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Mother of 10 Balances Work & Family

At only 30 years old, I have lived an entire lifetime. If I had my life to live over, I would not have had my first child at thirteen years old. If I had my life to live over, I would not have stayed involved with the same man and continued to have seven more children.

If I had my life to live over, I would have learned earlier the difference between being ignorant and being stupid.

If I had my life to live over, I would...

Now, thanks to Community Partnership for Homeless, I have that chance to live my life over and my life has a whole new meaning.

The intervening years were strenuous, grim and a continuous battle for survival.

In September 2000, I was married and living in a beautiful, four-bedroom house in Carol City.

Then, in the blink of an eye, our roof fell in, my husband went to jail, the income stopped, the house foreclosed, and my family was split up in different directions.

I was destitute, financially, spiritually and emotionally. Homelessness is never ones goal. It just happens.

With the help of God, the real miracle came when Community Partnership for Homeless, entered my life. They provided me with the courage and inspiration to

strive for a better life. I learned how to work, how to live, how to give to others, how to plan, how to think, how to laugh, how to cry, and how to be grateful.

For all of my problems, and all of my stupidity, I had equal amount of dreams, hopes and determination for my family's future. I was still curious, wide-eyed and optimistic about the world around me.

Now as a mother of 10, I feel blessed to have my family all together. My kids are all doing well in school and my goals are bubbling into a new incarnation.

I work at Community Partnership for Homeless as a Resident Care Technician (RCT) working in the Operations Department and was recently honored at the annual gala this past October.

I want to be an accountant. I know this will require college, but I am still young.

I must say, I don't recommend my life as a model for others, but if I had to choose a bright side to my story, it would be that I started so young. I can now begin again.

I would like to end this by saying a simple "Thank You" to Community Partnership for Homeless and a long, loud "THANK YOU" to Mr. Chapman, without whom there would be no Community Partnership for Homeless and no me.

My name is Sandra.



Our Mission

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

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2005 Great Florida Bank

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Benefiting COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR HOMELESS

Run/Walk For The Homeless

The last weekend in January is filled with exciting running events. This year Community Partnership for Homeless is the charity partner of Marathon Weekend as thousands will "Run for the Homeless" when they participate in the Inaugural Great Florida Bank Tropical 5K, and the 3rd Annual Toyota Prius Miami Tropical Half-Marathon and Full Marathon.

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Chairman's Message



As the year draws to an end and we begin making preparations for the holidays and the start of a new year, we are grateful for what we have been able to accomplish together in 2004. But with that gratitude comes the realization that much remains to be done. We've just completed 10 years of continuous operation at Community Partnership for Homeless, and our successful outplacement rate is the envy of the nation. To date, 44,138 persons have come through our doors, and 23,629 have made the transition to independent and productive living, for a life-to-date percentage of 58.6%. The average placement rate of similar programs nationally is 25%.

We enter the next decade with a host of challenges and unmet needs, and so our work continues at a fast pace. As always, our goal is to continue to improve our service to our residents and expand community outreach.

To those ends, we have just completed a joint strategic planning retreat with the Homeless Trust, which has helped chart our course and set our priorities for the years ahead. We continue to enjoy a public/private partnership with the Trust that is a model for the nation.

Our Board of Directors is stronger and more committed than ever, especially with the addition of new member Paula Lou Brockway, featured elsewhere in the newsletter.

Fundraising is essential to meet the challenges of the future, and our efforts continue at a wonderful pace. Our annual gala was a tremendous success and raised \$1.5 million in net proceeds. Generous corporate, foundation and individual contributions allowed us to reach this goal, which is critical to our fiscal stability. We are required by contract with the Homeless Trust to fund 20 percent of our operating budget, and we look to events such as this to meet that expectation.

The George E. Batchelor Foundation generously matched all table-sale revenues. The late George E. Batchelor was recognized at the Gala as an "Angel to the Homeless," for his many contributions to Community Partnership for Homeless and his dedication to ending homelessness in Miami. That goal survives in the Foundation's activities and its many contributions to our organization.

As part of the event, activist and philanthropist Ronald L. Book received the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian Award for his leadership in homeless issues and his support for organizations that guide homeless persons to fulfilling lives. Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas, who received the award last year, presented the honor.

It is gratifying to see so many talented, energetic people – from the army of volunteers who make life better for more than 700 homeless persons who reside with us on any given day, to the generous individual donors who celebrated our success with us at the Gala -- engaged in the battle to create a better future for Miami's homeless. Working together, we are equal to the challenge and welcome the opportunities that lie ahead.

R. Ray Soode

Success in Employment for the Homeless

Community Partnership for Homeless and Jewish Community Services of South Florida Join Forces to Employ the Homeless

Miami-Dade County is one of the poorest communities in the United States with a high unemployment rate, low wages, and struggling residents seeking a meager existence. With this being said, homelessness is abundant with many organizations joining resources and staff to resolve not only the issue of homelessness, but seeking solutions in lieu of homeless living on the streets of Miami.

Two such organizations, Community Partnership for Homeless and Jewish Community Services of South Florida, have partnered through Project H.O.P.E., a labor and employment program designed to assist unemployed homeless, to facilitate homeless individuals with career guidance counseling, vocational assessment, skill training, and direct employment placement. This program provides a team of Employment Developers who work closely with the homeless residents currently residing in one of the two Homeless Assistance Centers.

Services currently being provided include: Employability Skills Development Training Workshops, One-on-One Employment Assessment and Placement, Wardrobe for Work, and Interviewing Techniques for Positive Results. These skill building seminars and personalized services have resulted in over 551 employment placements with retention.

In discussing the success of the program, both agencies agree the key has been the collaboration, cooperation, and coordination of services and the economic community of Miami-Dade County who have been willing to provide the opportunity to employ the otherwise least, last, and lost ... the homeless.



Third Annual Benefit Raises More Than \$1 Million

On October 22, Ricardo Glas, the Evening's Sponsor, once again opened the doors of the JW Marriott Miami to Community Partnership for Homeless for their third annual benefit. Thanks to the many generous contributors, including corporate, individual and foundations, the event netted \$1.5 million, a new record.

The evening began with the reading of a letter from President Bush congratulating Alvah Chapman on his leadership of this great organization. The late George E. Batchelor, a major benefactor of Community Partnership for Homeless was honored as an "Angel to the Homeless" for his generous contributions in excess of two million dollars. As they have in the past the George E. Batchelor Foundation greatly enhanced the fundraising efforts by matching the evening's table sales.

Three honorary dinner chairmen were also recognized for their generosity - Brenda Nestor Castellano, Martha Edwards and The Ware Foundation, and Paula and Bob Brockway. R. Kirk Landon and Pamela Garrison were the entertainment co-hosts for the evening with music provided by the Florida International University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Stewart Robertson. Bob Berkowitz of Multivision, production host, provided audio-visual support of the evening's theme, "You'll Never Walk Alone" and two video success story presentations — Sandra and Ruth.

Mayor Alex Penelas, last year's recipient, was on hand to present the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian Award to Ronald L. Book in recognition of his outstanding leadership in helping the homeless of Miami-Dade County.

In addition to his extensive work with Community Partnership for Homeless, Book is a member of the Dade County Homeless Trust, an outside advisor to the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, and was this year's recipient of their James J. Blossner Community Trusteeship Award.

"Ron Book has been a pillar in our community for many years," said Community Partnership for Homeless chairman Ray Goode. "Our organization is only one of many that have benefited from his leadership and dedication. We feel that Ron represents everything that a true humanitarian should be." Mayor Penelas also surprised Alvah Chapman with the presentation of the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award, only the third award ever presented.

The evening included a surprise announcement of a Homeless Health Challenge to be co-funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and The Batchelor Foundation.

Once again, the annual fundraiser



Left to right: Mayor Alexander Penelas presenting Ronald L. Book with the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian Award

was a brilliant success and a chance for Community Partnership for Homeless to recognize and thank all the donors who make the fight to end homelessness possible. With their great contributions of time and money, these benefactors have assured the homeless citizens of Miami-Dade County that the battle will continue "until no persons sleep on the streets of our community."



Left to right: Amarilis Osorio, Frankie and Marlene Ruiz



Left to right: "Success Stories" of the evening - Sandra and Ruth



Left to right: Mayor Alexander Penelas presenting Alvah Chapman with the Lifetime Achievement Award



Left to right: Ray Goode, Shelly Spivak and Jon Batchelor



Welcome Paula

Paula Lou Brockway, a long-time benefactor of the community, was recently named to the board of Community Partnership for Homeless.

Brockway currently serves on the board of trustees for Palmer Trinity School, and on the board for Beaux Arts, the Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium, and as senior warden for St. Thomas Episcopal Parish.

Brockway has an extensive history of involvement in many organizations throughout Miami, including Baptist Children's Hospital, the Eisenhart Concert Series, the American Red Cross, the University of Miami, and Palmer Trinity School.

"This organization is such a noble cause, and I am honored to be part of it," said Brockway. "As a board member, I hope that my long history working with charities will be a great benefit to them."

In addition to her charitable work in the community, Brockway's numerous philanthropic interests include the American Cancer Society, Miami City Ballet, the March of Dimes, and Actor's Playhouse.

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Run/Walk For The Homeless

"This year's marathon weekend is expected to attract over 12,000 participants from over 45 countries and all 50 states" stated Gaby Pozo, director of Marathon Weekend, "This event has become an asset to our community from the economic and health awareness standpoint".

"Besides being a part of the excitement of Marathon Weekend, the most important reason for participating in the Great Florida Bank Tropical 5K is that you'll be helping the Miami-Dade homeless community," said Daniel Vincent, executive director of Community Partnership for Homeless. "This is a very exciting partnership which we are thrilled to be involved in," he said.

The 3rd Annual Toyota Prius Miami Tropical Marathon and the Inaugural Great Florida Bank Tropical 5K will take place the weekend of January 28, 2005.

South Florida's most scenic 5K, the Great Florida Bank Tropical 5K will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2005, 7:30 a.m. (EST) race start and will serve as a sneak preview and warm-up for those running the Toyota Prius Miami Tropical Marathon and Half-Marathon. The 5K is a unique point-to-point race beginning on the MacArthur Causeway running alongside cruise ship row and finishing at South Pointe Park in Miami Beach.

To register for the Tropical 5K, Half & Full Marathon, go to www.runmiami.com.



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2005 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

January 13	February 10**
March 10	April 14
May 12	June 16
July 14	September 15
October 12	November 10
December 15	

** (this meeting is usually held in Homestead)

The Gift of Giving

JUNE 2004:

Swerdlow Group	\$ 125,000
Brenda Nestor Castellano	\$ 50,000
The Ware Foundation	\$ 50,000
Coconut Grove Gallery, Inc.	\$ 37,900
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	\$ 24,100
Miami-Dade AHEC, Inc.	\$ 10,900
BankUnited, FSB	\$ 10,000
Amanda Batchelor	\$ 10,000
Trish & Dan Bell	\$ 10,000
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida	\$ 10,000
Burdines-Macy's	\$ 10,000
Carnival Corporation	\$ 10,000
Codina Group, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Susan & James Carr	\$ 10,000
Betty & Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.	\$ 10,000
Alvah H. & Wylene P. Chapman Foundation	\$ 10,000
Nancy Jean Davis	\$ 10,000
FPL	\$ 10,000
Knight Ridder	\$ 10,000
The Lennar Foundation	\$ 10,000
Amarilis & Claudio Osorio	\$ 10,000
Northern Trust Bank of Florida, N.A.	\$ 10,000
Publix Super Markets Charities	\$ 10,000
Ryder System, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Swerdlow Boca Developers	\$ 10,000
UHZ Sports Medicine Institute	\$ 7,500
Anonymous	\$ 5,000
Bank of America	\$ 5,000
Baptist Health Systems of South Florida	\$ 5,000
BellSouth	\$ 5,000
Bill Ussery Motors, Inc.	\$ 5,000
Ronald Book	\$ 5,000
Health Foundation of South Florida	\$ 5,000
Howe, Robinson & Watkins, LLP	\$ 5,000
The Alma Jennings Foundation	\$ 5,000
Irene & William A. Kaynor	\$ 5,000
Miami Herald	\$ 5,000
Podhurst Orseck, P.A.	\$ 5,000
Judith & Jonah Pruitt, III	\$ 5,000
Seitlin Insurance Co.	\$ 5,000
Mary & Sash Spencer	\$ 5,000
SunTrust Bank	\$ 5,000

Trivest Partners	\$ 5,000
Wachovia National Bank	\$ 5,000
Washington Mutual Bank	\$ 5,000

JULY 2004:

Health Foundation of South Florida	\$ 85,500
The Mailman Foundation, Inc.	\$ 50,000
Mary Alice Griffin	\$ 10,000
Cynthia Knight	\$ 10,000
The Coalition of Episcopal Congregations	\$ 5,000
Sea Coast Underwriters, Inc.	\$ 5,000

AUGUST 2004:

Bill Ussery Motors, Inc.	\$ 45,000
Tim Adams	\$ 10,000
Community Partnership for Homeless Staff	\$ 10,000

SEPTEMBER 2004:

Ounce of Prevention of Florida	\$ 52,700
The Charles and Ann Johnson Foundation	\$ 50,000
R. Kirk Landon & Pamela Garrison	\$ 35,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	\$ 25,900
Bernice's Sellout, Inc.	\$ 16,200
AHEC	\$ 10,900
The Calvin and Flavia Oak Foundation, Inc.	\$ 10,000

OCTOBER 2004:

The Batchelor Foundation	\$815,400
BlueCross BlueShield of Florida	\$240,000
Federated Department Stores Foundation	\$150,000
Ronald L. Book	\$ 25,000
John West Thatcher	\$ 20,000
Commerce Bank	\$ 15,000
Cedars Medical Center	\$ 10,000
Great Florida Bank	\$ 10,000
Nancy & Robert Hector	\$ 10,000
The Alma Jennings Foundation	\$ 10,000
Jean D. & W. Mason Shehan	\$ 10,000
J. N. McArthur Foundation	\$ 10,000
Merrill Lynch	\$ 5,000
The Sloan McCrea Foundation	\$ 5,000
Tara Elias & Wayne Schucts	\$ 5,000

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

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/
Formula

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:

Beds
Cribs
Dressers
Mattress/Box Spring/Frame
Kitchen Tables w/Chairs
Lamps
Sofas
Coffee Tables
Night Stands
Dishes/Glasses
Pots/Pans/Silverware
Small Household Appliances
(microwaves, toaster ovens, coffee
pots, toasters)

Towels/Wash Cloths
Sheets/Blankets/Pillows
KITCHEN NEEDS:
Baked Goods (pre-packaged: sweet
rolls, cookies, cakes, pies or
doughnuts)
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 (Double and Single)

HOLIDAY ITEMS:

Gifts - Adults & Children
Decorations
Children Parties
Christmas Trees