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# FAMILY ALBUM



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This Family Album celebrates the financial support, time, talent and/or 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 third "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:**

*Gifts for a Caring Environment*



For five years, Steven Calev was in and out of the hospital, fighting a variety of health problems; his wife, Barbara, always by his side. To the couple's grateful surprise, both Baptist and South Miami Hospitals came to feel like comfortable second homes.

"Instead of thinking of the hospitals as a place where people are sick and die, both Baptist and South Miami became a safe place for us to go when we needed help," Mrs. Calev said. "The nursing care was outstanding and the doctors were compassionate; most of them became almost like family."

Mr. Calev died of cancer in 1999 at the age of 54. "I made a commitment after Steve died to help the community," said Mrs. Calev, who now serves as chair of the South Miami Hospital Foundation Board. "I wanted to be active and involved, to give back. And I can't think of anything more important to do than contribute to healthcare and education."

Through a friend, Mrs. Calev learned about the Baptist Health Foundation, the fundraising arm of the not-for-profit healthcare organization. In addition to her time, she has generously supported the Foundation financially. She first became a member of the Founders Society, which celebrates and recognizes philanthropists whose gifts total \$50,000 or more. "My husband's plaque is outside the room where he died, where we spent our last night together in 20 years of marriage," Mrs. Calev said.

In addition, Mrs. Calev set up a charitable gift annuity worth \$50,000, earmarked for the expansion project at South Miami Hospital. Finally, Mrs. Calev was recently refining her personal trust and decided to leave a "significant" gift to the Baptist Health Foundation upon her death. "I realized I had an opportunity to take it beyond the present and continue to help when I'm not here anymore."

## BENEFITING PROJECTS CLOSE TO HER HEART

Throughout her husband's illness she became acutely aware of the significant role the nursing staff plays in patient care and she continues to support nursing through the Baptist Health Center for Excellence in Nursing. Funds from the Center support nursing education and professional development, nurse retention, the Nursing Scholars and Mentoring programs, technology designed to improve quality of care and allow nurses more time at bedside, and hospital-specific items identified by our nurses.

As chair of South Miami Hospital Foundation Board, Ms. Calev considers South Miami Hospital her "own personal cause," and supports a variety of its nationally acclaimed programs:

- The Addiction Treatment Center is one of the finest hospital based programs of its kind. Since 1976 the Addiction Treatment Program at South Miami has built a reputation for professional treatment by a highly qualified, multi-disciplinary staff. Our physicians, therapists, nurses and psychologists work hand-in-hand to provide personalized treatment options to help individuals recover from the disease of addiction.
- The Child Development Center provides multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluations and treatment to infants born prematurely with complications, and to children who have, or are at high risk for, developmental disabilities.
- The Behavioral and Collaborative Medicine program offers services for people who are dedicated to maintaining good health, those at risk of conditions such as heart disease, and those with existing conditions whose treatment can be enhanced by lifestyle modification or non-traditional therapies

Donors such as Barbara Calev help insure that needed healthcare services are available to the communities served by Baptist Health South Florida, the largest not-for-profit health care organization in the region. It includes Baptist, South Miami, Doctors, Baptist Children's, Homestead, and Mariners Hospitals as well as Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute and Baptist Outpatient Services.



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**DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:**

*A Tribute to the Legacy of Giving*

*The Aronovitz Family and the Sidney M. Aronovitz Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Dade Community Foundation recognizes the Aronovitz Family and the late Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz as our “Donor Next Door”.

The Aronovitz Family established a memorial scholarship fund in honor of their patriarch, Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz. The fund pays tribute to the life and accomplishments of this respected jurist and community leader. A man of great integrity, Judge Aronovitz served for twenty one years on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. His work on behalf of the community included service as the first Chairman of the Dade County Community Relations Board, founder and incorporator of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, first chairman of Little HUD of Greater Miami, Founder and Board Member of Miami Jewish Hospital and Home for the Aged, and City of Miami Vice Mayor and Commissioner (1963-1966).

The Aronovitz Family—wife Elinore and three children- Elaine, Tod, and Karen remember Judge Aronovitz as a caring man who led by example. The fund bearing his name continues his legacy of giving back to the community as it provides scholarship support to the students of Miami-Dade. Family members actively participate in the administration of the fund and contribute annually in order to increase its reach.

Dade Community Foundation salutes the Aronovitz Family for their legacy of giving.

## BUILDING A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

Dade Community Foundation's mission is to encourage philanthropy at all levels by developing a permanent endowment to meet Greater Miami's emerging charitable needs. The Foundation receives, manages and grows the charitable contributions and funds established by individuals, families, organizations, corporations, other foundations and nonprofit organizations. In perpetuity we honor the wishes of our donors and pay tribute to their legacy of giving through our community grants program and the establishment of charitable funds.

Some of the charitable individuals, past and present, who turned to Dade Community Foundation to perpetuate their giving include: 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; William Nelson for Black Affairs; Dr. Jane Hsiao supporting at risk children, after school tutoring and mentoring programs; Helen A. and Bertram J. Goldsmith and a new generation of Goldsmiths assisting students pursuing a college education; Selma Alexander supporting culture; Dr. Ismael and Alma Hernandez supporting community; Judges Edith M. and Henry Atkinson for emerging needs.

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



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## **THE MIAMI HERALD:**

*Making Wishes Come True*

For many years, The Bachelor Foundation has been a steady supporter of The Miami Herald Wish Book program. This year, their donation of \$100,000 granted one-third of all wishes requested. The Wish Book program calls for nominations each Fall from social service agencies in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Wishes come in all shapes and sizes: toys, food, wheelchairs, electric beds, a helmet for a young child with cerebral palsy, a kidney transplant and a heart donation.

The Bachelor Foundation was created to provide hope to families whose children are living with asthma, cystic fibrosis, HIV/AIDS, cancer and head injuries. They have assisted countless numbers of non-profit organizations and causes throughout the United States. Through their generous support and continued commitment to Herald Charities and The Miami Herald Wish Book program, The Bachelor Foundation ensures that thousands of wishes will be fulfilled in the years to come.

## TOUCHING LIVES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It was in December 1982 that The Miami Herald published its first Wish Book in an effort to do something more personal as a newspaper than the daily report of local, state, national and international news. And it was a chance to tell readers that they could make a difference in someone's holidays, someone's life. Since then, Herald readers have contributed several million dollars to help some of the most needy people in our community. The 2003 Wish Book raised over \$300,000, and 450 people were helped. Wishes ranged from the most simple - food, clothes and toys for the holidays - to more desperately needed things - medical services, wheelchairs, lifts, minor housing and home repairs, beds and dental work.

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**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI:**

*Contributing in Ways That Will Do the Most Good*

Thomas A. Curtis is somewhat of a celebrity around town. Everywhere he goes, someone is picking up his restaurant tab or rushing over to shake his hand. Often the greeting is: “Mr. Curtis, you don’t know me, but you gave me a battery when I needed one and didn’t have a job.”

In business and in life, Curtis has made every effort to help others. Founder of the Curtis Batters Company in Miami, which he opened in 1940 with \$11 in capital, he remembers his humble days growing up in Savannah, Georgia. Seeking employment after completing the eighth grade at the height of the Depression he hopped a freight train to California, then to Chicago, where he worked as a self-taught mechanic for several automobile manufacturers before settling in Miami. Sixty years of running a successful battery manufacturing business and making wise investment decisions have served him well. Yet he has lived in the same modest house for 30 years and has made giving his priority. Which is why he supports several academic and research initiatives at the University of Miami.

“I try to contribute in ways that I think will do the most good,” says Curtis, who has created charitable remainder trust at the Burn Center and Ear Institute at the School of Medicine. He also funded the Augustina Curtis Chair in Accounting at the School of Business Administration in memory of his wife, who always encouraged him to continue his education. “It makes you feel pretty good that you’re helping some people when they are in need.”

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Established in 1929, the University of Miami School of Business Administration offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in a full range of business disciplines and specializations to more than 2,200 undergraduate and 1,100 graduate students. The School's Executive MBA program is one of the largest accredited programs of its kind in the country, with an enrollment of approximately 500 students. In addition to the on-campus program, the School offers off-site Executive MBA classes at various locations in Florida and the Bahamas. The Master of Science in Professional Management program is a unique offering to Latin American executives that is taught entirely in Spanish. The James W. McLamore Executive Education Center also serves as the venue for a wide range of non-degree executive education programs.

The School is fully accredited by AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business — for its bachelor's, master's and accounting degree programs. Its health administration education programs are accredited by the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA).

The School has approximately 100 full-time regular faculty members, recognized nationally and internationally for their teaching and research. In addition to contributing published material, a number of faculty members serve in editorial capacities for scholarly journals and are actively involved in consulting and service. The School is comprised of nine academic departments: Accounting, Business Law, Computer Information Systems, Economics, Finance, Management, Management Science, Marketing and Political Science.



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**BARRY UNIVERSITY:**  
*Champions of Education*



Olga and David Melin can trace their involvement with Barry University back to 1982; just one year after Sr. Jeanne O’Laughlin began her presidency. In fact, it was their personal relationship that initially led Olga to join the university’s board of trustees.

The trio got together one night for dinner following a chamber of commerce event. It was on that night when they began a conversation about the value of education. That theme would pervade their relationship for the next two decades.

In the 22 years since, the Melins have been champions of education. They believe in its power to help students reach their full potential. Particularly at Barry University, they’ve seen tremendous value in fostering an environment where people of many religions and background can relate to one another.

The Melins are well known for their altruism, providing time, dedication, and financial support to numerous charitable organizations. Having served on many boards for short periods over the years, Olga has stayed with Barry University over the long haul. She believes strongly in Barry’s growth and its dedication to Adrian Dominican values.

In addition to her work on the board, Olga and her husband are members of Barry University’s Society of Founders. They have given generously toward funding student scholarships. Olga in particular takes pride in following the progress of award recipients. She recalls many of them fondly, noting one student whom she still calls on for help with computer issues.

The Melins are heavily involved with the board of the Funding Arts Network, which provides grants to visual and performing arts organizations in Miami-Dade, and WXEL TV/radio, among other organizations. They also have supported the Florida Grand Opera, the Florida Philharmonic, and the Women’s Fund of Dade County, which raises funds for agencies that address the needs of women in distress.

## BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF DREAMS

I have always believed in the power of dreams. I credit the adults surrounding me during my formative years for this, as they always encouraged me to “dream big” and to “reach for the stars.”

My maternal grandmother, whom my parents and I lovingly call Mother, is one individual who has had a very significant influence in my life. Her strength of character, resilient nature, and ability to remain strong in the face of obstacles have served as beacons upon which I have. Her moral guidance gave me the motivation and determination to constantly strive for and attain my dreams.

My intention, when I began my undergraduate career in Biology at Barry University was to challenge myself to perform as well as I could. At first the experience was extremely overwhelming. I had left behind my family and everything that was familiar to me in Trinidad and Tobago. During those early days as a Barry student, I had no idea that this period of my life would be such an exciting, rewarding and hectic one. Looking back now, I always marvel at the great power of dreams.

Thanks to the many blessings that I have received at Barry, I’m closer to reaching my goal of becoming a successful scientist or physician. I’m especially grateful to Olga Melin, whose scholarship has made a tremendous difference for me.

Following my graduation in May of 2005, I will embark on another journey of academic study. I’m quite aware that it too will be a very rigorous time filled with many demands. I am convinced, however, that the great educational, professional, and personal experiences I have gained from Barry have prepared me for whatever the future has in store. Today, I believe in my dreams even more strongly. I believe that no obstacles are insurmountable.

\*Pictured Salilah Dick



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**CAMILLUS HOUSE, INC.:**

*Partnering to Build a Better Community*

City Furniture CEO Keith Koenig moved to Fort Lauderdale with his family in 1961 when he was 10 years old. After completing his master's degree in business administration from the University of Florida, he joined his brother, Kevin, in his successful business, Waterbed City. This enterprise became City Furniture in 1994.

City Furniture, one of Florida's most successful and fastest growing furniture retailers employs more than 1,100 people, and is expected to have more than \$260 million in sales in 2003, up from \$220 million in 2002.

In addition to building a successful furniture enterprise, Koenig has quietly made substantial contributions to the community. Keith first became involved with Camillus House during its capital campaign to construct the Somerville Residences. He took on the task of furnishing all 48 units in this permanent housing facility for formerly homeless families. With his leadership, other furniture retailers joined in, but City Furniture provided the vast majority of the furniture involved. Keith and City Furniture have continued to help Camillus with donations of furniture.

More recently, City Furniture made the very first pledge to Camillus House's next capital campaign for the relocation of its original facility. City Furniture also sponsored a new partnership between Camillus House and Neighbors4Neighbors at CBS4, in which In-kind donations requested on-air by WFOR, will be picked up and stored at the Camillus Warehouse before delivery to the ultimate recipient.

A few of the organizations that have benefited from his time and financial support include the Museum of Discovery and Science, Covenant House, Holy Cross Hospital, Archdiocese of Miami, University of Florida, Beaux Arts, the new Alonzo Morning Youth Center in Overtown and the Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO).

## GIVING HOPE AND SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Camillus House is a non-profit organization that provides humanitarian services to poor and homeless individuals and families of Miami-Dade County. Established by the Brothers of the Good Shepherd in 1960, Camillus House has grown steadily over the years from a small soup kitchen into a full service center offering a comprehensive “continuum of care” that includes: housing; substance abuse and mental health treatment; food, clothing, showers, outreach and case management.

Every service offered at Camillus is carried out with the deeply held belief that every human being deserves love, respect, and a chance to live a dignified life. Camillus’ goal is to reach the hardest-to-reach and poorest members of our community, giving them the hope and support they need to begin the long, difficult transition to a new life and self-sufficiency.

Many of the individuals who come to Camillus House have no where else to go. They have no friends, no family, and no loved ones to help them through their times of trouble. Camillus becomes their family, giving them the hope and support they need in order to reclaim their lives.

Over the years Camillus has proven to be extremely successful in reaching some of the hardest-to-reach members of society. Camillus’ success can be attributed to many factors. The organization’s long history in the community has provided much opportunity to establish trust and rapport with the homeless population. As a result, much effort is made to ensure the inclusion of homeless voices in all of the work undertaken at Camillus.

Camillus is in the business of human reclamation, rebuilding broken lives and empowering individual potential. The work is difficult, but it is also achievable. Every member of the growing Camillus House family firmly believes in the organization’s vision of ending chronic homelessness in Miami.



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## **CHARLEE OF DADE COUNTY, INC.:**

*Tireless Dedication to Children*



As a life-long resident of Miami, Marilyn March knows both the blessings and challenges of our community. Growing up in Miami, Marilyn was always surrounded by children, and developed a love and dedication to children's issues. In 1996, the children whose lives are forever changed by CHARLEE Homes for Children were blessed when Marilyn March walked into their lives. After raising her own three children as a PTA President, softball coach and Girl Scout troop leader, Marilyn was ready to give her time and devotion to other children in our community.

Marilyn's commitment to CHARLEE starts as Board President, but does not end with her formal duties as Chairman. Even before her tenure as a board member, Marilyn was instrumental in bringing foster care to the national spotlight. Her behind the scenes work in the corporate arena formed relationships that have stood testament to her devotion in helping the children. Corporate partners such as Office Depot and most recently, Goodwill Industries, have been moved by her dedication and enthusiasm in helping the children, and have become supporters of CHARLEE as well.

From spending Christmas Eve with the children to celebrating their daily successes, Marilyn has dedicated thousands of hours to CHARLEE during a time when the agency has doubled in size. At one point in 2003, Marilyn even ran the agency on a day-to-day basis, as a volunteer, serving as interim Executive Director.

Without her vision, dedication and strong leadership, CHARLEE would not be the successful child welfare agency that it is today. We thank her, and her family, for her tireless dedication to CHARLEE Homes for Children.

## PUTTING SMILES ON THE FACES OF CHILDREN

*To whom it may concern:*

*To make a Christmas like one should be, y'all certainly did more than your share! My case worker from the CHARLEE Program came to my house one night. I remember she lugged two huge bags nearly her size. It turns out that inside these bags were not one but several items! The first bag was for me and the second bag was to be for the other foster kid who stayed in the same residence as me. I was surprised because he isn't even with the CHARLEE program. That was really something how you thought about him as well. Any way, you people definitely left a good impression on my part. My favorite gift I received was the basketball. I think of y'all every time I play with the basketball. Hope you'll get to put smiles among other kid's faces. I think your organization is for positive reasons and on a right path.*

*Sincerely,  
M.D., age 16 (boy)*

*P.S. Hope this gets through. Hope you can read my handwriting. Hope you will forgive me if I spelled words wrong. Hope you will take my message into consideration. Hope you will smile at least once while reading this message, because you did that for me.*

CHARLEE, which stands for Children Have All Rights: Legal, Educational and Emotional, has been helping severely abused and neglected children in the foster care system of Miami-Dade County since 1983. At the Gladstone Center for Girls, through a network of family care group homes, and in support of hundreds of children in foster care homes, CHARLEE serves over 500 children each year. CHARLEE is now poised to double the number of children it serves over the next year, as foster care moves from DCF to private providers in Miami-Dade County.



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**DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK:***Fighting Hunger in South Florida*

Chef Allen Susser, an FIU honors graduate, is synonymous with South Florida's food industry. He has celebrated life through food since his childhood in New York. After earning his degree, he studied in Europe and in the US. Chef Allen invented New World Cuisine and continues to develop it with international influences.

Chef Allen has fed South Floridians and visitors at his restaurant, Chef Allen's, located in Aventura since 1986. For the last 13 years, he has also fed his hungry neighbors through local and national hunger relief organizations. Chef Allen's sincere commitment to fighting hunger and educating the community about food insecurity is evident in his way of life and the events he supports. Chef Allen constantly uses his personal resources and those of his restaurant to create brilliant venues for Share Our Strength's Dade Taste of the Nation, which benefits local hunger relief organizations. Chef Allen, with the support of his dedicated committee, has donated an average of \$25,000 to Daily Bread Food Bank each year through Share Our Strength. That's approximately 150,000 meals he helps provide each year. His voluntary efforts with March of Dimes, Meals on Wheels, and Project Newborn also have a lasting impact on South Florida.

Chef Allen Susser has earned many prestigious awards and has been honored by the restaurant industry and media. He received The James Beard Foundation's Best Chef Award 1994, Southeast region. In 1991 he was listed as one of the Top 10 New Chefs in America in Food and Wine Magazine and he was called "the Ponce de Leon of New Floridian Cooking," by the New York Times.

Chef Allen's creative passion for food is evident through his cooking, promotions, and ideas. "I love to cook; and so food is my life, my profession, my charity and my diversion."

## EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY TO FIGHT HUNGER

Daily Bread Food Bank is the South Florida affiliate of America's Second Harvest, a member of the Florida Associations of Food Banks and the largest food bank in the state of Florida. Daily Bread Food Bank, a not-for-profit organization, empowers other South Florida not-for-profit organizations to feed needy people and improve their lives by providing food and other grocery products; and by educating and engaging our community to fight hunger and poverty.

Through partnerships with financial donors, local and national food donors, sponsors, volunteers, corporations, concerned citizens, public officials and a network of over 1200 not-for-profit day care centers, homeless shelters, residential homes for the physically and mentally challenged, assisted living facilities for the elderly, soup kitchens and emergency food pantries, Daily Bread Food Bank strives to serve those in need with compassion and impartiality.

The US Conference of Mayors reports that requests for food assistance increased by 35% in the last year. 43% of those receiving food through Daily Bread Food Bank are children and 13% are elderly. Their stories are sad and unimaginable:

*"Only call in case of death." (A note found in the file of an elderly woman in an assisted living facility receiving food from Daily Bread Food Bank.)*

*"It isn't my turn to eat today." (The answer from a child when there wasn't enough food in the box from the local pantry for everyone in the family to eat.)*

*"We just add water to the milk. The baby doesn't know the difference." (The answer for one Mother when their milk is almost gone and payday is "next" Friday.)*

*Last year alone, Daily Bread Food Bank saved the not-for-profit community in South Florida over \$30 million. Those are dollars than can be used to expand or enhance current programs or create new programs for our community. Your contributions are making a difference!*

Thank you for your support!



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## **FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK:**

### *Giving the Gift of Sight*

The Florida Lions Eye Bank is extremely grateful to the Calvin and Flavia Oak Foundation for its ongoing support of the Eye Bank's mission of Giving the Gift of Sight.

Calvin Oak, born in 1882, was a pioneer Florida banker who began his career in Jacksonville. He founded the Riverside Bank in Miami in 1941, which was only the eighth bank opened in Dade County. Tully Dunlap, formerly with the First National Bank of Miami, was hired as auditor. Mr. Oak, on both a personal level and through the bank, was supportive of local charities until his death in 1952.

Tully Dunlap became president of Riverside Bank and Flavia Oak became chairman of the bank's board after Mr. Oak's death. Following a request by the late Mr. Oak, Tully handled Mrs. Oak's financial needs and continued the bank's donations to medical charities. Tully Dunlap suggested the formation of the Oak Foundation, which was established in 1965 and has directed funds to medical related areas since that time. When Flavia Oak died in 1990 at the age of 103, the Oak Foundation was the major beneficiary of her estate.

Today Tully Dunlap, the former chairman of the board of Riverside Bank in Miami and Sun Banks of Florida in Orlando, serves as president of the Oak Foundation to continue the legacy of helping medical charities begun by Calvin Oak. Tully has also served as president of the Florida Bankers Association and director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He is a former director of St. Joe Paper Company and trustee of the Alfred I. du Pont Testamentary Trust.

Directors of the Foundation, who offer excellent stewardship of the Oak's money by continuing contributions to the organizations they favored during their lifetime, are Tully F. Dunlap, James H. Peck II, Craig L. Rickert and Emily N. Romfh.

## MAKING IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS POSSIBLE

When Joe Wascura sketches out his long list of accomplishments - from being a Peace Corps volunteer to competing in the New York City marathon to raising a family and finding career success, he is quick to point out that none of it would have been possible without several corneal transplants that have kept his debilitating keratoconus in check for nearly 30 years. The tissue for the transplants were supplied by the Florida Lions Eye Bank.

Joe was 19 and a college sophomore when he first learned he had keratoconus, a chronic disorder that progressively warps the cornea. After getting a college degree in finance, Joe joined the Peace Corps and was sent to Columbia in 1972 where he helped start a small business loan program. He then came to Miami, and despite continuing problems with his left eye, received his MBA from the University of Miami and began his accounting career. In 1976, Joe's ophthalmologist told him his deteriorating condition left no options other than a corneal transplant. The cornea remains complication-free and crystal clear 27 years later.

"I was 26 at the time and my right eye was fine," Joe said. "But little did I know that the new cornea would continue to serve me so well when my right eye failed me nearly 20 years down the road." As successful as Joe's first procedure was, he had to have three transplants in his other eye. "My vision is now 20/25."

Joe continues his successful career as an accountant and controller. At mid-life Joe began to pursue endurance sports. He completed the New York City marathon in 5 hours, 20 minutes. Joe then took up cycling and became a dedicated rider, spinning up to 150 miles a week. He is currently president of the 200-member Everglades Cycling Club



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## **FOUNDATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES:**

### *Leaving a Lasting Legacy*

The 2004 “Donor Next Door” for the Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation is Marvin B. Rosenblatt, of blessed memory.

Marvin was born in Long Island, New York, on September 27, 1930. At an early age, he moved with his family to New Haven, Connecticut. Marvin served in the United States Air Force and later affiliated with radio station WAVZ in New Haven. He eventually became the general manager of that station and served a term as President of Connecticut Broadcasters Association.

Marvin then decided to move to Florida, where he became a prominent real estate broker in Miami-Dade County.

Marvin died last year. However, at the end of his lifetime, he left the Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies a significant bequest. A devoted son, he endowed annual commitments to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation/UJA Campaign, both in his name and in memory of his parents, Elizabeth and Joseph. His concern for his fellow Jews ran the gamut from the elderly to the young. Marvin created an endowment that will provide funds for the care of frail senior citizens, and he also established a fund that will create scholarships for students in need.

We thank Theodore R. Nelson, Esq., and Norman Levine, CPA, who were instrumental in helping Marvin leave his legacy. And we thank Marvin for his dedication to the Jewish people.

This kind and caring man personifies the Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies. He knew he could rely on the Foundation to assist him in leaving his lasting legacy. Marvin is deeply missed, but thanks to his generous gifts, the commitment he demonstrated during his lifetime still touches so many people today.

## HONORING A LIFETIME OF TRADITION

For anyone who cares deeply about the future of the Jewish community, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies is the place to leave a lasting Jewish legacy. Through Foundation endowments, donors create resources that will benefit Jews everywhere for generations to come.

The Foundation family is a family of visionaries - people whose foresight and generosity today will guide and support our Jewish community of tomorrow. Their sense of what the future ought to be honors and reaffirms Jewish tradition. At the same time, their generosity assures a strong future for Jews in Miami, in Israel and around the world.

The Foundation's assets stand at more than \$120 million, with more than 500 families and organizations represented. While the tasks that we undertake are often varied and unique, the work of caring for our Jewish family worldwide that happens each and every day is due in no small part to these donors and leaders. The Jewish community is indeed fortunate to have such an outstanding and growing Foundation family.



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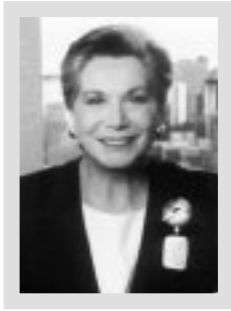
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## **LEAVE A LEGACY:**

*Building Community Through Philanthropy*



Ruth Shack's career has been rooted in the world of community service. After serving three terms as a County Commissioner from 1976-1986, Ruth took the helm as president of the Dade Community Foundation. Spurred by her leadership, the Foundation has undergone a radical change in its mission by diversifying its Board of Governors, its staff and its grant making focus.

The Foundation's mission is to build community by reducing cultural and social alienation and strengthening the fabric of our community. As the leader of Greater Miami's community foundation, Ruth has spearheaded a campaign to encourage philanthropy and charitable giving by developing a permanent endowment to meet Greater Miami's emerging charitable needs.

In 1998, the Foundation gave a major grant to the Planned Giving Council of South Florida to help launch the Leave A Legacy campaign in Miami-Dade County, making us one of the first of over 100 cities that have adopted this campaign in their community. Ruth totally embraces the theme of Leave A Legacy, as the Foundation believes that "Everyone can be a philanthropist." The Foundation has been supporting the Leave A Legacy program every year since its inception.

In these first years of the 21st century, the Foundation has seen major growth. Building its assets from \$11 million in 1986 to beyond \$100 million, the Foundation has continued to fund projects that have the greatest potential to build relationships among groups and individuals, strengthen resources in neighborhoods, connect people with opportunities and resources and actively involve people in taking action.

Through Ruth's leadership, the Leave A Legacy program has made a major impact on building the capacity of nonprofits, encouraging professional advisors to discuss philanthropy with their clients and inspiring more and more members of our community to be philanthropists.

## “EVERYONE CAN BE A PHILANTHROPIST”

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."



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## **LEGAL SERVICES OF GREATER MIAMI, INC:**

*“The Conscience of the Legal Profession”*

Chesterfield Smith (1917-2003) was “America’s Lawyer”. During his 55 year legal career, he became one of the country’s most prominent figures in modern law, serving as President of The Florida Bar and the American Bar Association, and founder and principal architect of Holland and Knight LLP, the country’s eighth largest law firm.

“Citizen Smith” is remembered as “the conscience of the legal profession.” He believed that all lawyers should strive to “do good” and give back to the community. He was passionate about justice, and championed the cause of Equal Justice for All. His charisma, courage, and passion for using the law for the public good made him admired and respected nationwide. His lifetime of good works resulted in his being named a “Great Floridian” and a member of “The Greatest Generation”.

Miami-Dade County was very fortunate to benefit from Mr. Smith’s universal commitment to equal justice under law, and from his untiring support of the mission of Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. In 1994, Mr. Smith quickly agreed to serve as the Chair of LSGMI’s Campaign for Justice. Under his enthusiastic leadership, the Campaign raised sufficient funds to purchase an office building to serve as LSGMI’s permanent home. The building now proudly bears the name Chesterfield Smith Center for Equal Justice, and is a permanent tribute to Mr. Smith’s lifetime commitment to equal justice for all.

Mr. Smith’s support for Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. continued until the day he died. His legacy will live on through the work of our staff attorneys who fight for fairness every day for people who would otherwise be victims of injustice.

## “LEGAL SERVICES SAVED MY HOME”

Idella Finch, a 71 year old legally blind and physically disabled woman, lives with her 96 year old mother who suffers from Alzheimer’s Disease. Their home, purchased by Ms. Finch and her late husband in 1974, was badly in need of repairs. So she gladly accepted a contractor’s offer to get her a new mortgage which would “take care of everything”.

Little did Ms. Finch know that she would end up with shoddy repairs, thousands of dollars in unnecessary costs, and a substantially increased interest rate and monthly payment. She had fallen victim to a predatory lender who preyed upon the elderly to strip them of the equity in their homes.

Behind in the new mortgage and facing foreclosure, Ms. Finch turned to Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. for help. Her attorneys stopped the foreclosure and negotiated a settlement, but, unfortunately, the predator could not be located and no damages recovered for his wrongdoing.

Ms. Finch fell behind again, and her home was scheduled to be sold. After her story was featured on Channel 10, several “angels” responded with donations to stop the sale. Her attorneys are now coordinating free repairs to her home and a new affordable mortgage so that Ms. Finch and her mother can remain in their home of 30 years.

LSGMI fights for fairness for low income people who would otherwise be victims of injustice. In 2003, staff attorneys helped 4,378 households with daily legal problems in the areas of housing, employment, government benefits, special education, and family law, and recovered over \$1.57 million for clients in disability, unemployment, child support 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 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION:**

*A Grand Dame Supports the Children in our Community*

Florence Groover Frank was born and raised in Ohio. After her marriage to Erwin Groover she moved to Denver, Colorado, where she became an accomplished entrepreneur. Florence successfully operated her own fur store for 22 years, designing and marketing with style. Erwin and Florence would vacation in South Florida and so began her investments in Florida real estate. More importantly, this was also the beginning of Florence's charitable endeavors in South Florida.

After the death of her first husband, Erwin Groover, Florence moved to Miami Beach in the 80's, Shortly thereafter, she met inventor and entrepreneur Bernard Frank and they were soon after married. Together Bernie and Florence shared their bounty with the community and various charities.

Florence once said, "I made a pact with God, that if I ever became successful, I would always help others". She has helped many organizations throughout the years, but she has a special commitment to children, and has been an ardent supporter of Miami Children's Hospital Foundation since 1987. Her first donation was special toys to be used by all the patients visiting in the Playroom. Florence generously donated various pieces from the artist Romero Britto to help brighten the walls of patient areas in the hospital. But her most notable donation, for which she has been given the designation of Grande Dame, is her annual contribution to our Hall of Fame Gala.

Many other local organizations have also benefited from Florence's philanthropy. Some of these include: The Marian Center, The Haven Center, The Anne Stork Center, Villa Maria Nursing Home and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Institute.

Miami Children's Hospital Foundation salutes Grande Dame Florence Groover Frank for her support to the children in our community and for her unequalled generosity to the children treated at Miami Children's Hospital. Thank you Florence!

## THE MEANING OF PHILANTHROPY

Miami Children's Hospital Foundation raises funds and awareness for our community's only stand-alone, pediatric hospital, Miami Children's Hospital. Our job and mission would be virtually impossible without the support of dedicated and generous individuals in our community. Florence Groover Frank, is one such individual. Florence personifies the meaning of philanthropy in South Florida. This special woman has made contributions throughout the last 20 years to not just Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, but other organizations that work to protect children in this community. Florence's legacy will be a healthy and vital environment for children of all ages.

Miami Children's Hospital Foundation's Hall of Fame Gala is an event that is heralded by all who attend. Our Grande Dame, Florence Groover Frank, has unequivocally supported the gala, helping to defray the costs with her gift which underwrites part of the costs associated with this event. Last year she was honored with the "Gift of Joy" award which is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the health and welfare of children in general. Florence is a vigorous supporter of children's causes, and Miami Children's has been blessed to have her as a part of our team!

The medical care and research provided at Miami Children's Hospital takes place right here in our community. However, the results of that care and research are global. Florence Groover Frank continues to help Miami Children's Hospital Foundation extend it's reach beyond our community by providing us with the tools that we need in order to help Miami Children's Hospital improve and expand it's pediatric programs. We are grateful to Florence Groover Frank and thank her for her continued commitment to children in our midst!



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## **MIAMI FELLOWS INITIATIVE:**

*Building a New Generation of Leaders*

Through a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, 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 leadership training and development program. "I believe it is vital for our community to invest in our young professionals and develop their leadership skills today so they go on to serve as our leaders of tomorrow," said Ruth Shack, president of Dade Community Foundation. "There are many bright young minds in our community, and the opportunities provided through the Miami Fellows Initiative will certainly help them fulfill their leadership goals."

The program begins with an Outward Bound experience in the Ten Thousand Islands of Everglades City. The Fellows canoed for three days, sleeping under the stars. They discovered their inner strengths to survive and strive as leaders in even the most challenging conditions, but most importantly they learned a sense of community - that we are all the strongest and most capable when surrounded and working with others.

The Fellows participate in five other experiential workshops and monthly programs. The group interacts with established leaders, 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 innovative sustaining 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 and to build a meaningful, stimulating fellowship through a myriad of experiences. From an Outward Bound challenge to an international journey, the Miami Fellows are exposed to adventures, people and ideas helping them evolve into future generation of leaders.



## SHARING A COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON GOOD

Miami Fellows Initiative Class III: 2004 – 2005

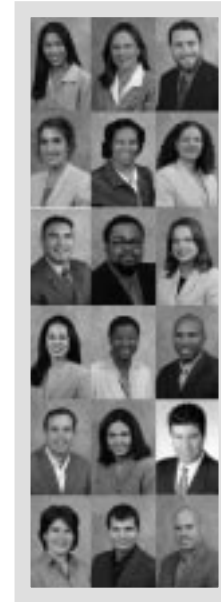
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"MFI has allowed me to interact with, learn from and become friends with a phenomenal group of individuals, all leaders in their own areas of interest and I am humbled to be a part of this group."  
Rashmi Airan-Pace

"The Outward Bound experience reminded me that many situations are oftentimes not as difficult or as bad as they seem, especially with the help of other dedicated, capable people." Thomas Rebull

"What an adventure! Take us out of the boardrooms and into the expansive Everglades and we can still excel." Elizabeth Schwartz

"I was afforded the opportunity to establish connections with other MFI participants within the tranquil beauty of the Everglades. Consequently, I left this outward bound experience with a dual appreciation for the diverse talents of my MFI colleagues and for this natural treasure, the Everglades." S. 'Sean' Madison



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## **THE MIAMI JEWISH HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE AGED:**

*Making a Difference in South Florida*

“It’s like remembering my own home...that safe feeling, of being comfortable, a place of warmth and love in my own family.”

In these words, Yetta Brodie described what compels her to devote her time and energy to the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged (MJHHA), where she truly is a woman for all seasons.

In addition to MJHHA, Yetta Brodie’s lifelong volunteer career encompasses work at Temple Emanu-El of Greater Miami, the Brownies, Cub Scouts, North Beach Elementary, Mount Sinai Medical Center and the National Council of Jewish Women and is quite proud of her children, Abby and David, and her two grandchildren, Alec and Sydney.

Upon retiring after 19 years with the Miami Beach Police Department, Yetta had planned to relax. These plans changed when Hazel Cypen, the wife of Judge Irving Cypen – MJHHA’s Chairman of the Board and Honorary President – invited her to attend a Greater Miami Women’s Auxiliary (GMWA) luncheon. The result is an on-going love affair between Yetta and everyone at MJHHA.

Yetta Brodie serves on MJHHA’s Board of Directors, is a FOUNDER, and is serving her third term as President of the Greater Miami Women’s Auxiliary, where her leadership has resulted in a record amount of money being raised by the GMWA to benefit the Home’s residents.

She received the Home’s Auxilian Volunteer of the Year Award in 1997 and GMWA’s Woman of the Year Award in 2001.

Yetta absolutely sparkles with enthusiasm – serving egg creams in the Home’s Ungar Ice Cream Parlor, buying supplies, collecting items to be sold at bazaars to benefit the residents, and of course, adding smiles to the faces of the residents, tenants and clients of the Home.

By her words and deeds, Yetta Brodie honors the memory of her own family by adding immeasurably to ours – a Home where “that safe feeling, of being comfortable, a place of warmth and love” exists today.

## CARE WITH DIGNITY

Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged (MJHHA) is South Florida's leader in comprehensive geriatric care.

Nearly 700 individuals reside on its 20-acre main campus; seventy-three percent of the nursing home residents are without funds. Philanthropic heroes -- FOUNDERS, the Greater Miami Women's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Latin Auxiliary, Alzheimer's Care Committee/NOTABLES, Men's Club, Next Generation and Douglas Gardens Hospice FOUNDERS are vital, along with two retail Thrift Shops, United Way of Miami-Dade and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. MJHHA provides nursing home care, a geriatric hospital, rehabilitation, independent living (Irving Cypen Tower), assisted living (Hazel Cypen Tower), a medical center, ventilator care, biofeedback, Alzheimer's and adult day care. The May Learning Center provides nursing education.

Over 8,000 people are served annually at eight community-based locations. Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach provides behavioral health services to adults, the homeless, victims of domestic violence and persons with HIV/AIDS. Channeling, a nursing home diversion program, serves 1,800 clients in South Florida. MJHHA operates the deHoernle Alzheimer's Pavilion in Deerfield Beach.

MJHHA is the State's first Teaching Nursing Home, administered by MJHHA's Stein Gerontological Institute (SGI), which also provides research, education and training. Douglas Gardens Hospice offers compassionate end-of-life care. Douglas Gardens Home Care provides medical and non-medical home care services. Douglas Gardens Community Care is a Lead Agency for Miami-Dade County to help eligible frail seniors remain as independent as possible. The State's first PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Center offers comprehensive care to nursing-home eligible seniors, enabling them to stay at home as long as possible. Douglas Gardens North is a planned 26-acre site located in Pembroke Pines.

MJHHA is mission-driven to provide personalized, quality care with dignity to all of South Florida.



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## **MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND:**

*Finding Time to Serve*



In 1902, two great industrialist families merged to form the International Harvester Company. Along with the descendants of Cyrus McCormick, the William Deering Family set the stage for the production of world-renowned brand names, known today as CASE IH tractors/combines and Navistar heavy-duty trucks.

William Deering and his sons, Charles Deering (1852–1927) and James Deering (1859–1925), escaped the cold winters of Chicago to reside in the tropical climate of Miami. After his death, James Deering left a bequest of \$500,000 for the specific purpose of maintaining a charity ward at City Hospital of Miami, now known as Jackson Memorial, to be named in honor of his father, William. Charles Deering added \$100,000 to the trust soon thereafter. The Trust's purpose, however, was thwarted with the advent of Medicare and government regulations, and it later became unacceptable to segregate charity patients from fee-paying patients.

The trustees then applied to the court for directions as to how to disperse the income. It was ruled that the Trust could be used in the City of Miami, as far as possible, for the medical and health needs of the poor.



Today, under the direction its Trustees, Preston L. Prevatt, Esq., D. Richard Mead, Jr., and Dr. James J. Hutson, Sr., The James Deering Trust carries out the wishes of the Deering Family to help those less fortunate when their health is at stake. At Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc., gifts from the Trust have enabled countless blind clients to access programs and services that allow them not only to cope with their condition, but also to attain as much independence as possible.

## LEARNING TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

Having grown up with poor eyesight, The Reverend Bruce Coleman lost his peripheral vision at the age of 27 and discovered he suffered from glaucoma. Ten years later, he was completely blind. Rev. Coleman was born and reared in Georgia, later moved to Daytona, Florida and eventually settled in Miami. He is a father of four and grandfather to eighteen grandchildren. As an active minister at Restoration Fellowship Temple, Bruce is involved with a variety of programs and ministries at the church. He also attends numerous conferences as a participant and/or speaker.

Recently, Bruce Coleman accepted the role of peer group leader in a newly formed support group for people who are blind and visually impaired in the North Miami area. He already has planned for them visits to bowling alleys and Disney World.

Until he came to Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired in November, 2003, Bruce had never used a white cane, but he has successfully completed the rehabilitation program and learned to put many things in perspective. His current goals include mastering the use of the computer to help him in his ministry. The Miami Lighthouse's extensive computer training program will allow Bruce to accomplish exactly that to which he aspires. Besides the many friends he has gained at the Lighthouse, The Rev. Bruce Coleman says his own best support system is his wife, children and clergy.

For over 73 years, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc. has served the local Community in a rigorous mission of "empowering blind people to live fuller, more independent lives." Programs are available for all age groups (infants to seniors) and free of charge.

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**MIAMI RESCUE MISSION:**

*Improving Education for the Underprivileged*

When Nicole Flores volunteered at the Miami Rescue Mission with a group from Boston Scientific a few years ago, it was the Education Center that caught her attention. When she inquired about the greatest need, she discovered the computer-based education center was limping along with antiquated computers.

Located adjacent to the Center for Men, at 2010 NW 1st Avenue in Miami, the facility is formally known as the Jeffrey A. Tew Education Center, named in honor of Mr. Tew, a member of the Mission's Board of Directors.

Boston Scientific, a global company best known for their less-invasive surgical devices, employs over 1,500 people in Miami. Through Flores efforts and the generous financial and gift-in-kind support from the Boston Scientific Foundation, the entire education facility received updated computer hardware and new carpeting in May 2004.

The Center utilizes the NOVA program, an individualized, computer-and-video-based adult learning program which addresses the particular needs of those who have typically failed in a traditional school system. Current enrollment at the center is 138 students, many of whom are homeless clients at the Miami Rescue Mission.

The actions of Nicole Flores and the contributions from the Boston Scientific Foundation clearly demonstrate their commitment to improving education and employment opportunities for the underprivileged in our community.

## ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING PERSONAL GROWTH

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. Clients participate in service assignments designed to train an individual for future employment.

They also receive individual and group counseling and various life skill classes and attend the Jeffrey A. Tew Education Center; an innovative computer-based learning center.

Borinquin, a formerly homeless man who graduated from the Mission's Regeneration Program, is now a Miami-Dade College student. "I recently received my First Responders Certificate and will continue studying to become a Paramedic," he said. "I thank God and the Miami Rescue Mission for preparing me for college and my future."

Miami Rescue Mission's facilities include homeless shelters in Miami, Hollywood and Pompano Beach.

During the year 2003, Miami Rescue Mission, Inc., provided 594,821 free meals, 198,129 free bed nights, and 51,251 free pieces of clothing were distributed. There were 2,017 students enrolled in our education programs, providing a total of 94,397 hours of education. 288 were assisted in job placement, and 29,774 hours of counseling were rendered.



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## **NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS:**

*A Passion for Supporting Young Artists*



Anyone involved in Miami's arts scene knows Myrna Palley. Her dynamic personality and generosity enliven the fundraising efforts at New World School of the Arts, the University of Miami, the Lowe Art Museum, the Ring Theater and The Education Fund, to name a few. "I only fund young people in the arts," says Myrna, who is also famous for her incomparable glass collection. Since Myrna and her husband Sheldon were young newlyweds, they have devoted themselves to improving Miami's cultural life and the education of young artists.

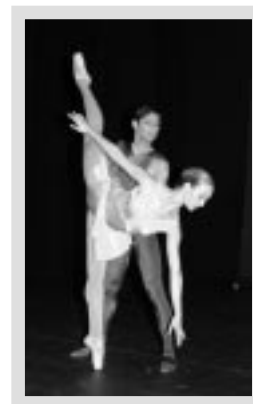
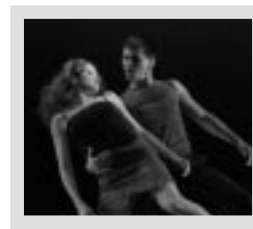
Myrna supported New World before it even existed, jumping at the chance to plan a wonderful new conservatory for the performing and visual arts. In the mid-nineteen eighties, she helped to persuade 100 Miami philanthropists to donate \$1000 each to get New World started. Then she volunteered to become one of the first members of New World's Foundation Board. She has been giving ever since. "We are investing in the artists of tomorrow—education is the most important thing," Myrna says. She gives wherever support is needed, whether it's to the dancers, visual artists, actors, or musicians. "Money should be spread around; you can't take it with you," she says.

She encourages other philanthropists to follow her example, whether they live in Miami or not. "We are investing in the artists of tomorrow. You never know where these children are going to wind up—whether it's New York, Los Angeles or Chicago—they're making art all over the nation."

## DREAMS OF DANCE

“Dance is everything to me,” says Melissa Toogood, who could be speaking for two of her dance classmates, Melodie Gonzalez and Amy Martin. Typically, the three of them start the day in a New World dance studio, lacing up their toeshoes for their 8:00 ballet pointe class, and rehearsing late into the evening. Since they were little girls Melissa, Melodie and Amy have had one goal—to learn the art of dance. Melodie grew up training in the South of France, Melissa in Australia, and Amy in Kentucky. What drew the three of them to New World School of the Arts College Dance program was its reputation as one of the top three in the nation. “Coming to New World was the best decision I made,” says Amy, who turned down a full scholarship from the Joffrey Ballet School to train here.

Despite the talent and drive of the three dancers, it would not have been possible for any of them to study here, if not for full college scholarships provided by Myrna Palley. For four years, Myrna Palley has provided the funds so that each of them to complete their BFA degrees and graduate this Spring. “People like Myrna are just invaluable,” says Melissa. “Without her I wouldn’t be here.” she says.



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### **THE VICTORY SCHOOL:**

*Committed to Raising Money for Children*

For three consecutive years, The Turnberry Isle Men's Golf Association has selected The Victory School as its recipient beneficiary of their annual charity golf tournament raising a total of \$85,000.

The Turnberry Isle Men's Golf Association (TIMGA) is committed to raising money for charities serving children and at-risk youth in Miami-Dade. TIMGA's support of The Victory School Scholarship fund has made it possible to help several children, who face economic hardship on top of their developmental disability, gain access to an intensive behavioral therapy intervention they would otherwise not have been able to afford.

TIMGA's co-chairs, Ralph Tornberg, Alfredo Frohlich, Ralph Dunn, Nelson Faro, Kermit Wolpin and Douglas Schrage dedicate countless hours to ensure the success of the charity golf tournament, seeking sponsorships and community involvement.

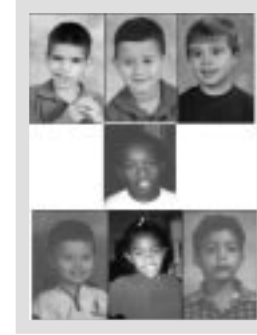
TIMGA's generosity to The Victory School has been essential to the success of the students and continues to offer hope to the families. Their unparalleled devotion to philanthropic causes benefiting children sends a shining example to the community.

## REACHING FOR THE STARS

The Victory School is a non-profit organization, which provides children with autism a year round one-to-one intensive behavioral therapy 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 four years ago, and in that time, we have had seven different scholarship students, with one more being awarded in June. 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 contribution made by generous benefactors, such as the Turnberry Isle Men's Golf Association, has been able to assist these children and their families and has made a difference in their lives.

Resources for children affected with autism are limited. Many families have relocated from Germany, Russia, Georgia and New Jersey to attend The Victory School. With the continued support of the community, The Victory School can continue the legacy of providing children and their families with tuition assistance, giving them the opportunity to "Reach for the Stars."



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## **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:**

*Dedicated to a Cause*

No one knows the pain of seeing a loved one suffer from Alzheimer's better than Karl Schulze. For three years he watched as his mother's memory slowly faded, eventually reaching the point where she failed to recognize family members.

With his mother's passing, Schulze, a 1974 University of Miami School of Business Administration alumnus dedicated himself to a cause: helping to find a cure to a disease that strikes 10 percent of the people over age 65 and 50 percent of those over 85.

Karl and his wife, Teresa, have made a \$1.125 million bequest to the School of Medicine Department of Neurology and the Division of Gerontology & Geriatric Medicine in memory of Karl's mother, Dorothea Schulze, and in honor of Teri's mother, Lucia M. Garcia, who lives in Florida. The funds will help advance research related to the aging process and the elderly, including:

- \* Alzheimer's research
- \* Programs related to assisting caregivers to the elderly
- \* Aging-related research

Karl is a cofounder and Managing Principal of Schulze Haynes & Co., a diversified financial and forensic consulting firm based in Los Angeles, California, with operations nationwide. Karl & Teri enjoy traveling together whenever possible. Often this travel is in conjunction with Karl's other great passion in life, competitive running, particularly marathons. In addition to her duties as Office Manager of Schulze Haynes & Co., Teri gives her time to their parish church's "Outreach to the Elderly" program.

## CONTINUING A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The University of Miami School of Medicine, established fifty-one 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 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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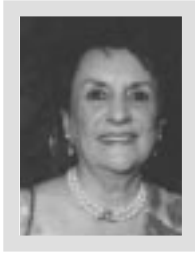
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**VOICES FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION:***Consummate Advocate for Children*

Annabel (Bunchy) Gertner has not only served as a member of the Board of Trustees for Voices For Children since 1997, but is also a consummate advocate for children. She is a vivacious and giving person in perpetual motion and wants her volunteer work to make a difference.

Through her dedication and personal commitment to abused children over the past seven years, Bunchy has served on the Halloween Luncheon committee, dedicating hours to planning the annual fundraising event as well as creating the extravagant masterpieces that serve as the centerpiece at each Luncheon table. She is always willing and able to jump in and serve Voices For Children in any capacity necessary, including serving as Interim Director and assisting with grant writing.

Perhaps her proudest achievement comes with the hundreds upon thousands of hours she dedicates to the annual toy drive. Year after year, she not only ensures corporate sponsorships, but also guarantees that thousands of toys are secured, wrapped and delivered to children in the foster care system during the holiday season. Without her leadership last year, 3,000 abused, abandoned or neglected children would not have had a joyous holiday, with toys of their own to open.

Voices For Children Foundation, Inc., the Guardian Ad Litem Program and the thousands of Miami-Dade County's abused, abandoned and neglected children salute and thank Bunchy Gertner!

## A VOICE FOR THE ABUSED AND NEGLECTED

Voices for Children Foundation started with a need. Twenty 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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## **TOP 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY TO LEAVE A LEGACY**

*“Everyone Can Be a Philanthropist.”*

1. Prepare a will. Only 50% of those who pass away have one. Without a will, you lose control of the possessions you worked a lifetime to acquire.
2. Leave a gift in your will for the charitable organizations that made a difference in your life. Less than 3% of all wills settled contain a charitable provision. Imagine the positive impact on our community if everyone made a donation, however modest, to a favorite nonprofit.
3. Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the assets in your will to your favorite charity. The provision can be part of a new will or added to your existing will as a codicil.
4. Consider using assets for your charitable gift. These can include but are not limited to: stocks, bonds, CD's, real estate, vehicles, art and jewelry. Such gifts may even provide tax savings.

5. Name your favorite charity as the beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
6. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming your favorite charity as the beneficiary.
7. Name your favorite charity as the as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
8. Remember deceased loved ones with memorial gifts to charities.
9. Encourage family members and friends to leave gifts to charities in their wills.
10. Ask your financial advisor to include charitable giving as part of their counsel to other clients.

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