank and Marty Gallant, continue the path that Sam Blank forged in 1943.

REWARDING EXCELLENCE

Every Spring since 1959, The Miami Herald has celebrated the achievements and community service of the finest high school seniors in South Florida by presenting the Silver Knight Awards.

The awards program was instituted by the late John S. Knight, publisher of The Miami Herald, Editor Emeritus of Knight-Ridder Newspapers, and winner of the 1968 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing. The Silver Knights are high school seniors who have excelled in academics but more important have given of themselves unselfishly to serve others in the community. Over 18,000 students have been recognized since the program's inception.

Several years ago, The Blank Family Foundation became a key supporter of the Silver Knight Awards by helping underwrite the cash scholarships for the award recipients. Through the generous support of the Blank Family Foundation, each winner is awarded \$1,500 and each honorable mention is awarded \$500. In many cases, this money is invaluable, as it helps many winners fund their college education.

The Herald salute's Andy Blank and The Blank Family Foundation for their generous support of the Silver Knight Awards and for their remarkable commitment to community service.



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THE VICTORY SCHOOL: *Reach for the Stars*

A native of Florida, Cheryl Jackson comes from a family of five siblings, one of whom is her twin. Having grown up with such a large family she learned a lesson that remains with her today and makes her the special person she is, and that is to share with others.

Cheryl has been very involved with the founding of The Victory School for Children with Autism. From the initial meetings, when the school was just a dream to the opening in June 2000, Cheryl's continued commitment and generosity has been essential to its success. Her support of the Victory School Scholarship fund has made it possible to help several children, who faced economic hardship on top of their developmental disability, gain access to high quality intervention they would otherwise not have been able to afford.

Cheryl dedicates countless hours volunteering and supporting several other charities in South Florida such as the Make a Wish Foundation, New Birth Baptist Church, The Culmer Center to feed the homeless, and several hospices.

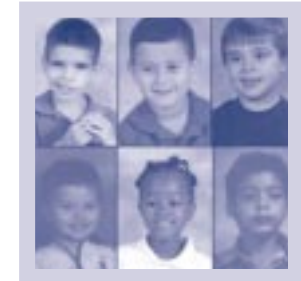
Whether it is keeping the aged company or making a difference in the lives of children with disabilities, Cheryl's deeds know no bounds - she definitely is a credit to our community and she is an inspiration to us all.

THE LESSONS OF SHARING

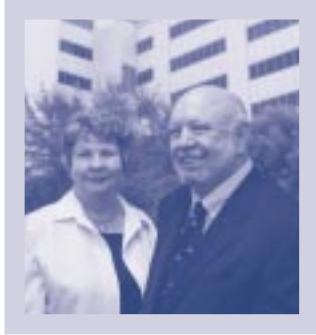
The Victory School is a non-profit organization, which provides children with autism a year round one-to-one program in a classroom setting. Located in North Miami Beach, Florida the mission of The Victory School is to provide children with autism comprehensive individualized and science-based treatment that is not otherwise available in Southeast Florida. The intensive therapy program provided at The Victory School is based upon B.F. Skinner's principles of Applied Behavior Analysis with an emphasis on verbal behavior.

The Victory School was founded almost three years ago, and in that time, we have had six scholarship students. Since The Victory School is a private school and offers one-to-one instruction, the tuition can be very challenging for some parents. With these scholarships, The Victory School, via contributions made by generous benefactors, has been able to assist these children and their families and has made a difference in their lives.

One of the first Victory School students on tuition assistance was Brittany. She was seven years old at the time, and had severe behavioral issues. She came to us after several years in the public school system and was very disruptive in school and at home. Brittany came to us with no expressive language; therefore, she had no form of communicating her needs. During her year and a half at The Victory School, we were able to teach her to communicate with signs. Brittany was so motivated to learn and use signs that the staff had to have daily practice sessions, in order to keep up with her. With this newfound ability, Brittany's behaviors decreased dramatically and her future showed great promise. The continued support of Cheryl and the community has made it possible to continue the legacy of assisting several children and families with tuition assistance, giving them the opportunity to "Reach for the Stars."



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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:

Training Doctors from Around the World

The University of Miami School of Medicine recently received a 2 million donation from the South Florida Artificial Kidney Center in honor of its founder and long-time medical director, Dr. William Way Anderson. Dr. Anderson and his partners at the Center are leaving a permanent legacy at the University of Miami through the establishment of the Wm. Way Anderson, M.D. Chair in Nephrology.

Answering a community need, Dr. Anderson and his colleagues founded the not-for-profit center in 1965 to provide dialysis for seriously ill kidney patients. With government funding providing that care today, its Board of Directors has made an important contribution for the future, donating the center's assets after its closing to create an endowed Chair in Nephrology at the School of Medicine.

Now retired after 30 years of private practice, Dr. Anderson and his wife Betty have had a long and close relationship with the University of Miami School of Medicine and Jackson Memorial Hospital. In his medical practice, Dr. Anderson treated many patients suffering from terminal kidney failure. Many of these cases were referred for transplantation to Jackson Memorial Hospital, with care provided by School of Medicine faculty members.

But Dr. Anderson's experience with the medical school extends even farther, to residency training at Jackson under the direction of William Harrington, M.D., then chairman of the Department of Medicine. He also served as a voluntary faculty member through the 1960s and early 1970s. His wife, Betty, who was director of nursing for the Artificial Kidney Center, was trained at Jackson, as well.

The Anderson Chair will support research studies that aim to improve treatments for conditions related to kidney failure, like hypertension, vascular disease and diabetes, in addition to encouraging faculty members to pursue excellence in the clinic as well as the laboratory.

ESTABLISHING A CHAIR IN NEPHROLOGY

The University of Miami School of Medicine, established fifty years ago and one of the youngest medical schools in the nation, has earned national acclaim for biomedical research and clinical care and is the academic partner for the nation's second largest and busiest medical center.

The School has established a number of centers of excellence, including the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the Diabetes Research Institute and the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. US News and World Report recently ranked the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center as one of the top 25 medical centers in the nation.

The School of Medicine seeks to enter the top ranks of medical schools in the country and will do so by strengthening its position as one of the world's preeminent institutions for medical education, research and compassionate patient care. We are committed to accelerating the development and rapid application of the most advanced research to ease human suffering by preventing and curing disease.



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VOICES FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION: *A Labor of Love*



Voices For Children Foundation, Inc., and the Guardian Ad Litem Program are privileged to have the support of board member, Veena Panjabi.

Veena is an officer of the Board of Trustees, a member of the governance committee and chair of the gala committee. She has been a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer, advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children involved in dependency court proceedings. When asked to spearhead the efforts of a nascent fundraising gala, she not only accepted the challenge, but also elevated this annual event to the outstanding success it is today. As gala chair, Veena spends countless hours contacting donors and sponsors. She is responsible for securing the underwriting for the event. She personally checks all printed material and oversees the invitations, program books, decorations and menu. In other words, she makes sure every detail has been taken care of.

For Veena, this is a labor of love. Her commitment to abused, abandoned and neglected children is immeasurable. Voices for Children Foundation Inc., the Guardian Ad Litem Program and the Board of Trustees salute and thank our own Veena Panjabi.

ADVOCATING FOR THE ABUSED AND NEGLECTED

Voices for Children Foundation started with a need. More than 16 years ago, several Juvenile Justice Judges established a special Children's Fund to help raise additional monies to support the 11th Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program and ultimately those children seen daily in Court. That special fund eventually evolved into Voices For Children Foundation, Inc.

Voices exists to fill a big gap. The State of Florida requires that the interests of every abused and neglected child be represented by a guardian ad litem in court. While the benefits of this are immeasurable to the child, there aren't enough Guardian Advocates for all of Miami-Dade County's abused and neglected children. The GAL program doesn't receive adequate public funding and that's where Voices helps.

Through a variety of private funding initiatives, Voices is able to provide the GAL Program with financial support for recruitment of volunteer Guardians, hiring and staffing of attorneys, clothing, eyeglasses, food, summer camp, school uniforms and others. Some of the special projects include the annual Holiday Toy Drive, Project Birthday, Picturing Ourselves and Bear Necessities.

Voices For Children Mission is to raise funds to ensure that every abused and neglected child in Miami-Dade County has a court appointed Guardian Ad Litem volunteer and that financial assistance and other resources are available for their accompanying health, educational and social needs.



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LEAVE A LEGACY

Leave A Legacy is a program of the Planned Giving Council of Miami-Dade. The PGC of Miami-Dade is a nonprofit organization comprised of nonprofit professionals and allied professionals involved in estate and financial planning who share the goal of promoting planned giving and philanthropy.

The Leave a Legacy initiative is a collaborative campaign to promote charitable giving in South Florida with a focus on educating the community through nonprofit organizations, professional advisors and the media about the impact and benefits of leaving gifts to local charities through bequests.

Some of the highlights of the Miami-Dade Leave A Legacy campaign include:

- *Giving*, a *Miami Herald* special section devoted to philanthropy distributed on National Philanthropy Day
- Educational outreach to nonprofits including conferences "Walk the Walk" to allied professionals and the "Sweet Charity" conference to nonprofit organizations
- *Leave A Legacy*, a six-minute video to assist local nonprofits in their planned giving efforts
- the *Donor Next Door* program to help participating nonprofits honor their donors
- the *Non Profit Reference Manual* to assist local nonprofits
- the *Chartered Giving Plans*, an easy-to-read brochure to assist nonprofits in their planned giving efforts

and other projects, events, publications and efforts designed to promote philanthropy and help make South Florida a better community.

Finally, Leave A Legacy is a poignant reminder that "Philanthropy is the rent we pay for the joy and privilege we have for our space on this earth."

For information about the Planned Giving Council of Miami-Dade and its programs, contact Keith Goldman at (305) 646-7012.



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