



Another Success Story

By Jim Russell

"I'm down but I'm not slain. I lay down to bleed, but then rise to fight again."

While Michael Belton is not certain of the source of that quotation, he has chosen it as the guiding force in his life. It's a sort of credo for coping with life's adversities, of which he has encountered perhaps more than his share.

Born in Trinidad 46 years ago, abandoned by his father and left in the care of a loving mother, Belton excelled in sports, especially basketball. First, he was a player and later a coach, leading Trinidad's national team in international competition.

The experience was gratifying but it was what might be called a labor of love. "There was a lot of fame and no fortune," he quipped.

He recalled that, with no father in the home, there was a lack of self-discipline in his life.

"I was raised by my mother", he said, "but there was just so much that she could do." In addition

to Michael, there was a brother and a sister in the family. Determined to better himself, Belton left Trinidad and traveled to the United States. He had a friend in New York and another in Florida. Both helped and encouraged him as he worked at various jobs and managed to complete two and a half years of study at Delaware State College in Dover.

Earning a living, however, became a necessity that interrupted his education. At one point, he contacted his father in New York but found him distant and unhelpful. "Like when I was growing up," Belton said, "my father was not there for me." At the behest of one of his friends, he moved to South Florida in search of employment. The friend owned an automobile repair shop, and he worked there briefly before landing a job as a cook at a restaurant.

To increase his income, Belton took a second job at another restaurant. "I would work an early morning shift at one and immediately report to the second job," he recalled. The double shift work load became too much. Near collapse and at the urging of a friend, he checked into Hollywood Memorial Hospital, where a series of tests showed he had high blood pressure. Doctors surmised he had suffered from it for years without being aware of his plight.

"I was told that I couldn't do heavy work and I should never try to lift anything weighing more than five pounds," he said.

What could he do? Where could he turn? The hospital suggested he contact the Community Partnership for Homeless (CPHI) in Miami.

To Belton, the words "homeless" suggested drug addicts, alcoholics and neer-do-wells in an uninviting last-resort environment.

"I resisted the idea for a long time before finally deciding to look into it," What he found, Belton said, was a caring environment staffed by people anxious to help him.



Our website now offers the ability to make a financial donation online through a credit or debit card. Donors also have the opportunity to designate how their donation will be used.

Our Mission

We offer dignity and hope to all so that no persons sleep on the streets of our community.

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Chairman's Message



In the blink of an eye, winter has turned into spring and summer will be here before we know it. Through it all, CPHI staff and volunteers have continued to work tirelessly to help ensure the betterment of people's lives in our community. Your generous donations enable us to provide a needed service to the less fortunate of our community. Take a minute to look around you. One can't help but notice that a few changes have occurred at CPHI.

Improvements to the downtown Miami facility are well underway. Soon we'll have completed both new bed space and brand new offices to better serve our residents. When an individual comes to CPHI, our goal is not permanent residency, but rather successful outplacement. The new offices will house staff capable of analyzing an individual's needs and putting together a comprehensive action plan to help get them off the street.

Likewise, we are also nearing completion on the multi-purpose center to be used for inter-faith services, board meetings and other events. Further south, in Homestead, the new dog kennel will soon be in working order for those residents and families with dogs. We shall always be grateful to George Batchelor for

making us sensitive to the fact that a kennel is needed.

Allow me a moment to give thanks for the strong show of support from Dwayne & Inez Andreas of the Andreas Foundation who recently made another gracious donation of \$1 million. Andreas is the Chairman Emeritus of Archer Daniels Midland Company. We're thankful to Wachovia and Dade/Monroe President of the Wachovia Corporation, Carlos Migoya. Their commitment of \$100,000 was our first major gift following the tragic events of September 11th and recently, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation helped us make up for a drop in funding, post September 11, through a wonderful \$125,000 gift.

Somehow the words "thank you" don't seem to adequately describe our appreciation. However, we offer our sincerest thanks and assurance that gifts like these will be put to good use immediately.

As you read Michael Belton's success story in this newsletter, remember that your contributions helped him accomplish his goals. His hard work, in addition to the work of many others, is something of which we can all be proud.

As long as there are homeless on the street, CPHI will have work to do. There are countless ways to get involved ranging from a monetary contribution to the simple gift of time. Be sure to look over our wish list to discover ways that you can help us meet the daily needs of our residents, as well as send our kids to camp prepared for well-deserved fun in the sun.

Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Ray Soode".

Wishing Upon a Star

The need for these items continues to grow every day. You may donate items or money to purchase them. Drop offs are accepted at 1550 N. Miami Avenue or 28205 SW 125 Avenue. For additional info., please call Trev Flowers at (305) 329-3042 or e-mail tbflowers@cphi.org.

GENERAL NEEDS:

Shampoo/Soap
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Deodorant/Shaving Cream
Feminine Hygiene
Shoes/Tennis Shoes (Men, Women, Children)
Underwear (Men, Women, Children)
Clothing (Men, Women, Children)
Socks (Men, Women, Children)
Depends/Serenity for Adults
Sheets/Towels
Wheel Chairs/Walkers/Crutches

HOUSEHOLD ITEM NEEDS:

Furniture
Dishes/Cooking Utensils
(Sorry no large appliances!!)

CHILDREN'S NEEDS:

Disposable Diapers – All Sizes
Shampoo/Baby Powder
Baby Bottles/Pacifiers
Teething Rings/Toothbrushes
Baby Formula
Baby Strollers/Car Seats
Baby Cribs

OFFICE NEEDS:

Desks/Chairs/Lamps
Fax machines, typewriters, computers
Filing Cabinets
Bulletin Boards
Clocks

KITCHEN NEEDS:

Baked Goods (pre-packaged:
sweet rolls, cookies, cakes,
pies or donuts)
Canned Goods (vegetables,
fruits or any food item)
Milk, orange juice, sodas

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS:

Arts & Crafts Supplies
School Supplies
Board Games
Movies/Videos
Beach/Bath Towels (for camp)
Backpack or zipper vinyl bag
Computer Software Games

HOMESTEAD HOMELESS CENTER'S DOG KENNEL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON SCHEDULE

With the foundation ready to be poured, the six bed dog kennel, which also will feature a vet examination room and grooming area, has an anticipated completion date of early May.

Through a grant from the Batchelor Foundation, CPHI's Homestead facility will be able to accept dogs that may accompany individuals and families that come into the Homestead Homeless Assistance Center.

The \$30,000 grant, a portion of the Batchelor Foundation's overall support of CPHI, was offered in hope of avoiding the emotional distress caused to individuals and families, and especially to children, when the loss of their home causes them to abandon the family dog.

"People can be hit very hard by the uncertainty of what happened to their dog," said Daniel Vincent, CPHI executive director. "We are grateful for this grant, which will allow residents to bring their dog with them in their transition from the streets back to a stable home environment."



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"They were wonderful to me," he continued. "I had food, a roof over my head, medical attention and a disciplined schedule to follow. I cannot say enough in praise to them. What I found was a place where anyone who is down and out and is serious about straightening out his life can find the help needed. My experience at the center opened my eyes."

Officials at CPHI were impressed with Michael Belton, too. "Overall, he was at loose ends but determined to put his life back on track," an official at the center said. "He appeared to be motivated to do whatever was needed to end his homeless situation. He accomplished this in two months and followed through with health appointments and pursuit of his goal plan.

Belton has been working steadily for more than a year, cooking at such establishments as the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, O'Casey's Restaurant in Miami and, currently, the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. In December of 2001, he married a Miami postal worker with three grown children.

Now, his goal is to complete his college education and seek a teaching job, one that might include an assignment for which he has considerable experience - coaching basketball.

CPHI 2001-2002

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are scheduled on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at 1550 North Miami Avenue, unless otherwise advised.

April 11, 2002

May 9, 2002

June 13, 2002

July 11, 2002

No meeting in August 2002

September 12, 2002

October 10, 2002

November 14, 2002

December 12, 2002

Save the Date September 28, 2002

COMMUNITY  PARTNERSHIP
for homeless, inc.

The 1st Annual Celebration Benefit
at the J.W. Marriott Hotel Miami

CELEBRATING
Inspiration, Hope and Dignity for the Down, the Out, and the Lost in our community

New Board Members

February 2002- Timothy M. Adams, moved to Miami recently with his wife Jeannette,



and serves as chairman and CEO of Burdines, a division of Federated Department stores, headquartered in Cincinnati,

Ohio. Prior to his new position, Adams was president of Bon Marche in Seattle, Washington where he served as a board member for: the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees; PONCHO, a leading fund raising organization for the arts; and participated in numerous United Way programs.

February 2002- William A. Kaynor, was a corporate attorney with Davis, Polk & Wardwell in New York City for almost 40 years. He retired from practicing law in 1989 and formed the



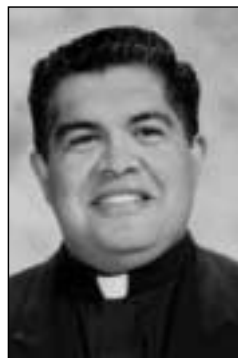
Arkin Bay Company, an investment firm. In 1996, he retired permanently and moved to Miami with his wife Irene.

February 2002- John W. Reynolds, A mechanical engineer, Reynolds recently returned to Miami as a consultant with Dade Aviation Consultants. For the last four

years, Reynolds worked as program manager for the construction of a new \$4 billion airport in Incheon, South Korea. While in Korea, he became involved with Yong-Jung-do orphanage, where he was instrumental in building new housing for the institution. As a former CPHI Board of Directors member, Reynolds served on Design/Construction Committee assisting in planning the construction of the two facilities.



March 2002- Reverend Roberto Garza is parochial vicar of the Corpus Christi Catholic Church and serves



as treasurer of the Board of Directors for People Acting for the Community Together (P.A.C.T.). He also is an Executive Member for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami and Director of its Mission Effectiveness Committee; Executive Board and Ethics Committee member for Catholic Hospice, Inc.; and sits on the Executive Board of Genesis House, Inc.

CPHI Board List

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Community Partnership for Homeless, Inc. (CPHI) was recently treated to a hearty lunch of chicken and noodles by Mueller's Noodles. Enjoying their lunch are Carlos Valentine and his mother Harvietta Reeves.



After donating gifts for the Metro Dade County Fire Department to give to the children at CPHI, Richard and Judith Whiteman, pictured right and left of Santa, pose for the camera. Top (from left): Natosha Rogers, Lieutenant, Public Relations, Metro-Dade Fire Department; George Sterr, Lieutenant, Metro-Dade Fire Department. Bottom (from left): H. Daniel Vincent, Executive Director, CPHI; Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., Founding Chairman, CPHI; Charles U. Phillips, Metro-Dade Fire Department Chief; Tommie Williams (Santa), Lieutenant, Metro-Dade Fire Department; Leronaldo Stringer, Deputy Director, Metro-Dade Fire Department; DJ Maestro, WEDR radio station; and Alfredo K. Brown, Deputy Director, CPHI.

The Gift of Giving

We would like to thank those who have supported and contributed to Community Partnership for Homeless. Your participation in this partnership continues to touch the lives of many.

SEPTEMBER 2001 \$ 0

OCTOBER 2001

First Union Foundation	\$ 100,000
Susan & Michael Fong	\$ 50,000
VITAS	\$ 25,000
John Thatcher	\$ 20,000
Stephen Bittel	\$ 18,000
Charles Dascal	\$ 10,000
Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation	\$ 10,000

NOVEMBER 2001

City National Bank of Florida	\$ 50,000
Cynthia Knight	\$ 10,000
JN McArthur Foundation	\$ 10,000

DECEMBER 2001

Andreas Foundation	\$1,000,000
Victor Posner	\$ 150,000
William Kaynor	\$ 25,000
Donald Lefton	\$ 25,000
Decade Charitable Lead Annuity	\$ 21,074
George B. Storer Foundation	\$ 20,000
Ivax Corporation	\$ 20,000
Florida Power & Light	\$ 15,000
Licet Diaz	\$ 10,000
Russ Oasis	\$ 10,000
Sara H. Woodruff Foundation	\$ 10,000
Lamar Louise Curry	\$ 5,000
Ryder System Charitable Foundation	\$ 5,000

JANUARY 2002

D. Richard Mead Charitable Foundation	\$ 16,000
The Paul J. DiMare Foundation	\$ 10,000
Louis Chiavacci	\$ 5,000
The Scharlin Family Foundation	\$ 5,000

FEBRUARY 2002

John S. & James L. Knight Foundation	\$ 125,000
The Scharlin Family Foundation	\$ 20,000

ALMOST THERE: The Final Stage of the Construction Project

CPHI's renovation/construction project is in full swing, working toward the targeted completion of July 2, 2002.

"We are so looking forward to the added space and functionality this project brings," said Executive Director Daniel Vincent. "Where we are today is a direct result of the dedication, tenacity and hard work of the Design and Construction Committee, and in particular, the leadership of Robert E. Chisholm."

"The entire CPHI family is extremely grateful to each and every one of them," he said.

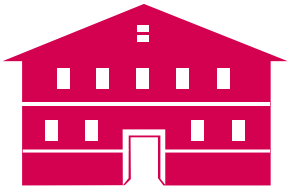
To date, the majority of the structural work has been

finished for the new case management wing that will feature 19 offices and a conference room – designed so as to locate all staff under the same roof.

The multipurpose/worship center is perhaps the closest to completion with its roof already in place. The warehouse, where gift-in-kind donations are stored, is being retrofitted to be more space efficient, adding multiple levels and aisles. It's anticipated that it will be finished in June along with the parking lot, located adjacent to the CPHI facility. The parking lot site is currently being prepped for paving and line painting.

Prior to the new lot accommodating staff vehicles, employees parked at the Miami Skill Center through a cooperative agreement between CPHI and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Upon completion of the construction project, CPHI's Miami facility will have an additional 22 beds bringing its total to 402, with the 300 beds in Homestead, a grand total of 702 beds are available to help meet the needs of our community.



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