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Success Story: Center Resident Heads to Penn State

My name is Chippetria. I am 18 years old and was born in Miami. I have two brothers, two sisters and a mother with a drug problem. And no dad.

Before I was 10, I had been sexually abused twice by visitors to our house. Neither instance was ever reported.

In June of last year, I graduated from a local high school with honors. I almost made valedictorian, but not quite. I must have attended five or six different elementary schools. Likewise, I was no stranger to the homeless syndrome. Through these growing-up years, there were many meals at Camillus House, Mother Teresa's and others whose names I cannot remember.

I have heard that everyone thinks they could write a book about their upbringing and I am no exception. Mine would include tales of more than my share of corporal punishment, constant ridicule and harsh criticism. I guess I probably deserved a lot of it, but not all the time.

There were plenty of negative feelings swirling around inside me, but the paradox is that I desperately wanted my mother to attend my high school graduation. When she refused, I lost it. I went through the graduation ceremony, but five days later, after partying and roaming the streets nonstop, I found myself at the CPHI center in Homestead.

There is no doubt in my mind that CPHI is just what it says it is:

a way for homeless people to get back on their feet with strict rules and regulations. It is also a place of love, care, support and encouragement.

I imagine it must be something like the military. There is a dormitory for women and another for men. All have bunk beds. A bell rings everyday at 5 a.m. The period from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. is for breakfast, cleanup, chores of every kind and getting the children, if any, off to school. The dormitories close from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and no one is admitted without a special pass. Hence, there is no malingering. There are many other daily activities but I am running out of space.

My life has been turned around and, while I am a little afraid of the word "happy," I can say that I have found at CPHI in this very short time a peace of mind I never experienced before.

I am excited (and scared) beyond belief right now because I have been admitted as a first-year student to Penn State University on a full scholarship. I hope to study journalism or law, maybe both.

To CPHI and all of those who made, and continue to make, all this possible, I can only say as loud as I can:

THANK YOU!!

Story compiled by Earl Barber.



Donald James, Assistant Fire Chief, and Alvah Chapman join residents to celebrate the holidays. (See backcover.)

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



The first few months of this new year gave us an opportunity to look back upon the significant progress we made last year and to gear up for the challenges we face in 2004.

The 2003 holiday season was brightened considerably for our residents — especially the children — by the overwhelmingly positive community support we received. The people in our centers celebrated the holidays knowing that they are on a path to a more secure future, which is perhaps the greatest gift of all.

We, as an organization, have much to celebrate: our successful outplacement rate now exceeds 58 percent since inception, demonstrating important progress toward our goal that, one day, no one will have to sleep on the streets of Miami-Dade County.

Our second annual gala in October 2003 was an outstanding event. Held at the J.W. Marriott and organized around the theme of "A Place for Us," from the poignant musical "West Side Story," the gala was an enjoyable evening that was also a successful fundraiser, thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and attendees.

We honored Miami-Dade County Mayor Alex Penelas with the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian Award for his vision, energy and commitment to ending homelessness in our community. Alvah Chapman himself, a tireless activist for the homeless, presented Penelas with the award.

Community Partnership for Homeless is fortunate to have an active and committed board of directors, and the tradition continues this year as we welcome several new members to our board.

In the coming months, they and our entire organization will have the opportunity to participate in many noteworthy events. In February, we celebrated the acceptance of our 40,000th admission to the combined centers, a remarkable achievement since our first center opened in 1995.

Ours is a gratifying success story — for us, for the community and for the people we have served in nearly nine years. But, like most great achievements, it entails hard work and perseverance.

Fundraising continues to be a challenge as the economy steadily but slowly improves. We and other non-profit organizations look to the private sector to help raise the capital (\$1.6 million) to fund 20 percent of our operating budget, as we are required to do by contract with the Homeless Trust.

We are also charged with fortifying and enriching our endowment, which is critical to our long-term financial stability.

Meeting these goals requires the energy, gifts and abilities of many people. As we build on our past successes, let us dedicate ourselves to working even more vigorously in 2004 to carry out our mission of ending homelessness in our community.

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 information, please call our Donation Hotline (305) 329-3030 or e-mail tbflowers@cphi.org

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Shampoo/Bath Soap
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Deodorant/Shaving Cream
Feminine Hygiene Items
Diapers
(Children and Adults)
Hair Brushes/Combs
Baby Powder/Lotion/
Baby Wipes/Formulas

GENTLY USED CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN:
Men's and Women's Business Attire
Shorts
Tee Shirts
Shoes
Socks
Plus Sized Clothing
Maternity Clothing
Infant Clothing
Underwear

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Beds
Cribs
Dressers
Mattress/Box Spring/Frame
Kitchen Tables w/Chairs
Lamps
Sofas
Coffee Tables
Night Stands
Dishes/Glasses
Pots/Pans/Silverware
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Towels/Wash Cloths
Sheets/Blankets/Pillows

OFFICE NEEDS:
Filing Cabinets
Office Chairs

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Baked Goods (pre-packaged: sweet rolls, cookies, cakes, pies or donuts)
Milk
Juice
Canned Goods (potted meats, vegetables, soups, fruit)
Soda

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS:
Arts & Crafts Supplies (glue, construction paper, markers, pens, paper, scissors)
Board Games/Decks of Cards/Educational Games/Balls
Videos/DVDs (G and GP rated please)
Backpacks/Vinyl Bags
Computer Software Games
General School Supplies
Books (children and adults)
Suitcases/Overnight Bags
Baby Bottles
Pacifiers
Wheel Chairs (children and adult)
Walkers (tri and quad)
Canes/Crutches
Baby Blankets
Car Seats
Strollers (single and double)
Workable Computers



On-Site Adult Education & Job Training

Downtown Adult Education Center

Residents of The Chapman Center in downtown Miami don't have to leave home to take advantage of classes leading to a general education diploma (GED) or an entry-level healthcare position.

The Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center, a leader in vocational and academic education, offers classes leading to the GED, which many employers require. The program, which is geared to the adult learner, provides continuous monitoring of student progress and updated learning plans for success.

The Patient Care Technician program offers several courses of study which prepare the student for employment as a phlebotomist, patient care assistant, home health aide, electrocardiograph aide, allied health assistant, nurse's aide, orderly or patient care technician.

"These are exciting opportunities for our residents," said Carol Renick, CPHI board member and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Adult Education Coordinator. "These classes can lead to satisfying careers with good salaries."

Residents can explore a wide variety of classes at Lindsey Hopkins. They include training for careers in the medical and dental fields, massage therapy and more.

"We have vocational offerings from A to Z to meet the employment needs of South Florida and the students we serve," said James Parker, Lindsey Hopkins principal.

Plans are in the works for group tours of the Lindsey Hopkins facility and its programs and to provide transportation for residents who enroll in on-site classes. Career and financial aid counseling is provided to residents who require assistance.

South Dade Adult Education Center

South Dade Adult Education Center, in partnership with Community Partnership for Homeless (CPHI), offers numerous educational programs to residents at the Homestead center.

Educational programs, taught by Carlos Agurto, help residents with skills that they can use to enhance their everyday life as well as job opportunities. Educational programs include Life Skills and computer training.

CPHI residents interested in pursuing a career as a chef can take the Culinary Arts vocational program, which prepares students for entry-level positions upon completion of 150 hours of training. Culinary arts teacher, Chef Richard Ingraham, is a master in his field, and CPHI residents enjoy his easy-to-follow teaching style.

"We have had a wonderful response from residents with regard to the adult education programs," said Trev Flowers, CPHI Director of Community Relations. "We are very pleased with the way residents have developed skills that have proven to be a vital tool in the workforce."

The South Dade Adult Education Center is constantly upgrading and adding new programs to their agenda in order to accommodate students' needs. In doing so, the Center has implemented a unique family literacy grant to work with parent residents and their children as well as a health and exercise class, which will get residents in shape physically and educate them on general health issues.

"I think the family literacy program will have an outstanding outcome," said Paul Boren, South Dade Adult Education Center Vice Principal. "With three components to the grant including educating parents, educating children, and then educating parents and children together, we will be able to sharpen the literacy skills on an individual level."

All classes are sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the State of Florida.



Lennar Foundation Donates \$500,000 to CPHI

Community Partnership for Homeless received a special holiday gift late last year — a \$100,000 check from the Lennar Foundation received December 29, 2003.

The gift represents the first installment in a five-year commitment totaling \$500,000 from the foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Lennar Corporation, a major South Florida home builder.

"We decided our mission would be to help people who have somehow fallen outside the mainstream get back to leading productive lives," said Allan Pekor, the foundation's executive director.

He said the foundation chose CPHI because it offers not just temporary shelter but a continuum of care that gives homeless people tools to rebuild their lives.

"What was very, very attractive to us about Community Partnership for Homeless is that it is not merely an attempt to feed people, but to deal with the root issues of homelessness," he said. "And, of course, Mr. [Alvah] Chapman's work is legendary."

Chapman, a longtime activist for the homeless, was a driving force in the formation of CPHI and sits on its board of directors.

The gift is in the form of an unrestricted grant spaced over a five-year period.

"We trust in the leadership," Pekor said. "CPHI has been such a remarkable success and it has such an impressive record. We just wanted to be a part of it."



CPHI Welcomed Three New Board Members Over the Holiday Season

Joining as experienced humanitarians, the board is honored to have Yolanda Berkowitz, Nancy Davis and Amarilis Moran Osorio as its newest members. "These three women have proven to be dedicated members of the community," said Ray Goode, CPHI chairman. "I am very excited to have them as part of our team. Their not-for-profit experience and knowledge will be a vital asset to our future endeavors."



Yolanda Berkowitz has an extensive background in real estate and sales. Prior to her residency in Miami, Berkowitz was a managing partner with a multinational foreign corporation based in Hong Kong. When she returned to the United States, Berkowitz joined Stadler Associates as a realtor-associate. Living in Miami

since 1995, Berkowitz has focused her efforts on community involvement. She has served as a board member of Adopt-A-Pet, Telluride Historical Museum and she recently became a trustee of Voices for Children Foundation, Inc. Berkowitz is also a child advocate with the Guardian Ad Litem Program.



Nancy Davis is chairman of the board and president of McArthur Farms, Inc. and McArthur Management Company. She is highly active in numerous organizations in the community professionally and personally, ranging from agriculture to the arts. Davis currently serves as vice-chairman of the Florida Land Council, director of Florida Dairy Farms and is a member of the Florida Agriculture Institute. Davis is also director of the American Red Cross, Performing Arts Center, Miami City Ballet, Florida Grand Opera and Children's Foundation.



Amarilis Moran Osorio has dedicated herself for the past 10 years to help children locally as well as internationally. She is the founder and president of CHS Cares, an international charity that supports day care centers and orphanages, and The Phoenix Initiative Program, which donated more than 5,000 computers to schools and hospitals in 15 countries. Additionally, Osorio is a founding member of i2 Cares and a board member of Cushman School.

"Our new board members come from very diverse backgrounds with versatile experience," said Daniel Vincent, CPHI executive director. "They are a great addition to the mix of people that have already established a place in the CPHI family."



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

March 11

April 15

May 13

June 10

July 15

August - No Meeting

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 18

Long Awaited Dog Kennel Opens

One obstacle to the path to self-sufficiency has been removed for homeless men and women who want to get off the street but who have canine companions that are dependent on them for food and care.

On November 13, the Homestead Homeless Assistance Center officially dedicated a six-unit dog kennel where dogs can stay while their owners enter the Center, receive job training and regain their lives. There is also an examination room for routine veterinary care such as immunizations. Dr. Albert Iglesias, a local veterinarian, provides services to the center pro bono.

The kennel was the inspiration of the late aviation pioneer George E. Batchelor. According to an anecdote, this businessman and activist became frustrated when trying to convince a homeless man to abandon street life. The man declined saying, "shelters do not accept dogs and I won't abandon part of my family."

Now, through part of a grant from the George E. Batchelor Foundation, that has changed. Homeless people who enter either the Homestead or the downtown Chapman Center can arrange to be with their pets.

"People can be hit very hard by the uncertainty of what happened to their pet," 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 to self-sufficiency."

The kennel is currently at full capacity.



The Gift of Giving

OCTOBER 2003

The Batchelor Foundation, Inc.	\$250,000
Publix Super Markets Charities	\$ 90,000
Peacock Foundation, Inc.	\$ 75,000
Victor Posner Foundation	\$ 50,000
The Kirk Foundation	\$ 35,000
The Paul J. DiMare Foundation	\$ 30,000
American Ventures Corporation	\$ 10,000
Carnival Cruise Lines	\$ 10,000
Cedars Medical Center	\$ 10,000
Alvah & Betty Chapman	\$ 10,000
Codina Group, Inc.	\$ 10,000
CPHI Staff	\$ 10,000
Greenberg Traurig	\$ 10,000
Nancy Hector	\$ 10,000
Knight Ridder	\$ 10,000
Northern Trust Bank of Florida N.A.	\$ 10,000
Aaron S. Podhurst	\$ 10,000
Ryder Systems Charitable Foundation, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Jean Shehan	\$ 10,000
Shula Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 10,000
John West Thatcher	\$ 10,000
Turner Construction	\$ 10,000
Lynn Wolfson	\$ 10,000
The Miami Herald	\$ 7,500
Carlos Fernandez-Guzman	\$ 7,250
Bank of America	\$ 5,000
BankUnited FSB	\$ 5,000
Ronald Book	\$ 5,000
Burdines	\$ 5,000
Alvah H. & Wylene P. Chapman Foundation	\$ 5,000
Florida BellSouth Communications, Inc.	\$ 5,000
Florida Power & Light	\$ 5,000
Health Foundation of South Florida	\$ 5,000
Osmond C. Howe, Jr.	\$ 5,000
The Alma Jennings Foundation	\$ 5,000
William Kaynor	\$ 5,000
John S. & James L. Knight Foundation	\$ 5,000
Phoenix National Trust	\$ 5,000
Alan & Claudia Potamkin	\$ 5,000
Jonah & Judy Pruitt III	\$ 5,000
Ratiner, Reyes & O-Shea, P.A.	\$ 5,000
Wayne S. Schuchts	\$ 5,000
Sash Spencer	\$ 5,000
Henry B. & Wylene Saylor	\$ 5,000
Sun Trust Bank	\$ 5,000
Union Planters	\$ 5,000
VITAS	\$ 5,000
Wachovia Corporation	\$ 5,000

NOVEMBER 2003

The Ware Foundation	\$150,000
Tunu Puri Charitable Foundation	\$ 10,000
Laura Coulter-Jones Foundation	\$ 5,000
Tom Huston	\$ 5,000

DECEMBER 2003

Anonymous 107	\$500,000
The Lennar Foundation	\$525,000
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida Health Options	\$ 50,000
William A. Kaynor	\$ 25,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	\$ 25,000
George B. Storer Foundation	\$ 20,000
Braman Family Foundation	\$ 10,000
FPL Group Foundation	\$ 10,000
J. N. McArthur Foundation	\$ 10,000
Miami-Dade AHEC	\$ 7,500
Commerce Bank	\$ 5,000
M. Stephen Jackman	\$ 5,000
Marriott Family Services Fund	\$ 5,000
JP Morgan Chase Foundation	\$ 5,000
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce D. Parker	\$ 5,000

JANUARY 2004

Health Foundation of South Florida	\$ 85,500
Braman Family Foundation	\$ 5,000
The Trust of Rose Horn Quick	\$ 5,000

A Fun Holiday Season

This past holiday season was truly special for Community Partnership for Homeless residents. Volunteers, staff and donors alike made Thanksgiving and December a season the residents will always remember.

In the spirit of the holiday season, BankUnited presented Community Partnership for Homeless with 50 tickets to the December 23rd Miami Heat basketball game.

CPHI residents, young and old, kicked off their holiday celebration at the Miami Heat versus the Washington Wizards game. "CPHI residents work hard all year trying to become productive members of society again, and they need to have some downtime," said Carlos R. Fernandez-Guzman, board member of CPHI and executive vice president and director of marketing for BankUnited. "We wanted them to go to the game and forget about their worries for the night."

"BankUnited has truly become a part of the CPHI family," said Trev Flowers, director of community relations for CPHI. "The company is always finding wonderful and thoughtful ways to brighten the days of our residents. We have many basketball fans and everyone had a wonderful time."

Also on December 23rd, the Miami-Dade Fire Department and radio station 99 JAMZ brought toys for the children at both homeless assistance centers.

CPHI families appreciate all that our partners do to help make their stay at the centers more enjoyable.



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