



Another Success Story

By Jim Russell

Dawn Way, a 32-year-old mother of a nine-year-old son, was in the midst of a divorce and longing for a better life in a new place.

Life had been strenuous and unpleasant in her years in Montclair, N.J., where repeated physical, emotional and sexual abuse had convinced her she had to leave.

In March of 2001, she left Montclair and, with her son, headed south to Miami, which she had visited several years earlier. After a tiring 27-hour bus trip, the two arrived with high hopes but few resources.

Dawn's first stop was a Baptist church in Miami's Overtown area, where an understanding minister steered her to the Homeless Assistance Center. She and young Dominick were housed and provided with regular meals in a caring environment. But Dawn yearned for independence, a home of her own and a steady income.

"I needed a job and I needed to get Dominick in school," she said. Calling on her own initiative and with guidance and encouragement from the staff at the homeless center, she quickly found work in the pastry department of a Publix supermarket.

"I had experience in retailing," she said. "I also had been a nursing assistant, a cosmetologist and a housekeeper. I can do a lot of things. I'm a Jack of all trades, and I'm reliable and ambitious."

In less than three months, Dawn was "out on her own," thus achieving the first objective on her road to a better life. She and her son began living in a rented apartment and she was working a 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift at Publix.

In July, Dominick began attending summer school classes and was enrolled for the upcoming fall semester at Dunbar Elementary School in Miami.

Dawn hopes to switch to a more convenient work schedule, preferably 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., which would coincide more closely with her son's school hours.

Dawn's parents are deceased. In New Jersey, she spent several years in foster homes before entering into what turned out to be a failed marriage. She said the experience motivated her to seek independence instead of relying on others for help.

"Now, I want a house of my own, and I expect to get one," she said. "I'm dedicated. In every job I've had, I felt I had to accomplish something. That's the way I am."

For inspiration, she has her religious faith. Although not raised in a religious family, she said she developed an abiding faith while suffering occasional bouts of depression.

Officials at the homeless center describe her condition as "situational depression," resulting from her struggles to overcome frequent periods of adversity.

"I turned to prayer," she said. "I'm a believer. When things were bad, God helped me. I believe God is the answer for those in need and in trouble."

Talking to Dawn Way, an interviewer is impressed with her positive can-do attitude and her confidence that she is prepared to overcome whatever difficulties confront her.

Our Mission

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

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CPHI proudly announces its new website which features more information, news and the ability to make donations on line. Check it out at www.cphi.org.

Chairman's Message



As we approach the beginning of a new year, the world reflects on events of the past. As a nation, we have felt each other's pain and reached out to support one another as we struggled to understand the acts of violence inflicted upon our neighbors by terrorists. We will forever remember those who have suffered, their families and their friends.

Today, we look forward with renewed hope and optimism. I am inspired by the bravery and generosity of the American spirit. Together, we can help our neighbors closer to home. We begin a new chapter at CPHI by continuing on the journey begun by our founding chairman, Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.

Alvah leads by example. He has been a pillar of the Miami-Dade community for over a generation during which he played a vital role in the establishment of numerous civic and community projects.

Alvah worked tirelessly to establish CPHI and devoted countless hours to siting, building and managing two Homeless Assistance Centers. He laid a firm foundation on which to build the future of this great partnership. During his tenure, CPHI served over 25,000 individuals with successful outplacements at a level that has become a national model.

In addition to founding Community Partnership for Homeless, Alvah also co-founded the Non-Group and Miami Citizens Against Crime. He headed up the "We Will Rebuild" effort in the wake of Hurricane Andrew. His career in Miami-Dade County is long and distinguished. Florida International University recently paid tribute to Chapman, the chairman emeritus of its Foundation, and named the graduate school of business in his honor.

Of course, his job is not yet done. We are thankful that Alvah will be staying on the board and will continue to serve CPHI through his work as both founding chairman and head of the development committee.

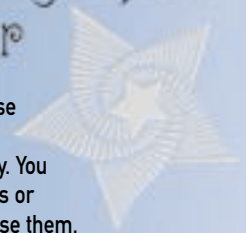
As I assume the chairmanship of CPHI, I am fortunate to inherit this position from Alvah, who has made it easy to continue his good work. I look forward to the opportunity to work with all of you as we strive to make a difference in the lives of so many.

With the help of our community, we can achieve our goal of ensuring that no one need go homeless in Miami-Dade County.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Ray Goode".

Ray Goode

Wishing Upon a Star



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GENERAL NEEDS:

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

CHILDREN'S NEEDS:

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

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:

Art & Craft Supplies
School Supplies
Board Games
Movies/Videos
Beach/Bath Towels (for camp)
Backpack or zipper vinyl bag
Filing Cabinets
Computer Software Games

Fundraising Campaign's Success Begins With You

Fundraising is never an end in itself. It draws its purpose from the needs it serves — caring, helping, healing, nurturing, guiding, uplifting, teaching and creating. So Community Partnership for Homeless, Inc. is not undertaking fundraising simply to raise money. Our success depends on recruiting and keeping broad-based community support to fuel the programs and services that serve our community. And we want to do an excellent job. That's why we've partnered with Summit-R&D Group.

As our partners, Summit-R&D Group is building a plan to integrate direct mail with our overall development goals. Their award-winning team of strategists, copywriters and designers creates pieces that not only touch hearts, but also move people to action.

This relationship connects us with a wealth of practical wisdom and innovation. We are confident that calling upon Summit-R&D Group's broad experience and critical analysis of current trends in philanthropy will give us fundraising campaigns that work, and communications that reflect the unique personality of our organization.

Our success, and ultimately the success of the people we serve, depends on raising enough money to fund and grow the programs and services that set CPHI apart from other organizations. And that happens one person at a time.

So when a letter from CPHI arrives in your mailbox, we hope you'll give it your time and attention. We've certainly given it ours.



In mid-August, CPHI hosted a Groundbreaking Event at its Miami location to celebrate an expansion program initiated to provide additional space for 52 units. The construction program will include a 6,000 square foot addition for case management offices and a 1,000 square foot multi-purpose center. More than 300 people, including special guest Governor Jeb Bush, attended the event which featured entertainment by the facility's "New Spirit Singers" directed by Deborah Davidson; a rendition of "Bless This House" sung by board member Dr. Frank Jacobs; music by the New World School of the Arts Jazz Combo directed by Rodester Brandon; a traditional "groundbreaking" complete with hard hats and shovels; and an exquisite luncheon followed by tours. Pictured left to right are: Robert E. Chisholm, Jose Cintron (HUD), Rabbi Solomon Schiff, Representative Edward Bullard, Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., Governor Jeb Bush, Dr. Evalina Bestman, Armando Fonticiella, H. Daniel Vincent.

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.

November 15, 2001	June 13, 2002	December 12, 2002
December 13, 2001	July 11, 2002	The date of the
January 17, 2002	No meeting in	January board
February 14, 2002	August 2002	meeting has been
March 14, 2002	September 12, 2002	changed – please
April 11, 2002	October 10, 2002	note.
May 9, 2002	November 14, 2002	

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, May 4, 2002

Community Partnership for Homeless, Inc. (CPHI) cordially invites you to attend its annual fundraising dinner at the JW Marriott Hotel, 1109 Brickell Avenue, Miami.

For additional information call, 305.329.3042

New Board Members

June 2001- Joanna Wragg, principal of Wragg & Casas Public Relations, Inc. heads the Communications Committee and her firm serves as pro bono communications partner for CPHI.

Her professional credentials include membership in the elite Counselors Academy of the Public Relations Society of America and Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) under the Nationwide Universal Accreditation Board. She is a member of the board of directors of the PRSA Miami Chapter and co-chairs the chapter's committee on Accreditation.

A board member of the statewide business organization, Florida TaxWatch, Wragg is also immediate past chair of The Education Fund, a foundation that supports excellence in local public schools. She is a two-term member of the Board of Governors of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, co-chaired the Chamber's Education Subcommittee on Workforce Development, and chaired the Chamber's 1999 Ethics Summit Planning Committee.

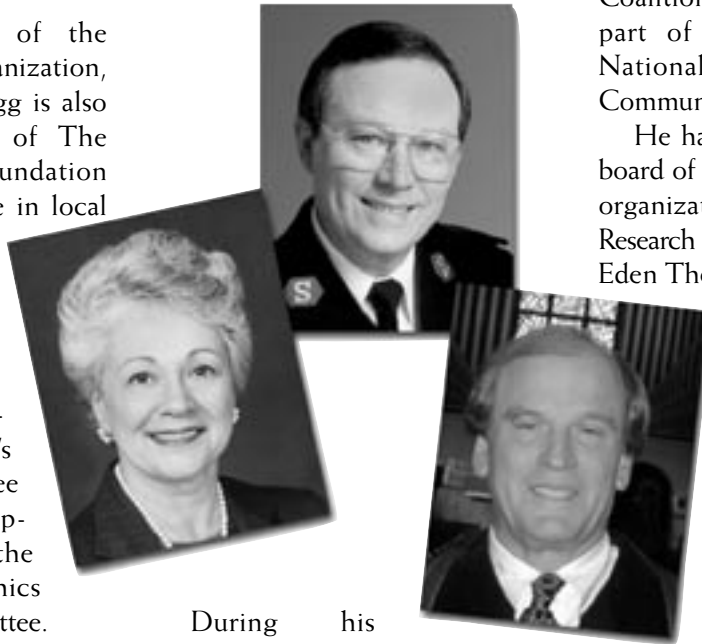
A former journalist, Wragg is a past president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers and remains an active member of the organization. Formerly associate editor of The Miami Herald, Wragg was part of the team awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing. She previously had received the Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award for editorial writing and various state and local professional awards.

She is also an active member

of St. Christopher's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

September 2001- Major Tom Overton, was appointed as Salvation Army Area Commander to Miami-Dade County in June 2001. He has served the Salvation Army in positions throughout the nation. Tom's family has a tradition of serving the community through the Salvation Army. He is a fifth generation Salvationist.

Prior to his appointment in Miami-Dade County, Major Overton was an Area Commander in Palm Beach County.



During his tenure with the Salvation Army, Major Overton has dedicated himself to the expansion of social service programs and the services offered the underprivileged in the surrounding communities. He has helped to establish transitional facilities for homeless families, homeless intervention programs for single people, family literacy programs, housing and counseling services for AIDS victims and indigent care clinics.

September 2001- Rev. Dr. David Rees, Senior Minister of The Church By The Sea in Bal Harbour, Florida, a community church affiliated with the United Church of Christ, was on the board before, but, he had to resign because of health reasons. He is now able to participate and was re-elected effective September 2001.

His professional credentials include membership in Ecumenical Development Committee, National/World Council of Churches and of the Greater Miami Religious Leaders Coalition. Rev. Dr. Rees is also part of the Clergy Dialogue, National Conference for Community and Justice in Miami.

He has been a member of the board of directors in the following organizations: Direct Action and Research Training Center in Miami; Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Montana; Florida Conference in UCC; Interfaith Coalition for Andrew Recovery Efforts in Miami and INTER-FAITH IMPACT for Justice and Peace in Washington, DC.

In 1985, he was appointed by Florida Governor, Robert Graham, to serve on the Religious Leadership Committee of the Governor's Commission on Drug and Alcohol Concerns. Rev. Dr. Rees was also the co-chair of the Clergy Dialogue, National Conference of Christians and Jews in Miami.

He has been a board of trustees and adjunct faculty for the Graduate Theological Union and Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley in California.

A Family Affair

A 12-year-old girl's idea came to fruition when Madelyn Fisher and her father drove a carload of donated school supplies to CPHI early last fall. The supplies included boxes of filler paper, writing instruments, composition books, folders and binders, glue and erasers, all of which were donated by her classmates at Highland Oaks Middle School.

Last spring, Madelyn noticed a continuous flow of children coming in and out of CPHI, where her father, Milton Fisher, serves on the community support committee. For months, she pleaded with her father and her school's principal, Guy Newman, to allow her to organize a drive to benefit the children. "At first, he didn't take me seriously. Then, last summer, I sent him a letter with a plan on how we could coordinate the drive, and he gave me permission," said Madelyn. The plan was set in motion in September. Fliers were issued to teachers and students and boxes were placed in every home-room.

Her friends were stirred by her school supply drive. "My friends said it was really sweet that I organized the drive and that they would support me," said Madelyn. In fact, classmate Jessica Delgado was so inspired by Madelyn's efforts to benefit CPHI that she began organizing a clothing drive for her Bat Mitzvah project and consulted Madelyn for expert advice.

The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The Tree.

Community service is a way of life for the Fisher family, who live in

North Miami Beach's Highland Gardens. Milton, a stock broker at Morgan Stanley in Aventura, has twice been President of the Kiwanis Club of North Miami Beach. He serves



on the community support committee at CPHI and on the board of the American Heart Association for Miami-Dade County. Daniel, Madelyn's 15-year-old brother, also helps out with the family's projects.

Madelyn's school supply drive is by no means a first for the Fisher family. Five years ago, Milton was serving dinner on Christmas Day at CPHI when

Alvah Chapman, Founder and former Chairman of CPHI, informed him that when CPHI was first conceived, nobody had

thought to budget for things such as toiletries. "It just occurred to me that we ought to be able to round up shampoo - How tough can that be?" remarked Milton.

Sure enough, after contacting numerous hotels and airlines, Milton successfully engineered a toiletries drive for CPHI. Soon after, with the help of Madelyn, he organized a toiletries drive at Hillel Community Day School. Daniel also helped sort and organize the supplies for the CPHI school supply drive. "The kids have pitched in a lot on these projects going back to the first toiletries drive for CPHI," said Milton.

Madelyn plans to collect men's socks to donate to CPHI for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah project. Using the formula that was successful in the school drive, she hopes that her temple will support this drive by placing boxes around its facilities.

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.

MARCH 2001

The Calvin and Flavia Oak Foundation	\$ 30,000
1997/Charitable Lead Unitrust Account	\$ 25,000
Alan & Claudia Potamkin	\$ 10,000
Dade Community Foundation	\$ 5,100

APRIL 2001

Alan Potamkin	\$ 40,000
Tom & Shelley Daniel	\$ 20,000
Arthur F. & Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation	\$ 5,000

MAY 2001

JW Marriott Hotels	\$500,000
American Airlines	\$105,000
Ryder System Charitable Foundation	\$100,000
Sol Taplin Foundation	\$100,000
Kiwanis Club of Little Havana, Inc.	\$ 10,000
The Cowles Charitable Trust	\$ 7,500
Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 5,000

JUNE 2001

John S. & James L. Knight Foundation	\$600,000
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JULY 2001

Florida Marlins Baseball Club	\$100,000
William Randolph Hearst Foundation	\$100,000
Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation	\$ 30,000

AUGUST 2001

Buchholz Family Foundation, Inc.	\$ 21,000
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CPHI Gears Up For The Holiday Season

At Community Partnership for Homeless, Inc., the season of giving comes but twice a year—once in June and once during the traditional holiday month of December. Having wrapped up a successful “Christmas in June” celebration, which provided toys and clothing to more than 200 homeless children, CPHI is gearing up for the holidays once again.

To do that, CPHI turns to the community for help. The needs of the homeless are varied and numerous and it takes a community effort to make the holidays a joyous time.

There are several ways to ensure a memorable holiday season at CPHI. Donations of food,

clothing, toys and games are always welcomed. Our “Wish Upon a Star List,” found on page two of this newsletter, catalogues the daily needs of those staying at the Homeless Assistance Centers and donations of these goods are greatly appreciated.

Another option is in-kind gifts. To date, in-kind gifts have provided landscaping, mattresses, hurricane shutters and health care services, to name a few, for the Centers in Miami and Homestead.

One of the greatest gifts is the gift of time. CPHI has many volunteer opportunities including sponsoring a meal or meals

at one of our two locations.

Any and all donations for this upcoming holiday season, a time when it is better to give than to receive, will make a difference in the lives of the homeless. We’d like to offer our thanks in advance and God bless you and yours.



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