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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 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 fourth "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, assist philanthropic organizations and provide a link between the critical needs of the South Florida community and the hope for a better tomorrow.

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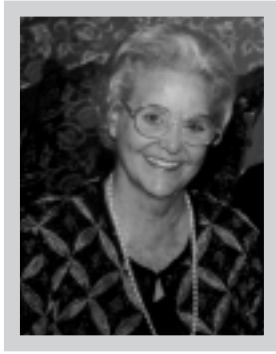
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BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA FOUNDATION:

A Dream for South Dade



In 1958, Barbara Collins joined the Rev. Dr. C. Roy Angel, her dynamic pastor at Central Baptist Church, to raise money for an unlikely project - to build a hospital in what many Miamians considered the boondocks.

“One of the biggest challenges was to convince people to give money to build a hospital on the edge of the Everglades, in the sparsely populated, agricultural part of South Dade called Kendall,” Mrs. Collins remembered.

The group persisted and on Nov. 2, 1958, a festive ground-breaking ceremony took place. Since 1960, Baptist Hospital has given state-of-the-art medical treatment to thousands of people from every socioeconomic level.

Today, Mrs. Collins is still devoted to Baptist Hospital and Baptist Health South Florida, and is counted among its most avid supporters. A member of Baptist Hospital Auxiliary for more than 43 years, Mrs. Collins has donated more than 30,000 hours of service, about the same as an employee working full time for 15 years.

The longest-serving member of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Collins continues to support Baptist Hospital because she believes that through its topnotch leadership the hospital is in a position to help people in her community. “Everything is top-flight, from the administrator to the engineer,” Mrs. Collins said. “I always felt honored and proud to be a part of such an organization.”

While she comes from very modest means, Mrs. Collins not only supports the hospital through her service, but with financial gifts as well. She and her husband, Paul, are members of the Founders Society, which celebrates and recognizes philanthropists whose gifts total \$50,000 or more. In addition, the couple set up a charitable gift annuity worth \$50,000, and donated life insurance policies as well. When asked what prompted them to give these gifts, Mrs. Collins replied, “We believe fervently in Baptist Hospital and Baptist Health South Florida and we know in our hearts that our donations will be used to the fullest potential.”

ENSURING QUALITY HEALTHCARE

Their donations have benefited vital projects such as the Emergency Center expansions at Baptist and South Miami Hospitals and the leading-edge research at Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute, including a new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine for cardiac and vascular scans. This equipment is one of the most advanced diagnostic imaging tools available in medicine today.

Also benefiting from their generosity is the Center for Excellence in Nursing, which supports nursing education, professional development and scholarships, and technology designed to give nurses more time at bedside. The Collins' gifts also support construction of the new Homestead Hospital and the pediatric outpatient services expansion at Baptist Children's Hospital.

Donors such as Barbara and Paul Collins help ensure that needed healthcare services are available to the communities served by Baptist Health South Florida, the largest not-for-profit healthcare 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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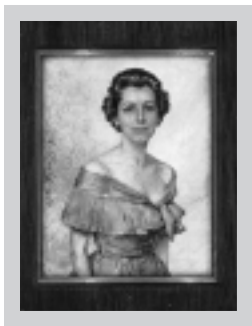
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DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

Honoring a Giving Spirit



Morena Taisses de Mantilla was a giving person whose generosity transcended international boundaries. With a love for her native country of Brazil, adopted country of Ecuador and home away from home Miami, she supported charitable causes throughout the Americas. Her life was one of many accomplishments including meeting the love of her life, her husband, the late Jorge Mantilla Ortega of Quito, Ecuador. Mrs. Mantilla served as Vice President of “El Comercio”, a prestigious 100 year old family run business and Ecuador’s largest newspaper. She spoke several languages, traveled the world over, and loved meeting people.

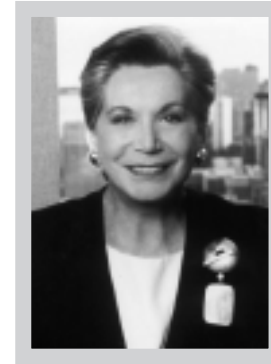
This ambassador of goodwill brought her charitable efforts to Dade Community Foundation through the establishment of the Morena de Mantilla Charitable Fund. Working closely with the Foundation, she supported a variety of community organizations assisting the disabled, children and elderly in need. Mrs. Mantilla’s charitable deeds demonstrated time and time again her giving spirit.

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 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; William Nelson for black affairs; 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 and a new generation of Goldsmiths assisting students pursuing a college education; Selma Alexander supporting the arts; Dr. Ismael and Alma Hernandez supporting community; and, 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:
Promoting Unselfish Deeds



American Airline's illustrious history of community service includes its generous contribution to the students of South Florida, through the Silver Knight Awards program. For the past 7 years, American Airlines has partnered with The Miami Herald to award students who make a positive impact in our community through outstanding community service.

Silver Knight nominees have excelled in the classroom and performed remarkable service in South Florida for more than forty years. They have set an example for their peers, for their families and for all who live and work here. The collective impact of their work is immeasurable, as is their impact on future generations of students who will become part of the Silver Knight tradition.

American Airlines regards its association with The Miami Herald's Silver Knight Awards as one of the most powerful ways to recognize all that is good in our communities. American Airlines believes it is both a responsibility and a privilege to support and promote the unselfish deeds of these Miami-Dade and Broward County high school students.

HONORING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every spring since 1959, The Miami Herald has celebrated the achievements and community service of our finest high school seniors 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 the 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 themselves unselfishly to serve others in the community.

For the past seven years, the Silver Knight Awards has been enhanced by having American Airlines as the presenting sponsor. It is due to the generosity and commitment to the community of American Airlines that the winners of the Silver Knight Awards are able to be recognized each year for their outstanding contributions to the community.

The Miami Herald wishes to thank American Airlines for their continuing support of the Silver Knight Awards Program and all the students who represent the spirit of the Silver Knight- a commitment to serve others and create harmony in the community.



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UNITED WAY OF MIAMI-DADE:

Making the World a Better Place

Meet Ann Machado: leader in the community, owner of Creative Staffing, mother of J.C. and Christine, fiancée of Howard Kane, a strong woman and a friend to United Way of Miami-Dade.

Born in Canada, Ann moved to Miami from England. She learned of United Way at her first job in Miami when asked to fill out a gift card. Eager to give more than money, Ann signed up to serve on the board of one of United Way's impact partner agencies - the start of her long and active commitment to making a difference. Since then, Ann has been involved with United Way in many capacities: the campaign cabinet, various committees, and Women's Leadership. Currently, she serves as a United Way of Miami-Dade board member and as a vice chair of the annual Women's Leadership Breakfast. Ann refers to her volunteerism as "a labor of love."

She cares deeply about taking care of her family and her community for generations to come, which is why Ann has chosen to endow part of her annual gift to United Way. She is especially passionate about improving the lives of Miami-Dade's women and children. As for her own children, Ann has clearly instilled her value of helping others in them: J.C. was in the U.S. Navy and Christine, who recently earned a master's degree in human resources, works for Neighborhood Health.

Ann's personal philosophy on philanthropy is one that we should all abide by; she believes that "if everybody does a little bit to make the world a better place, the world could be the place that we all want to live in." She's right...together, we can accomplish more than any one of us can alone. Because of caring people like Ann, United Way of Miami-Dade is able to make a lasting, positive impact on many people's lives throughout our community, today, tomorrow...and forever.

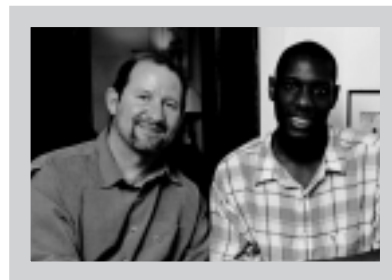
MENTORING TO CHANGE LIVES

What started as Community Chest before 1930, is what you know today as United Way of Miami-Dade. Consistently guided by its mission of building community by helping people care for one another, United Way improves people's lives by investing hearts, minds and resources in solutions to our community's most pressing social service needs.

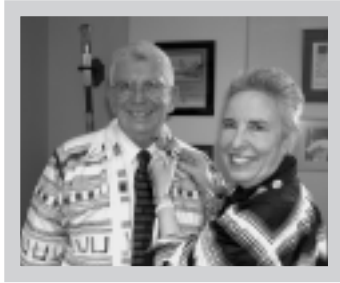
Driven by knowledgeable, compassionate volunteers, United Way of Miami-Dade invests in helping kids and families lead successful lives, improving health and independence, responding to emergency and basic human needs and encouraging neighborhood and civic involvement in all of us.

United Way investments have improved the lives of Josh and Darius through a program at impact partner agency Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami. Darius, now 19, was paired with his mentor, Josh, about eight years ago. When they met, Darius was getting into fights at school and not paying attention in class. Josh guided him away from bad conduct, bad grades and bad company, and introduced Darius to positive influences like the arts, science and volunteerism. Thanks to Josh's mentoring and leadership, Darius is well on his way to success; he graduated at the top of his high school class, he was a Silver Knight nominee and he is now studying biology in college. The relationship Josh and Darius have formed is one that will impact both of their lives forever.

Thanks to the compassion and commitment of so many in Miami-Dade, Darius - and thousands of other people - have a brighter future ahead. United Way of Miami-Dade is focused on bottom-line results, because after all - that's what matters.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI:

And they lived happily ever after

... Patti, BBA '57 and Allan, BBA '55, MBA '58, Herbert

Patti and Allan Herbert met during their first week of classes through a mutual friend at the University of Miami Student Center. Both were writers, Allan the editor of the Ibis yearbook, and Patti a staff writer for The Hurricane.

However, their true romance began on the other side of the country during a serendipitous encounter while on separate vacations in Southern California. Later, the storybook couple went on their first date in Disneyland and rode side-by-side in a stagecoach with Walt Disney and his wife.

Almost 50 years later, Patti and Allan Herbert's love is still evident on campus. Together, they visit the Wellness Center three times a week, chair class reunions, sponsor School of Business student scholarships, and most recently, endowed the CHAMPS program at the Wellness Center, a comprehensive fitness program available to students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

The Herberts' legacy to the university they love lives on through their endowed scholarships to business students in both their name and Patti's mother, Mary B. Cowart. Additionally, the bridge in front of the Wellness Center was named the "Love Bridge" to commemorate their love for the University and each other. This notable couple will remain a role model for students to emulate for generations to come.

ENTERING A BOLD NEW ERA

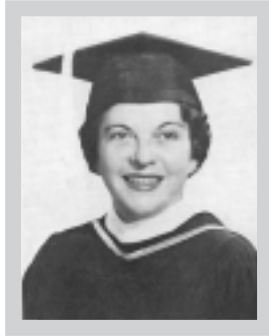
The University of Miami is entering a bold new era. For more than 75 years, it has grown and prospered as South Florida's primary intellectual engine, making enormous contributions to quality of life, educational achievement, professional development, cultural enrichment, athletic vitality, economic strength, and the health of individuals and families. Now we have an unprecedented opportunity to establish ourselves as one of the nation's finest research universities. Momentum: The Campaign for the University of Miami is a billion-dollar effort to accelerate progress, empower learning and discovery, and intensify our impact on people in our city, across the country, and around the world.

The Wellness Center is a premier fitness, recreation, and wellness facility located on the Coral Gables campus. Since opening in January 1996, the Wellness Center staff has welcomed thousands of members and guests every day. Group exercise classes, intramural sports, wellness programs, and instructional classes are just a few of the activities offered. Its programs are as varied as its members, with everything from swim lessons for toddlers to fitness programs for adults 65 and older.

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.



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**BARRY UNIVERSITY:**

Committed to a Lifetime of Learning

Gerard R. Frey's connection with Barry University began as a child when his mother, Adelaide Frey, began attending the school in hopes of making a better life for herself and her family.

For seven years Frey's mother took on the task of being a student as well as a full-time mother until she graduated from Barry in 1962 and went on to pursue a career teaching Latin and Spanish.

It was after her death in 1988 that the Frey family established a scholarship in her name, which was designed to help those with limited means pursue a college education. It was his mother's determination to go back to school at the age of 45 that inspired Frey, along with his sister, Yvonne Oppenheimer, to create an opportunity for others to do the same by establishing the scholarship.

Since that time, Gerard Frey has continually supported the scholarship and its goal of promoting higher education. Frey, who worked as a pilot for Delta Airlines for 34 years until he retired in 1990, has faithfully contributed to the scholarship since its inception in 1988.

Due to the Frey family's continued support, more than 25 students from all walks of life have benefited from the Adelaide Frey Annual Scholarship. To date, Gerard Frey has given thousands of dollars toward the further education of these Barry students. It is because of the compassion and generosity of Frey and his family that students have an opportunity to fulfill their dreams by pursuing a higher education.

GIVING THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Each year, Barry University awards scholarships to students based on scholastic achievement and financial need. Offering these scholarships has long been a tradition at Barry.

By doing this, students are able to benefit from the many scholarship programs that Barry has to offer, while at the same time continuing their pursuit toward the dream of a higher education.

Barry University is grateful to individuals, foundations and trusts who assist our students with annual scholarships. The following is a list of some of the Annual Scholarship Funds established to honor and/or memorialize a friend or relative:

Adeleide Frey Annual Scholarship; Assurant Solutions - for Math, Management and Accounting majors; Bateman Foundation; Ben Benjamin Memorial; Catherine Margaret Parkhurst Memorial; Carolyn P. Rosser; Coca-Cola Athletics; Rev. Cyril Burke Memorial; David and Olga Melin; John T. McDonald Foundation; Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation - for Nursing majors; Marie Baier Foundation - for School of Business; Michael Brink Memorial; North East Women's Club; Pam and Stewart Greenstein; Sister Eulalia LaVoie Memorial; and R.A. Ritter Foundation.



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BARRY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING:

Dedicated to Education & Excellence



Eileen Griffiths is a native of Long Island, New York. She became an alumna of Barry College's nursing program in 1963.

At Barry College, the nursing students lived and breathed their new profession, as they made their own beds with mitered corners. At meal time they slapped the salt and pepper shakers into each other's hands as they had learned to pass surgical instruments. By the time graduation was near, Eileen and her classmates were ready to take on the world of professional healthcare. After graduation, Eileen served in Pediatrics for three years until she had enough of the New York winters. She moved back to South Florida.

Eileen quickly discovered that nursing was not just a job, and that she wanted to keep learning and growing in her profession. So she left the small pediatric unit in Fort Lauderdale and moved to Miami to work at Variety (now Miami) Children's Hospital and advanced from the surgical floor to the emergency room. During her tenure as head nurse of the emergency room, Eileen dreamed of sharing her knowledge and skills with student nurses. She began teaching at Miami-Dade Community College in the Department of Nursing.

As a nursing educator, Eileen grew along with her students in learning more about her profession. While teaching her students, she earned her Masters Degree in Nursing. Eileen has taught at all nursing levels, to both part-time and full-time students. By 2001, after thirty-eight years of nursing, Eileen retired and is enjoying her time with family and friends.

But her dedication to nursing education continues. Eileen continues to encourage student nurses through her gifts to nursing scholarships at Barry University. Like many Barry nurses, Eileen continues her legacy in the profession she has lovingly embraced as student, professional healer, nursing educator and philanthropist.

BUILDING A LEGACY OF NURSING EXCELLENCE

“The Barry Nurse” stands out in a crowd! Barry University's School of Nursing has been serving the community since 1953 with more than 2500 graduate registered nurses. Our nursing licensure pass rates average above the national mean. Our reputation has been established in the community by the extraordinary professional success of our graduates.

One hundred percent of our graduates are employed within three months of graduation. Many of our Barry nurses accept positions offered prior to program completion. Barry nursing graduates continue to be placed in leadership positions within the health care profession.

Despite a world-wide shortage of nurses, Barry University's School of Nursing is experiencing:

- Increased undergraduate class size from 40 students to over 200 students a year.
- Applications exceeding 1000 per year for the undergraduate programs.
- Classes filled to capacity for the 2005-2006 Fall and Spring semester.

The School of Nursing is challenged to meet current and future health care and nursing educational needs at Barry University by providing:

- Increased scholarship opportunities for students
- Development of future nursing educators, practitioners and leaders
- Facilities that meet the needs of increased enrollment

We know we are doing something right when so many qualified students want to study nursing at Barry University. We are confident that enrollment levels will continue at a maximum due to high student achievement and excellent graduate performance in the workplace.



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**CAMILLUS HOUSE, INC.:***Framing a Life of Giving*

Albert R. Molina Jr. established Mobile Picture Framing (MPF) in 1989, working out of a single van in south Miami. MPF developed into the largest distributor of framing supplies in the southeastern United States.

In 1992, he established Fine Art Sales, a concession formed to conduct art auctions on board cruise ships throughout the world. Fine Art Sales grew to become one of the most successful concessionaries on the cruise ship industry.

In 1999, Fine Art Sales was sold to Park West Gallery, the largest fine art dealer in the world, based in Southfield Michigan. In 2001, Albert was brought back to be President of the Florida operations, and a partner of the Park West Gallery Group of companies.

In addition to building several successful businesses, Albert has quietly made substantial contributions to our community. Albert first became involved with Camillus House in 2003 as a member of the charity's board of directors. He soon took on the challenge of chairing the charity's annual gala, which was held aboard the Carnival VALOR. Through his leadership, the organization raised more than \$1 million the most successful fundraising event to date to benefit Camillus House.

More recently, Albert has been a tireless advocate for the Camillus House mission, engaging both businesses and individuals to share their compassion with the poor and homeless of our community. Albert is now working on revamping Camillus House's dining hall to make the organization's homeless guests feel welcomed and at home.

A few of the organizations that have benefited from his time and financial support include the New World Symphony, United Way of Miami Dade, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Baptist Health South Florida Foundation.

Albert is married to Vanessa Molina, and together they have twin boys, Christopher and Albert, and are currently expecting their third child.

ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN MIAMI

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.

Camillus' success can be attributed to the organization's long history in the community, which has provided much opportunity to establish trust and rapport with the homeless population. As a result, great effort is made to ensure the inclusion of homeless voices in all of the work undertaken at Camillus House.

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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DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK:

Champions in the Fight Against Hunger



Paul Castronovo and Young Ron Brewer are champions in the fight against hunger in South Florida, and have committed themselves to helping Daily Bread Food Bank for the past several years. Going back to their days at 94.9 ZETA, they came up with a seemingly simple idea of trying to collect some canned goods for the Thanksgiving holidays. Daily Bread Food Bank joined them in asking their loyal listeners to stop by and drop off some spare cans of food for the needy in South Florida. Fast forward 10 years, and who would have guessed they would be celebrating the collection of over 1 million pounds of food?

The annual food drive is a 52-hour marathon which begins on Monday at 5:30 am and goes around-the-clock until 10:00 am on Wednesday. Held at the Bass Pro Shop in Dania Beach, Paul and Ron encourage celebrities such as members of the Miami Heat and the Marlins among others to drop-by and support their cause.

Now with Big105.9 FM - Miami's Classic Rock station, Paul Castronovo and Young Ron Brewer continue to shock and amaze their loyal listeners weekday mornings from 6:00 - 10:00 am. The morning show duo has never been above doing whatever it takes to get the job done. This winning team and their dedication to inspire rejuvenate and spread a lot of love and goodwill in our communities has made a difference in the lives of thousands of people living in South Florida.

Daily Bread Food Bank salutes these two giants of radio land who have contributed hundreds of hours of invaluable time and support to the neediest throughout our communities. In light of past achievements and continued support, Daily Bread salutes these philanthropists and wholeheartedly recommends them to be recognized and honored as recipients of the Leave a Legacy Donor Next Door award.

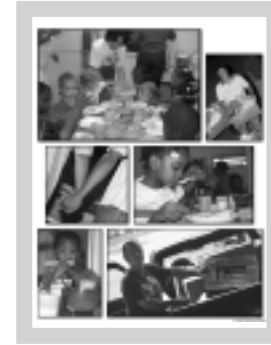
FIGHTING HUNGER IN SOUTH FLORIDA

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. We do this by providing food and other grocery products; and by educating and engaging our community to fight hunger and poverty.

Currently ranked the 13th largest charitable organization in the tri-county area, Daily Bread Food Bank is the South Florida affiliate of America's Second Harvest, a member of the Florida Association of Food Banks, and the largest food bank in the State of Florida. Through a network of approximately 1,000 member agencies, Daily Bread distributes food items to children, the elderly, the mentally and physically challenged, soup kitchens, pantries, homeless shelters, battered women shelters, youth programs, and to people living with HIV.

Daily Bread Food Bank opened its first distribution center in 1982, through the collaborative efforts of community leaders. Within the first six months, we were distributing approximately 36,000 pounds of food per month. Today, Daily Bread distributes 1.5 million pounds of food per month to its member agencies in South Florida. The people we serve are from various cultural backgrounds including, Caucasians, African Americans, Hispanics and Haitians among others. One of the startling realities of our feeding program is that 43% of the food we distribute goes to children, and 12% are elderly.

For every dollar donated, we can distribute enough food for 6 life-saving meals. In fact, over 98% of every dollar goes directly into our food distribution program. Last year alone, we saved the not-for-profit community approximately \$25 million. Those are dollars that can be used to expand or enhance current programs or create new programs for the community.



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THE EDUCATION FUND:

A Partnership for Reading Success

The Education Fund is honored to name Peacock Foundation, Inc., as its “Donor Next Door” for the Foundation’s heroic support of our literacy initiative - AmeriCorps Dade *READS!* This program recruits adults from our community to serve as full-time tutors in low performing public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County. These AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one tutoring during the school day. “Every time a child expands his or her reading skills, I am rewarded in my quest to give back, and this happens every day in the AmeriCorps program,” says one member.

Since 1998, Peacock Foundation, Inc. has been a major, annual donor of AmeriCorps Dade *READS!* The partnership we have established with Peacock Foundation, Inc. has resulted in more than 2,500 children receiving more than 20,000 hours of one-on-one literacy tutoring. Additionally, the Foundation’s underwriting has provided critical matching funds to leverage approximately \$1.7 million in federal funding for impoverished children in our community who were struggling readers prior to entering our program.

This school year, we were granted more AmeriCorps positions than ever before and more than double the number we were allotted the previous school year. This also meant we were challenged to meet the increased federal matching requirements. Peacock Foundation, Inc. responded to our larger-than-ever request to fulfill the opportunity to transform the lives of more than 510 children and their families this year.

Established by Henry B. Peacock, Jr. in 1947, Peacock Foundation, Inc. enhances and promotes the good health and wellbeing of children, families and underprivileged persons in Southeast Florida through contributions, gifts and grants to eligible nonprofit organizations. Since its inception, more than \$18 million has been invested in worthy charitable endeavors. Peacock Foundation, Inc. welcomes opportunities to invest in projects that address critical community needs in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties.

BRINGING EXCELLENCE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Education Fund was founded 20 years ago by a group of business and civic leaders who saw a need to establish an independent organization that would involve the private sector in bringing excellence to public education in our community. The founders envisioned an organization whose role would be multifaceted. It would be a catalyst for designing and implementing innovative pilot programs. It would be entrepreneurial, responding in creative ways to the needs of the business sector, the district and the community at large. The Foundation for Excellence in Public Education, as The Education Fund was known then, would be an independent voice for MDCPS, governed by a board of directors in a public/private partnership, and invested in by the private sector.

The Education Fund fulfills this mission through its 12+ programs and initiatives. AmeriCorps Dade *READS!*, for example, fills a tremendous gap for our neediest children. Citibank FamilyTech has bridged the digital divide for more than 6,300 impoverished students and their families, while keeping more than 225,000 pounds of computer hardware out of our landfills. Our programs for teachers remain as popular as the day they were launched. The Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials, founded as a temporary distribution mechanism in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, annually provides \$350,000+ worth of classroom supplies to teachers who shop for free at our 10,000-square-foot warehouse. Other key accomplishments include:

- Publishing a first-of-its-kind trilingual *Parent Resource Guide*, distributed to 1/2 million households in Miami-Dade County.
- Piloting the Superintendent's Urban Principal Initiative to provide a rigorous training and development program for aspiring secondary principals.
- Awarding more than a half-million dollars in grants to MDCPS teachers.
- Distributing an annual "best classroom practices" catalog to all 19,000+ teachers.
- Raising funds for visual art programs through the annual "Art of Found Objects" art auction.



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FLORIDA LIONS EYE BANK:

A Living Expression of God's Kindness

The Florida Lions Eye Bank proudly recognizes its Senior Volunteer, Jean R. Cornille. At “almost 92”, Jean remains fully engaged in life and is always stepping forward to actualize her lifelong motto: “Many hands make light work”.

Jean's life began on a farm in Waukesha, Wisconsin. In her late teens, she moved to Milwaukee where she became a registered nurse. As the Assistant Director of Nurses at Milwaukee County Hospital for many years, Jean set the standard for compassion and service for her student nurses.

Along with her late husband, Dr. Alfred J. Cornille, Jean moved to Fort Pierce, Florida in 1952. She continued her legacy to the world by instilling these same values into her five children. In addition to the many demands of large family and serving as her husband's nurse in his office, Jean also took a leadership role in the 1960s by establishing the nursing program at Indian River Junior College and providing scholarships for student nurses.

Mother Teresa once said: “Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.” Jean is truly a living expression of God's kindness.

Jean's generous spirit is reflected not only in the time she donates to the eye bank, but also in her financial support as well. As a part of her charitable donations this year, Jean asked her five children for their advice. She honored their wishes by donating to two organizations: The Florida Lions Eye Bank and to Literacy Launchers, Inc.

“I am grateful to Mary Anne Taylor, Executive Director of the Florida Lions Eye Bank and to Leave a Legacy for this honor. My partner, Maureen, and I know that we are helping the wonderful people at the eye bank. And now, let's get back to work!”

RECEIVING THE GIFT OF SIGHT

No matter what endeavor Linda Vilella has pursued, it has been her vision that has brought her fame and success: a competitive eye as one of the world's top figure skaters, an artistic eye as a show business choreographer, a watchful and inspiring eye as a teacher and mentor to young athletes.

But it was also her eyes that have hindered her personal and professional life as she battled a troublesome case of keratoconus since she was a young adult. A cornea provided by the Florida Lions Eye Bank solved her eye disorder and has kept her moving ahead as Director of the Miami City Ballet School.

Linda's childhood was spent in Canada and Europe since her father was a diplomat for the Canadian government. She represented Canada at the Olympics in Grenoble, France. After gaining fame from her international skating performances, she was invited to join the prestigious Ice Capades as the show's lead performer. Next she was in television commercials, served as a choreographer and was assistant to the U.S. Olympic coach.

While doing choreography work in Los Angeles, Linda met Edward Vilella, America's most celebrated male ballet dancer. Soon after they were married, Edward became the founding artistic director of the Miami City Ballet and Linda took on the job of Director of Miami City Ballet School.

As the Vilellas worked to develop the ballet company and school, Linda's discomfort from keratoconus worsened. Pain became intense and her vision steadily declined. When her eye problem almost prevented her from making it through an evening at the White House when her husband was being honored, Linda decided to have a corneal transplant. The tissue from the Florida Lions Eye Bank became available just days before Linda's daughter's high school graduation. "We went ahead with the surgery and I still made it to the ceremony," she said. "That was more than six years ago and my eye has never been better."



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FOUNDATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES:

A Generous and Giving Spirit

The 2005 “Donor Next Door” for the Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation is Louis Nieweg, of blessed memory.

Louis Nieweg was born and raised in Holland. When the Nazis invaded in 1940, he managed to escape with his brother and parents by convincing a fishing boat captain to take them to England. Unfortunately, his older sister, living in another part of the country, perished in the Holocaust with her husband and 5-year-old child.

From England the family moved to Australia and then to New York, where Louis became a successful businessman. In 1960, he sold his business and retired. Louis never married nor had children.

A decade later, after several visits, he made South Florida his home. Soon after, he participated in his first mission to Israel with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. It was on this trip that he met Norman Lipoff, who would become his lawyer and dear friend. The mission sparked something in him that led to a life of service and giving. Over the years his generosity and support for the Jewish community became far-reaching. He has been a major donor to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and a number of other Jewish institutions in Miami and Israel.

Louis passed away in 2004 at the age of 92. Through his estate plan, he created the largest single endowment that the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Foundation of Jewish Philanthropies has ever received and designated it for Jews in need.

Louis is deeply missed, but his generosity and commitment will continue to touch many Jewish lives. His sense of what the future ought to be honors and reaffirms Jewish tradition. At the same time, his generosity helps assure a strong future for Jews in Miami, in Israel and around the world.

BUILDING A LASTING JEWISH LEGACY

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. 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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JUBILATE, INC.:

Investing in Communities

Keith T. Ward, a native of Miami-Dade, is the Founder and President of Quality Management North America, Inc., a real estate investment and management firm specializing in rehabilitating multifamily properties. Over the past twenty years, he has been able to increase market value and quality of life in under served areas of Miami-Dade County. He was an assistant to the late Senator Claude Pepper. Following his tenure with Senator Pepper he received his law degree from Harvard and returned to Miami to invest in “communities.”

Explaining his transition from law to development, Mr. Ward said, “I was always interested in buildings and architecture and law did not allow me to make a proactive contribution to the neighborhoods. Turning around properties and providing quality service improves neighborhoods and raises the expectations of the tenants. It gives everyone pride and hope for the future.”

The child of civic minded parents; mom a Miami-Dade school teacher and father a Miami policeman, Mr. Ward was also instrumental in launching the Children's Rehab Network (CRN), a day care center for medically fragile children. He is particularly proud of the Opa-Locka Center because it involved rehabilitating a vacant and dilapidated office building that had been a haven for crime in the area.

My parents were great providers and role models; they stressed the importance of community service. Through their own family foundation, Keith and Renata Ward (his wife and partner of 26 years) fund a variety of local organizations focused on extracurricular activities for area youth.

“I would like to continue to find ways to improve neighborhoods and provide support services to help parents with their children,” says Ward, who serves as the chairperson of the Jubilate Arts Preparatory Academy's Overtown project. He was also the charter funder for the Academy's highly successful Summer Music Institute for at-risk youth.

ADVANCING POTENTIAL THROUGH ARTISTIC CREATIVITY

The Jubilate Arts Preparatory Academy is an arts and learning center for at risk youth in collaboration with Jubilate, Inc., Florida Memorial College's Department of Music, Florida International University and Miami Dade Public Schools; dedicated to the advancement of young people's potential through artistic creativity, communication and mentoring.

Our programs stress that success is based not only on skill and knowledge, but also on attitude and performance. The Academy has provided safe, engaging and constructive environments for children from grades 4 -12, many whom would be without adult supervision after school and during the summer. Those are the times when they are most vulnerable to community violence and gang recruitment.

Established in 2000, the Academy program includes a Chamber Orchestra, Piano Conservatory, Percussion Ensemble, Choral Ensemble and starting this Spring, "Music?Yes!" (Students Learning Through Music).

"Music?Yes!" was designed by the legendary Carlos Malcolm Music to encourage and develop the faculties of critical thinking in young people with a view to achieving higher levels of consciousness and eventually, civil, social interaction.

By facilitating the learning process with music, dance and learning by rote, "Music?Yes!" teachers have evoked enthusiastic responses from children eager to learn the basic tools of general education, such as the multiplication tables, the eight parts of speech, reading and of course, music theory.

The Academy has trained over 350 students. All of our seniors have graduated and over 90% have received thousands of dollars in scholarships.

In addition to our locations at Florida Memorial University and Florida International University, Jubilate adopted Overtown's Phillis Wheatley Elementary School where we provide in-school music theory and performance classes and an after school music program.



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MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION:

A Dedicated Steward

Miami Children's Hospital Foundation is pleased to recognize and honor our Board Chairman, Mark Blank for his commitment and service to Miami Children's Hospital Foundation and Miami Children's Hospital. Mark comes from a distinguished family of philanthropists, and inherited the legacy of his grandparents, Sam and Bea Blank. As a third generation Miamian, Mark is committed to the well-being of his home town and the people who live and work here.

Mark Blank was born and raised in Miami, Florida, and is a graduate of the University of Miami, with a Bachelors of Business Administration degree and a Masters of Business Administration degree. Mark is Chief Executive Officer of Gulfstream Companies and has been an active member of the Miami-Dade civic community for over 20 years.

Mark has served on Miami Children's Hospital Foundation's Board of Directors for over 15 years, and is serving his second year as Chairman of the Board. He is the Chairman of the Florman Family Foundation Board, and is a Board Member of the Abraham Fund, Blank Charitable Foundation, and Miami Children's Hospital and serves on the University of Miami President's Council.

His previous activities include a County Commission appointment to the Public Health Trust, as well as Board Membership with Project: New Born, and Palmer Trinity School, among others.

Mark is married to Bonnie Blank, and has four children.

Miami Children's Hospital Foundation salutes our Chairman, Mark Blank, and takes this opportunity to thank him as he provides leadership and stewardship for this institution.

GIVING HOPE TO CHILDREN EVERY DAY

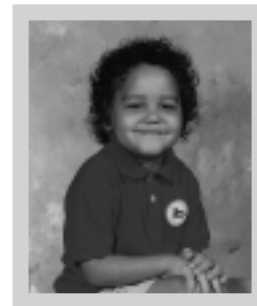
Miami Children's Hospital Foundation and Miami Children's Hospital owe their success to the many doctors, nurses, health-care professionals, volunteers and donors who provide constant and generous care, support and leadership to these organizations.

In 2004, Miami Children's Hospital served over 185,000 children from around this region and around the world. One special child, Shea Garcia, who first came to MCH at the age of six months old, was recently selected as a Children's Miracle Network, Champions Across America child for his courage and strength.

At the age of six months, Shea was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia - the most aggressive form of leukemia. He spent Christmas of 1999 in the Hospital undergoing chemotherapy and it wouldn't be the only Christmas he'd be with us. In December, 2000, he suffered a relapse and began chemotherapy again. Seven months later, after another relapse, a decision was made to give Shea a bone marrow transplant. Four months later, an unrelated donor was found and Shea received the transplant.

Just under two years later, Shea was diagnosed with a tumor in his nasal cavity. Once again he underwent chemotherapy and received lymphocytes from the same donor.

Shea is now a vivacious, active six year old, who loves lizards and video games, and not only dreams of a future, but lives his life to the fullest!



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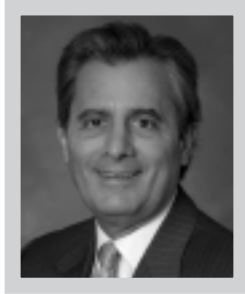
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**MIAMI DADE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.:**

Opportunity Changes Everything

Antonio L. Argiz, “Tony” came to the United States as a Peter Pan child and even though he did not attend Miami Dade College he has remembered the educational opportunities that were provided to him. He continues to focus on an open educational process for all and has assisted through his efforts on the Miami Dade College Foundation Board and as Chair to solicit and provide funding for students who without this financial assistance could not attend.

He is the managing partner of one of Florida's largest independent consulting and CPA firms, Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra. Tony participates with many other non-profits in South Florida, but always has time to focus on educational needs for minority students.

When Tony commits, he never waivers as a volunteer and is with you all the way. With us, he is and has been, involved in all aspects of the College and Foundation. When you explain the need, he helps to find the solution. A tireless volunteer, Tony exemplifies the best attribute - always available to help.

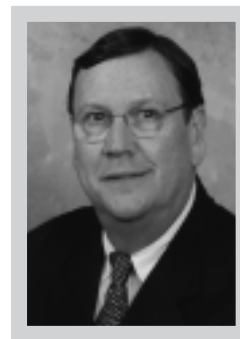
The Foundation, the College and current and future students have all benefited from his leadership and the impact he has made in his leadership roles at the Foundation. Even though he is now past Chair his continued involvement remains strong and he continues to take time and be involved so that Opportunity is available to the many financial needs of our students. It is a privilege for the Miami Dade College Foundation to salute Tony Argiz.

SUPPLYING EDUCATION TO ALL

At Miami Dade College and the Foundation, we believe “Opportunity Changes Everything”. The Foundation is a direct support organization to assist our students, staff and faculty in the educational process for all. We are a College committed to an Open Door Policy to provide all an education.

Through endowments the Foundation currently provides over 3,000 scholarships to our students annually. Additionally, the Foundation in the 1990's established The Endowed Teaching Chairs to reward professors at the College for the excellence they provide in and out of the classroom to our students. This was the first program of this type at any College and is now followed by many throughout the United States. Additionally the foundation assists in current and future program development through gifts from donors. As the needs of the College expand annually, the Foundation must be the catalyst to seek from the community, alumni, individuals, businesses and private foundations alternative source of funds to keep our Open Door Policy for all who seek an education. With over 160,000 students annually attending Miami Dade College, the needs are immense. Our work is focused on placing our students, whether enrolled in a degree program, work force development program or quality of life program in a situation where they can attain a better life in the future because of the educational experiences they receive at Miami Dade College.

Because of the diversity in our student base and the core curriculum, we offer donors a number of opportunities to assist and support the educational process. We are always open to new and diverse ways to support our efforts to assist the largest student body in the United States.



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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, with a deep commitment to serve Miami and extraordinary potential to create change. Fellows work together building bridges among Miami-Dade's communities during a two-year experiential leadership training and development program.

The program began with an Outward Bound experience in Everglades City. 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, learning about the different communities in Miami-Dade, diversity and ethics. The group interacts with established leaders, learn new skills and challenge their own perspectives on topics unique to Miami-Dade County. This year the Fellows have explored complex community challenges and innovative solutions through their Fireside Chats with community leaders Mayor Carlos Alvarez, Dr. Rudy Crew, Hodding Carter, Alberto Iburgüen, David Lawrence, Donna Shalala, Commissioner Johnny Winton, and many others.

In July, Fellows will travel to Brazil to identify and explore various aspects of Brazilian society, enhancing their capabilities for transforming leadership in an ever-evolving global community. They will create links to Miami to enhance programs affecting economics, poverty, education, race, culture and spirituality.

"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."



EXPRESSING PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

My mentor provided me with a life changing experience. She gave me insights into myself. She eloquently put into words my potential in this community and on this earth and empowered me to think of ways I could bring this purpose to light.

Karla Gottlieb

Lab II brought me into direct contact to portions of the community I would not have typically ventured into such as, Little Haiti, Overtown, Hialeah and Homestead. Tensions among Blacks, Haitians, Hispanics and other immigrant groups were at a level I had not previously realized.

Max Strang

Ethical Leadership taught me the importance of always striving to be nothing less than a “transformational” leader, an agent of real change in the world.

Alessandra Soler Meetze

The topic of ethics is not explored enough in our society, therefore a good examination of the way we view ethics was challenging and informative. I have a new outlook on my own personal ethics, and am inspired to further define an ethical core for myself.

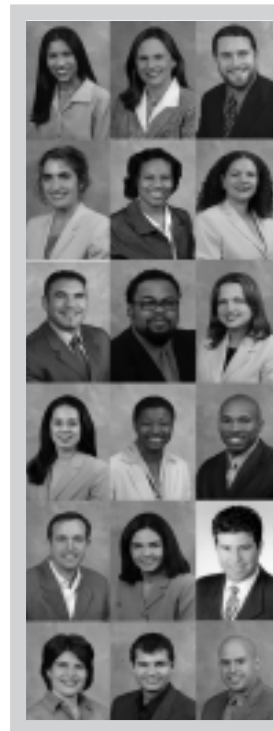
Jose Talavera

The Lab on Diversity, Prejudice and Coexistence connected some dots within my personal views of the world and added depth to my understanding of the lenses I look through. Additionally, the Lab made me feel more powerful in regards to addressing problems that are sometimes nebulous and difficult to address because they are so multi-layered.

Lisa Martinez

Miami Fellows Initiative Class III: 2004 - 2005

Rashmi Airan-Pace, Fernandez, Airan-Pace & Associates, P.A.; **Elizabeth Winkeljohn**, Bowne; **Aaron Dorfman**, People Acting for Community Together; **Karla Gottlieb**, Human Services Coalition; **Thamara Labrousse**, Switchboard of Miami; **Jesus Leon**, Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities; **S. Sean Madison**, Miami Dade College; **Lisa Martinez**, Office of Mayor Manny Martinez Education Initiatives; **Alessandra Meetze**, American Civil Liberties of Florida; **Regine Monestime**, Monestime Firm; **Farrel Owens**, Miami-Dade Police Department; **Thomas Rebull**, Broad and Cassel; **Gloria Romero-Roses**, Real Estate Development Consultant; **Michael Samway**, Yahoo!, Inc.; **Elizabeth Schwartz**, Elizabeth F. Schwartz, P.A.; **Max Strang**, Strang Architecture; **Jose Talavera**, Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Guedes, Cole & Boniske, P.A.



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MIAMI JEWISH HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE AGED:

Making a Difference in South Florida



A celebrated artist and founding principal of the Aventura-based Geller Design Group, interior designer Stuart Geller has left his signature mark on multiple architectural projects throughout South Florida and Latin America. But nowhere is his presence seen and felt more strongly than at the landmark Miami Jewish Home & Hospital for the Aged at Douglas Gardens.

A Royal NOTABLE businessman who ranks among the Home's top tier of volunteer/philanthropists as a Star Club FOUNDER, Geller began his involvement with the Home in the 1990s. However, the seeds of interest were planted decades earlier in 1979 by two of Douglas Gardens' - and the region's - most prolific benefactors, Isabel and the late Samuel May. Early clients of his, the Mays have been a part of the Home's leadership board, where Geller is a Director.

The New York born entrepreneur also funds Alzheimer's support services to victims and their families through Douglas Gardens' Alzheimer's Care Committee/NOTABLES group, where he is President of the Aventura chapter and a Director on its Board.

Along with members of the Aventura Marketing Council's Holiday Outreach Committee, Geller brings unending delight each season to seniors at assisted living facilities across South Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The group was recently honored with the 2005 Outstanding Service Award for their efforts at Douglas Gardens. Among numerous individual accomplishments, Geller is also a two-time platinum award winner from the Builders Association of South Florida (BASF).

In the larger philanthropic community, Geller, a graduate of Long Island University's South Hampton College, has been a tireless advocate for complex social issues. His many involvements include the Community Alliance Against AIDS, AmfAR, and the United Foundation for AIDS. He is also a role model with Next Generation of Douglas Gardens, a Miami Jewish Home "training school" for governance and philanthropy.

A LIFETIME OF GIVING

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 deHoerle 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.

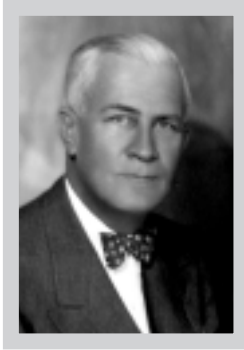
MJHHA is mission-driven to provide personalized, quality care with dignity to all of South Florida.



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MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED, INC.:
A Philanthropic Pioneer

Calvin Oak, a pioneer Florida banker, began supporting Miami Lighthouse for the Blind in 1941. His foundation is among the very few celebrated as a member of the Founder's Society of this leading agency for rehabilitation to the severely visually impaired. The Lighthouse was one of Mr. Oak's favorite charities.

Mr. Oak began his career in Jacksonville, Florida and organized the Riverside Bank in Miami in 1941. He was born in 1882 and passed away in 1952 at age 70. His widow, Falvia de Camp Oak, died on Thanksgiving Day 1990 at age 103. The Oak Foundation was the principal beneficiary of her estate.

After Mr. Oak's death, Mrs. Oak appointed Tully F. Dunlap to succeed her late husband as President of The Calvin & Flavia de Camp Oak Foundation. He was Chairman of the Board of Riverside Bank in Miami and Sun Banks of Florida in Orlando. He has since 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.

Other directors of the Oak Foundation include James H. Peck II, Craig L. Rickert, and Emily N. Romth. Mr. Peck's father was one of the Foundation's organizing directors. He also served as attorney for the Foundation as well as Mrs. Oak's personal attorney.

In addition to the Oaks' long-standing dedication to the noble mission of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, the Foundation has supported many other worthy institutions, including: Oak Asthma Research Center at University of Miami, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Community Partnership for the Homeless, Lee Memorial Health System of Fort Meyers, Salvation Army of Miami and LaBelle, LaBelle Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, Florida Lions Eye Bank, and Coral Gables Citizens Crime Watch, Inc.

GAINING INDEPENDENCE & INSPIRATION

At about age 50, Robert Granat noticed that his vision was increasingly getting worse. In partial denial, he visited the local drugstore to buy progressively stronger optical glasses, but to no avail. Eventually, Mr. Granat was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, a disease of the central nervous system, a symptom of which is Optic Nerve Atrophy.

Robert grew accustomed to being legally blind and, at the behest of his daughter, made a trek to Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired. He found the orientation session to be very good and was truly impressed. People who were totally blind demonstrated independence and inspired him. He then wholeheartedly embraced the rehabilitation program. Mr. Granat is most proud of his achievement in computer training. With special software for the visually impaired, Zoom Text© in particular, he has realized a great deal of independence.

Robert Martin Granat is one of those few residents of Miami, Florida called “native.” Born March 10, 1940 to parents who moved south from New York, Robert was the eldest of three boys. His youth involved active involvement in sports, which is a hobby even to this day. He graduated from Miami Senior High School and attended the University of Miami for two years until he married began his own business. Mr. Granat prides himself in having founded a company 25 years ago, through which he became a successful processor and distributor of wholesale meats to the food service industry. His wife, Joan, is a school teacher for Dade County public schools for 29 years and, together, they are the parents of two daughters, Dina Granat Balog and Jill Granat Houlihan, and two grandchildren. Robert Granat is a past member of the Lion's Club and has volunteered with Boys & Girls Club of Miami. Today, he volunteers three days a week at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind to help others who are adjusting to severe visual disability.



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MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION:

Building Community Together

A successful South Florida builder and developer, George Bergmann understands the importance of laying a good foundation, building community and sustaining it for the future. He and his wife, Marla, have committed their hearts to programs and services they believe will make their community and the world a better place.

Mount Sinai Medical Center has been a longtime beneficiary of the Bergmann's generosity of time, talent and resources. George is a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees, serving on numerous committees during his tenure. Marla, a certified public accountant, also is a member of the board, serving as co-chair of its audit committee and as a member of several other committees as well.

As a result of their generosity, the Bergmanns have attained membership as Humanitarians in the Society of Mount Sinai, the organization that represents the highest level of giving in the hospital's Foundation.

Marla recently was named Foundation president, after completing four years as president of the Founders of Mount Sinai. She previously served as Founders vice president and was the 2000 honoree of The Cancer Lifeline of Mount Sinai's Eighth Annual Tender Care and Love Luncheon and Fashion Show - an event she co-chaired in 1999.

George and Marla support Mount Sinai and other worthwhile organizations through planned gifts and endowments, knowing their gifts will continue enriching the lives of future generations. Marla has endowed her annual Lion of Judah gift to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. The Bergmanns also endowed the George and Marla Bergmann Upper School of the Jacobson Sinai Academy in North Dade and the Rabbi Norman Mussman Cultural Arts Program at the Michael Ann Russell Jewish Community Center. They have also made significant planned gifts to the Shul of Bal Harbour, New World Symphony, University School of Nova Southeastern University and the Alexander Muss High School In Israel.

HELPING & HEALING WHILE PROVIDING WORLD-CLASS CARE

Mount Sinai Medical Center is Florida's largest private, independent, not-for-profit teaching hospital. With 2,700 employees, 900 physicians and 500 volunteers, Mount Sinai provides world-class care on two Miami Beach campuses and a satellite facility in Aventura. Its centers of excellence include:

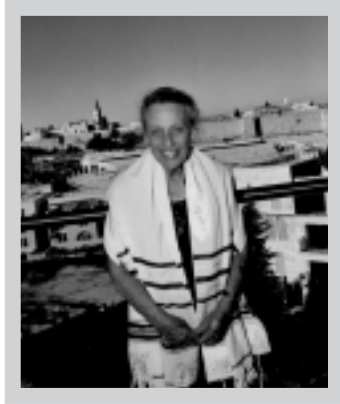
- **Cardiovascular Services.** Specializing in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of heart disease, Mount Sinai performs more than 10,000 cardiac procedures each year, giving it the distinction of being the number one heart program in South Florida.
- **Cancer Services.** The Mount Sinai Comprehensive Cancer Center provides a sophisticated array of outpatient services, including diagnostic imaging, medical, surgical, neurological, gynecological, urological, and radiation oncology, and numerous support services for patients and their families.
- **Orthopedics and Rehabilitative Medicine.** Mount Sinai provides numerous inpatient surgical services, including joint, limb, hip and femur repair and replacement, as well as reconstructive therapy.

Mount Sinai receives philanthropic support primarily from groups formed under the umbrella of the Mount Sinai Foundation. They include:

- **The Society of Mount Sinai.** The Society represents the Foundation's highest level of giving.
- **The Founders.** Membership in the Founders often is a multi-generational family affair, linking children, parents and grandparents in support of the hospital.
- **Young Presidents Club.** Members of the Young Presidents Club include individuals, age 25 to 45, who enjoy social and business networking, while supporting the hospital.
- **The Cancer Lifeline.** The core mission of this group is to raise funds to improve the health and well-being of Mount Sinai's cancer patients and their families.
- **Ambassadors of the Wien Center.** The Ambassadors provide philanthropic support for the Wien Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders.
- **Cardiac Lifeline.** The Cardiac Lifeline is dedicated to building awareness and generating funds to benefit the hospital's cardiovascular services.



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NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS:

A Champion of Just Causes

Bea Simon has always been a pillar of strength in her family, graciously yet firmly, living by her convictions. She is true to herself and a champion of just causes. Born in England, Bea grew up knowing deprivation, as well as great wealth. She fell in love with an American soldier and immigrated to the United States as a war bride. It was a romantic but challenging life.

Convinced that the obstacles to the marriage were overwhelming, Bea and her husband, Stuart, quickly returned to England. They then moved to South Africa and started their life together. Eight years later, a new regime enacted apartheid laws, which caused them to gather their children, Ted, Susan and Victoria, and worldly goods to return to the United States.

After Stuart's passing, Bea has continued to contribute to causes they shared. With her gentle eyes, soft-spoken demeanor and classic refinement, one would hardly expect the assertiveness she exhibits when standing up for voices that would otherwise go unheard. An unwavering supporter of educational endeavors, Bea has served on the New World School of the Arts Foundation Board, has supported her beloved Temple Beth Sholom and many medical research causes.

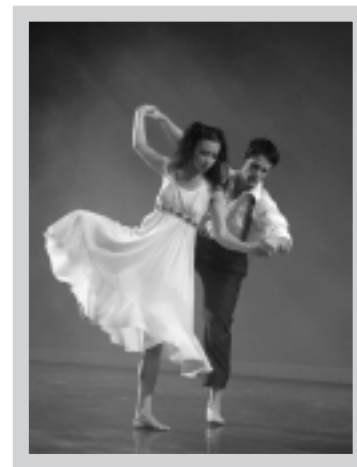
A quiet giver, she never desires the limelight. Her joy comes from the inner-fulfillment of knowing that she has aided a child or student. She is a great gift to any community.

THREE GREAT PARTNERS. ONE GREAT CONSERVATORY.

Established in 1984 by the Florida State Legislature, New World School of the Arts is a Center of Excellence in the performing and visual arts. The school prepares high school and college students for professional careers in dance, music, theater and the visual arts. Through the joint partnership of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade College and the University of Florida, NWSA provides over 800 students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma, Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in downtown Miami.

Achievements: New World and its students consistently place in the highest ranks of academic and artistic achievement. A sampling of recent awards and recognition include:

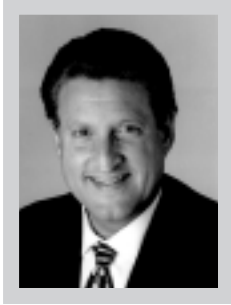
- 2005 “A” school rating from the Florida Department of Education for the fifth year in a row based on students' final FCAT scores-New World is the only high school in Miami-Dade County to earn this distinction.
- 2005 National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts 17 award winners -366 winners since 1989
- 2004 Presidential Scholars in the Arts, Vera Arias is the third New World visual artist in a row to win this highest national honor in the arts. New World has produced 11 winners since 1989.
- 2005 GRAMMY Foundation Recognition, New World has produced at least one or more GRAMMY honorees to perform at the GRAMMY Awards 10 years in a row- a national record.
- 2005 Carbonell Awards, New World Theater faculty and alumni won six awards (and thirteen award nominations).
- 2004 Jazz at Lincoln Center New World's Jazz Band has placed in the top three bands four times in the last five years in the “Essentially Ellington” Jazz Band Competition.
- Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center selected Jennifer Sanon, (High School Class of 2004), to sing with the orchestra in their debut performance of Marsalis' new composition “Suite for Human Nature.” Sanon was the winner of the Jazz@LC's Ella Fitzgerald Outstanding Vocalist Award last year.



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SHAPE (STUDENTS HELPING ACHIEVE PHILANTHROPIC EXCELLENCE):

Learning to Give



Mark Gordon has dedicated his life to the pursuit of professional success and philanthropy. Early on he demonstrated a gift for identifying trends. After moving to South Florida from Illinois, Mr. Gordon brought his business acumen to a fledgling company then called Florida Fulfillment. Sensing corporate America's need for emerging communications and information technologies, he rapidly transformed the company into a global leader of integrated marketing services. Renamed Precision Response Corp (PRC), the company was recognized four consecutive years as one of INC Magazines top 500 successful private entities. After a highly successful public offering, PRC with more than 8,000 employees became the industries second largest in-bound teleservices firm. In 2000, Mr. Gordon, then Chairman of the Board, sold PRC to USA Networks.

Through his personal philanthropy, he has helped support many organizations such as The Governor's Family Literacy Initiative, Florida Celebration of Reading, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, SOS Children's Home Village, Give The Kids the World, Gilda's Club South Florida, Interplast South, the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, the World Literacy Crusade of Florida, the Starlite Children's Foundation, the Possible Dream Foundation, Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital Foundation, Healing The Children Florida/Georgia, the Florida Hurricane Relief Fund, the American Red Cross and the United Nations Foundation.

Perhaps, one of his greatest assets lies in motivating others to find a way to give as well. This desire to better our communities and to foster a new generation of givers is what gave rise to S.H.A.P.E (Students Helping Achieve Philanthropic Excellence). Mr. Gordon established the program 3 years ago and now serves as board president. He is aware that by engaging youth in philanthropic activities and providing them with leadership skills we are laying the groundwork for positive social change. In this difficult world, S.H.A.P.E and the Mark J. Gordon Foundation strive to enhance the quality of life in South Florida now and for future generations in order to ensure a brighter future for our communities.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Joevania Alexandre, a student from South Plantation High School has the desire to leave her mark on the world. She wants everyone to understand that teens need guidance in order to learn how to make the most of their time. Being involved in S.H.A.P.E has given her and many South Florida students the means to improve and change their communities by spending their free time helping others.

SHAPE is committed to pursuing its vision of strengthening our communities by empowering and mentoring young philanthropists. Through education, civic engagement, and positive human relations, the program assists non-profits, and students - often from underserved and disadvantaged areas. It addresses many social problems facing the region, and promotes a future generation of philanthropists and leaders. The SHAPE program is currently being implemented as an extra-curricular activity in 11 area high schools, representing a wide spectrum of Florida communities.

Students raise \$500 to qualify for participation in the program which is then matched with \$5,000 by SHAPE. Each school implements a mission statement and engages in fundraising activities and a required group community project. In addition, funds provided by SHAPE are designated by the students to benefit the charities that they have researched and selected to receive grant awards.

Joevania and her fellow SHAPE students have been moved by their acts of kindness and realize they now have the ability and the heart to make a difference

On behalf of all the students of the S.H.A.P.E program we thank our many donors including the Mark J. Gordon Foundation who every day offer young students the opportunity to be catalysts for positive change in their communities. We invite you to become involved in supporting one of America's greatest resources, our youth.



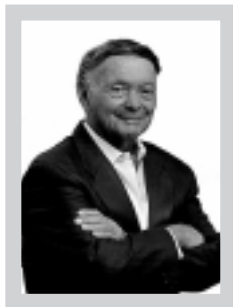
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**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,
CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN MEDICAL EDUCATION:**

Contributing in Ways That Will Do the Most Good



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When damaged battleships and submarines would roll into port at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard during World War II, Harry Feldman would repair and refit them for service. This know-how, plus an engineering degree from City College of New York, helped him create what was to become M.D. Carlisle Construction Corporation.

Originally a family air-conditioning and sprinkler system installation company established in 1946, the business grew to become one of the top New York-based construction and architecture firms in the nation. Feldman has been at the helm for the past 30 years, aided by a dedicated crew of employees whom he decided to reward by naming them income beneficiaries from charitable gift annuities he created at the University of Miami. “As part of my outlook on how I should live in this world, I like to take care of people,” Feldman says.

Feldman has supported the University of Miami since 1976. He and his neighbors, who included former associate dean of the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine Bea Dossick, helped found Friends for Life, which raises funds for many initiatives, including the Center for Research in Medical Education at the medical school.

The generosity of people like Harry Feldman and other members of Friends for Life has helped the Miller School of Medicine become a worldwide leader in emergency skills training for paramedics, firefighters, hospital workers, and law enforcement officers, as well as medical students.

CONTINUING A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine was established fifty-two years ago and is one of the youngest medical schools in the nation. Yet, the School has earned international acclaim for biomedical research, teaching and clinical care and is the academic partner for the nation's second largest and busiest medical center, the University of Miami - Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida.

A recipient of numerous donations at the School is the Center for Research in Medical Education (CRME). Established in 1966, this Center, a designated Center of Excellence of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, has developed, implemented and disseminated very innovative medical education skills training programs using advanced technology and simulation. The CRME's mission is to serve as a laboratory for research and development in the application of advanced technology to medical education. Its laboratory is known for its innovative educational programs in patient simulation using "Harvey", a Cardiology Patient Simulator, or robot, that has been programmed to simulate nearly any cardiac disease, with symptoms that include blood pressure, breathing, pulses, heart sounds and murmurs. The Center also provides a variety of interactive multimedia computer learning and emergency medical skills training. A respected leader in the area of applied outcomes research in education, the CRME places an emphasis on the creation and improvement of methods to assess clinical competence.

The Miller 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:***Consummate Advocate For Children*

Siomara O. Lindner has not only served as a Voices For Children Board Member since 2000, but is a dedicated supporter of community causes and in particular advocates for children causes. In her quiet way, as Assistant to the President of Bacardi USA, she has been involved in the sponsorship of numerous cultural and charitable events in our community and has helped make the difference in Miami-Dade County.

Married to Enrique Lindner, Siomara dedicates countless hours answering the requests from many community organizations that approach her office to get help for their special events. Siomara has been instrumental in the huge success obtained by Voices For Children Foundation, Inc., at the Merrick Park “Festival of Voices” the last two years and many other fundraising efforts.

She believes that we all have the moral obligation to get involved in our community and make it a better place to live and in particular to help less fortunate children in need so that they grow up and become productive adults.

Voices for Children, the Guardian Ad Litem Program and the Board of Trustees are very proud to count Mrs. Lindner among their friends.

FILLING THE GAP FOR ABUSED & NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Voices for Children Foundation started with a need. Twenty one 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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WOMEN'S FUND OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:

Women with a Vision



An unprecedented community effort is underway. Miami women are joining together to develop affordable housing for foster girls who turn 18 and are emancipated from the supervision and support of the State of Florida child welfare system. Within the population of 18-year olds aging out of the system, girls are especially at risk of experiencing violence, sexual abuse, prostitution, and/or being controlled by older men for financial support

Over 125 volunteers are giving their time, expertise and financial support working on the development of the project, raising necessary funding and creating community awareness.

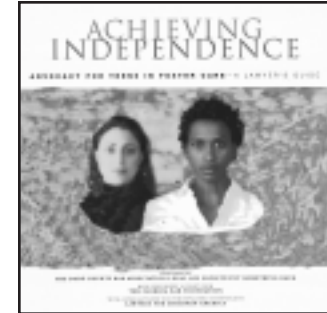
The women listed below have each donated \$1,000; they are the founding Casa Valentina "Visionaries" and look forward to being joined by many more donors to realize this vision:

Lisa Schejola Akin, Rosa M. Ancrum, Maria Elena Anderson, Nadine Barocas, Jayusia Bernstein, Nancy Billings, Joan Bolotin, Eileen Breier, Ann Bussel, Abbey Chase, Carol Cohan, Arlyn Cypen, Deborah E. Dietz, Katherine W. Ezell, Loretta Fabricant, Colleen Fain, Nancy Frehling, Ellen Freidin, Laura Frohman, Carol G. Fryd, Barbara Garrett, Andi Greenwald, Diane Grob, Lori Gusman, Sallie Hall, Nedra Kalish, Ellaine Honig, Tati Katz, Janet Kelfer, Lynn Kislak, Tina Kislak, Susan Lampen, Sharon Langer, Stephanie Langer, Barbara C. Levin, Ann Loeff, Sima Miska, Anabella Moskovitz, Gladys Negron, Nancy Pastroff, Jan B. Pollack, Marcia M. Reisman, Sheryl Rosenfield, Gloria Romero Roses, Diane Fass Sandler, Debra Scholl, Lily Serviansky, Jacqueline Simkin, Sharon G. Socol, Penny Stamps, Sue Steinberg, Leslie Sternlieb, Michele Stone, Debbie Troner, Denise Vohra, Sharon Watson, Carole Shields Westbrook, Sarah "Sally" Z. Wiener, Roz Zacks (as of April 9, 2005)

WHY ARE THESE YOUNG WOMEN FACING A HOUSING CRISIS?

The child welfare system only provides funding for children in foster care until their 18th birthday. As these wonderful young women age out of the system they face many challenges. Anyone who has been a parent will acknowledge that children of this age still need support and parenting and it is hard to imagine the plight of a child who has neither. The difficult circumstances of the foster care system only amplify the challenges faced by most 18 year olds.

- Many foster children are still in high school when they turn 18 due to a combination of early neglect, lag time in movement through the child welfare system, movement from home-to-home and school-to-school, etc.
- Many foster children lack basic skills such as opening a bank account or balancing a checkbook.
- They lack security deposits and a credit history demanded by most landlords.
- Children in foster care who turn 18 and attend college may apply for and be awarded a stipend up to \$892 per month until they are 21. Unfortunately, too few 18-year olds get this stipend due to declining allocations and administrative neglect. Under recent changes, the \$892 stipend will be reduced if the applicant receives additional income (wages, scholarships, etc).
- Often they are forced to wait many months before receiving their first check and do not receive subsequent checks in a timely manner, making it difficult to pay monthly rent and utilities in a timely manner.
- State of Florida mandates that only 30% of Chafee Foster Care Independence Program benefits be used for housing (rent) payments. That translates to \$300 per month. In Miami-Dade County, safe, affordable, conveniently located housing is rare, if not impossible, to find at \$300 per month.



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

Leave A Legacy is a community program that promotes the personal and community benefits of charitable giving, provides assistance and encouragement to fund-raising programs, and encourages professionals to counsel clients regarding the opportunities associated with planned giving.

Recognizing that each gift is meaningful, Leave A Legacy encourages every individual to share with others and capture the spirit of giving. Everyone can be a philanthropist.

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

Leave A Legacy Kickoff - Every year estate planning professionals, nonprofits and their board members are invited to attend an event to learn more about the program and will be offered materials to support efforts to educate their constituents.

Professional Outreach - A pro-active speakers' bureau will brief charities, their board, donors and other estate planning professionals about charitable giving opportunities and techniques to introduce to their clients.

Nonprofit Outreach - Leave A Legacy will provide an on-going resource to assist development officers as they grow their planned giving program.

Donor Next Door - Leave A Legacy's annual Luncheon to honor your organization's special donor.

Family Album - Our annual publication distributed at the Donor Next Door Luncheon gives organizations the chance to highlight a donor and beneficiary of their organization.

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



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