



Another Success Story

Running away is not the alternative it once was for Harry Wilcox. He thought moving to Jacksonville would be the easiest way to get away from his drug habit. But once there, he found out that cocaine was still available in that city's streets; and the bad crowd associated with it could be found on any street corner.

Wilcox, 41, realized that he could only overcome his problems by confronting them. He came back to Miami determined to change. But after almost a year trying to do it on his own, he realized how hard it was without help, and remembered when, a few years ago, Community Partnership for Homeless helped him. He headed back to get a fresh start.

That was four months ago. Today, Wilcox

has gone from being destitute to being a foreman at a construction site and is making plans to buy a home. He attributes that to three things: finding God, his decision and tenacity to get better, and the tools for success he received at CPHI.

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink," Wilcox said. "But they [CPHI] gave me the opportunity to get off the streets. They give you the tools."

Wilcox, a Miami native, said he was one of those casualties of peer pressure when he was a teenager. When he was about 15, he started smoking marijuana. Then he moved on to cocaine and finally to crack. Soon he had joined the thousands who are on the streets looking for a hit.

Then, seven years ago, CPHI gave him a hand. But after a couple of weeks, he crashed again. He continued to tumble through life until his turning point in Jacksonville.

Today he is a foreman at the construction of a high-rise in Southwest Miami-Dade County. In the past four months he has gone from making \$5.65 an hour, to \$11 an hour. He says he feels like a good role model for his 17 year-old son who will soon be moving in with him.

His dream is to some day work with CPHI to set up halfway homes for people who are in his old predicament. Wilcox feels his experience can go a long way in helping others move forward.

"Today, before I make a choice, I have to realize how the choice is going to affect me in the long term," he said. He recognizes that "life is a gift," one that must be cherished.

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CPHI Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, see page 3

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 generosity of others is witnessed each and every day at home and recently overseas with the war in Iraq. At Community Partnership for Homeless, we see first hand how people's love and dedication of time can change others.

CPHI could not exist without our volunteers. We have come to depend on them so very much. Their outstanding dedication and commitment enable us to deliver much needed services to our residents.

In April we thanked our groups of volunteers for the key role they play in our organization, especially with the daily feeding programs. More than 150 of our volunteers attended the luncheon in their honor, a small token of our appreciation.

With war and instability overseas, and a weak domestic economy, it is difficult to focus on our efforts locally, but it is important to recognize and continue to care and provide for the needs of those close to home.

These past few months have been quite eventful at CPHI. We were able to continue to, despite the economic downturn we are facing and the challenges faced during a time of war, provide beds to more than 700 residents every night (both in the downtown Miami and in Homestead facilities). In the past three months, our case managers were able to help 65 percent of our residents move out of the centers to begin a new life on their own and off the streets. And, last but not least, our financial

challenges were met and exceeded our expectations. For the first six months, ending March 31, 2003, we successfully received more than \$1.3 million from our generous donors without whom we wouldn't exist.

Though we continue to make great strides in our efforts, the homeless problem in Miami-Dade County is far from over. Organizations and volunteers such as ours make it our daily mission to see to it that no one goes hungry or homeless in our community. The need for volunteers is constant, as is the need for donations.

We thank you for your endless generosity and look forward to another summer season of life changing opportunities and challenges for our residents, as we strive to help make a difference in their lives.

Sincerely,

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

PERSONAL HYGIENE:

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,

CHILDREN:

Men's and Women's Business Attire
Shorts

Tee Shirts
Shoes
Plus Sized Women's Clothing
Maternity Clothing
Socks
Infant Clothing
Underwear

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Bunk Beds
Cribs
Mattress/Box Spring/Frame
Kitchen Tables w/Chairs
Lamps
Sofas
Coffee Tables
Night Stands
Dishes/Glasses/Cooking
Utensils/Pots/Pans/Silverware
Small Household Appliances (Microwaves, Toaster Ovens, Coffee Pot, Toaster)
Towels/Sheets/Wash Cloths

OFFICE NEEDS:

Office Furniture (Desks, Chairs, Lamps)
Filing Cabinets
Bulletin Boards
Fax Machines
Typewriters
Workable Computers
Clocks

KITCHEN NEEDS:

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
Movies/Videos (G and GP rated please)
Backpacks/Vinyl Bags
Computer Software Games
General School Supplies
Books (Children and Adults)
Suitcases/Overnight Bags
Baby Bottles
Pacifiers
Teething Rings
Wheel Chairs (Children and Adult)
Walkers (Tri and Quad)
Canes/Crutches
Blankets/Comforters/Baby Blankets
Car Seats
Strollers (Double and Single)

VOLUNTEERS ARE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR HOMELESS' LIFELINE

On April 15, 2003, Community Partnership for Homeless (CPHI) held their first luncheon, at the new Parrot Jungle Island, to recognize the work of the devoted volunteers that make the mission of CPHI a reality.

The celebration of volunteers began with the presentation of special certificates to groups from various churches/synagogues, schools, and companies for their contribution to the CPHI feeding program. Board members, consisting of a variety of individuals that play an important role in the community and within the CPHI organization, were presented with certificates of appreciation. Everyone received CPHI mugs filled with candy kisses for their outstanding efforts and dedication of time. Lucky attendees, whose birthdays were closest to April 15th (luncheon date and "tax" day) took home the beautiful orchid centerpieces.

As the sounds of live music filled the tropical-style Treetop Ballroom, guests chatted and lunched on a three-course meal.

"It was very nice of CPHI to recognize the efforts of the volunteers;



Left to right: CPHI deputy director, Al Brown; Board co-chair John Hashagen; Ellen Hashagen; founder Alvah Chapman; Betty Chapman; Board chair Ray Goode; Board co-chair Dr. Evalina Bestman; executive director Dan Vincent.

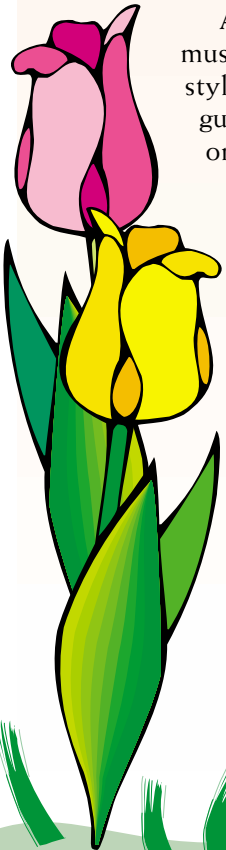
and although I think we all do it because we want to give a little something back to the community, it was a wonderful gesture," said Ruth Foss a volunteer from St. Christopher's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church in Key Biscayne. "Many of the board members were present. It made every volunteer feel that they mattered the most. Mr. Chapman made complimentary remarks to us all, which were really touching. You feel, as I am sure all volunteers do, that you receive much more than you give," Foss said.

During the luncheon, CPHI founder, Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. gave a historical overview of CPHI's numerous accomplish-

ments since its inception, nearly 10 years ago. He explained that God, the CPHI staff, and its volunteers have been the basic fundamentals of the organization's success.

"Approximately 57 percent of homeless who leave CPHI go on to better things, and everybody in this room is a part of that," Chapman said.

Proud to announce that more than 4,000 hours of volunteer time is logged at the CPHI campuses every year, Daniel Vincent, CPHI's executive director, said, "The purpose of today is to thank you for what you have done, and we thank God for you everyday."



CPHI Welcomes New Board Members

Thomas M. Cornish is City President and Commercial Line of Business manager for SunTrust Bank of South Florida. He joined SunTrust Bank in 1996. Cornish is very active in various civic groups including the Beacon Council's Chairman of the Board, and Florida International University. He is the past head of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Multinational Committee, chairman of the President's Club, the Beacon Council Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee and member of the Strategic Planning and International Committee.



Charles J. Hall is president of HCA's East Florida Division, where he is responsible for 13 hospitals throughout the South Florida area. Hall moved to South Florida in 1996 as president of Columbia/HCA's South Florida Division. Prior to moving to South Florida, he held positions as division president and hospital CEO at various locations within HCA.



Jonah Pruitt is a principal at The Imaging Consortium, an integrated export and distribution management group in Latin America and Info Imaging Systems, where he is a management consultant to retail and commercial companies. Prior to creating The Imaging Consortium, Pruitt was vice-president and managing director of the Latin American Region for Gretag Imaging, Inc. and worked with The Eastman Kodak Group for 31 years. Pruitt is active with Alphalit, Habitat for Humanity and is a member of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.



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2003 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.

June 12, 2003

October 16, 2003

July 17, 2003

November 13, 2003

No meeting in August 2003

December 11, 2003

September 11, 2003

Medical Partners Care for Homeless in All Areas

Miami Hope Health Center is the primary care clinic servicing the homeless residents of Community Partnership for Homeless Downtown campus (The Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. and Betty B. Chapman Center). The Center, funded through the Health Foundation of South Florida, has been operating for nearly eight years.

With the help of the Public Health Trust and other partners, the Center assists The Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. and Betty B. Chapman Center residents achieve overall health and wellness by providing primary care and specialty services for patients of all ages. Walk-in and follow-up visits include initial triage with tuberculosis assessment and complete physical examinations.

Using the health center as a classroom, the medical staff has become an invaluable source for teaching and mentoring programs for area medical schools, nurse practitioner programs as well as Barry University's podiatry department.

Dr. Angela Burrafato, attending MD, and her staff: Jackie Master, MSN, ARNP, nurse practitioner and clinic manager; Melissa Montalvo, medical assistant; and Donna Duarte, intake coordinator, provide accessible treatment for residents.

As of December 2002, more than 90,800 patient visits have been made



Downtown campus medical staff.

to the Miami Hope Health Center. The Center is proud of this achievement and looks forward to a continuing relationship with the Homeless Assistance Center and other partners in providing medical services and promoting healthy lifestyles for our community's homeless.

The South Dade Homeless Assistance Health Center provides medical services to the homeless community of South Miami-Dade County. Established in October of 1998, the Center depends on its partner, Jackson Health System, for financial and administrative responsibility to ensure patients receive reliable healthcare services.

Located in Homestead, the Center primarily services the elderly, disabled, high risk and neglected homeless who suffer from lack of medical attention in previous years. While the majority of the Center's patients live in Homestead, it also reaches out to homeless communities in surrounding areas.

Common conditions treated at the Center, such as psychiatric illness and substance abuse, account for a good number of the medical visits. The Center promotes early detection of any problems to keep patient visits minimal.

The Center also provides preventative care and acute management of all types ranging from obstetrics and gynecology to tuberculosis and cancer screening for patients of any age.

Transportation, radiology, laboratory and pharmacy prescriptions are available for patients who need it.



South Dade Medical staff.

The Gift of Giving

NOVEMBER 2002

SunTrust Bank, Miami	\$150,000
North Dade Medical Foundation	\$ 20,000
George B. Storer Foundation	\$ 20,000
John West Thatcher	\$ 20,000
Braman Family Foundation	\$ 10,000
J. N. McArthur Foundation	\$ 10,000
Russ Oasis	\$ 5,000
The Mailman Foundation	\$ 5,000

DECEMBER 2002

Anonymous 107	\$500,000
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida	\$ 50,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust – James H. T. McConnell, Jr.	\$ 32,500
William Kaynor	\$ 25,000
Liz Whitney Tippet Foundation	\$ 10,000
Lamar Louise Curry	\$ 5,000

JANUARY 2003

The Garner Foundation	\$120,000
The Herbert W. Hoover Foundation	\$ 50,000
Gary Van Der Voort	\$ 30,000
Arthur F. & Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation	\$ 10,000
The Paul J. DiMare Foundation	\$ 10,000
The Alma Jennings Foundation	\$ 10,000
Sara H. Woodruff Foundation	\$ 5,000

FEBRUARY 2003

Cedars Medical Center	\$ 25,000
The Thomas E. Rodgers, Jr. Foundation	\$ 5,000
The Scharlin Family Foundation	\$ 5,000

MARCH 2003

Ounce of Prevention	\$100,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust James H.T. McConnell, Jr.	\$ 25,000
The Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation	\$ 7,000

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR HOMELESS SUITS UP FOR SUMMER

The summer is upon us, and the temperature is rising. While residents prepare for the summer heat, Community Partnership for Homeless prepares for the coming months.

There are several ways to assist CPHI in making this summer enjoyable for all our residents. Contributions of volunteer time and personal items, such as clothing and toiletries, enable us to provide residents with specialty items they need to maintain their everyday lifestyle. Towels, light

clothing items, and sandals are needed for both children and adults. Donations can be made using our trilingual donation hotline by calling 305-329-3030.

Before we know it, summer will be gone, and school will be starting again. Then all of the children will need book bags and schools supplies.

Volunteers are CPHI's most valuable asset and are always welcomed. Opportunities are also available for meal sponsorships at both the downtown Miami and Homestead facilities.



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