



Success Story: Valerie King Former Resident Turned "Cookie Lady"

By: Earl Barber

When a woman gets to be 45, as I am, when a woman has three children, as I do, and when a woman does hard prison time, as I have, then I think I am somewhat qualified to talk about a "success" story.

My name is Valerie.

My life actually consisted of many lives, before I finally got a handle on it, thanks to Community Partnership for Homeless in Homestead.

I was in trouble, it seems, almost from the start -- with predictable results. I was 14 or 15 when I got pregnant the first time. The father was somewhat older but, to his credit, he wanted to marry me. My mom didn't approve because I was "too young."

Besides, he was a compulsive gambler. We didn't get married, but we did stay in touch for eight years or so, until he was shot dead on a street in Perrine. My mother's advice was good.

Life went from bad to worse. There were relationships, more pregnancies and more children. But the "relationships" never seemed to last. Then, my mother got sick. All of us rallied to take care of her until she passed away.

Later, I discovered the easy money route: pushing drugs. Naturally, I got caught, was convicted, and did my time in the penitentiary.

While there, I learned that true adversity sometimes can bring about much good and perhaps even a triumph or two. In jail, there was a famous rock and gospel singer who befriended me. I got into an act with him. He would sing and I did accompanying prayer. It was a good act with an appreciative audience.

So, it was in prison, of all places, that I began to learn about the power of prayer, faith and

principles.

The problems, however, did not end with my release. I was out of work most of the time. I was broke. The economic struggle became a jungle. My health was bad with diabetes, arthritis and other disabilities. I had a breakdown. I couldn't think and couldn't work, and I lived in a cloud of depression.

Somehow, a miracle happened. I found the Homeless Assistance Center and was admitted in 1999 along with two of my children who were still with me.

There is no way to describe what the Center did for me. My life was turned around in every sense -- physically, spiritually and morally.

I discovered what hope really means and what can happen by applying the simple principles with which most of us have been familiar since childhood. The Center is not a religious center by any stretch of the imagination, but it is a spiritual center where principles are put into practice.

I now live with a son and daughter in an apartment. All of us work.

I am a regular volunteer at the Center and very active in my church affairs. One talent I have is making special kinds of cookies, and I am now known in many areas of Homestead as the

"Cookie Lady."

I love the title, the children love my cookies, and I love the Center most of all.

It would be impossible for me to list all of those who have given me so much love and support at the Center, but there is one, I would like to single out, for without him none of it would have happened.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAPMAN, for making my renewed life possible!



Our Mission

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

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A CONVERSATION WITH OUR NEW CHAIR:

Robert E. Chisholm

On September 15, 2005, the members of the board of directors of Community Partnership for Homeless elected Robert E. Chisholm to serve as its chairman, replacing the late R. Ray Goode, who passed away this summer.

Chisholm is clearly excited about his new role leading the fight against homelessness in Miami-Dade County. Chisholm detailed his passion and vision for the organization in a conversation with us.

Q: How long have you been involved with Community Partnership for Homeless?

A: I have been involved since inception. In 1993, I attended a meeting downtown to address homelessness, which was quickly becoming a pressing issue in south Florida. I signed up to help even though I had no expertise. Shortly thereafter, Armando Codina contacted me and asked me to chair the design and construction committee. I've been involved with the organization since.

Q: Why the homeless cause?

A: That's what presented itself at that moment. It seemed to be where I needed to go. We all have to share our gifts and get involved. It has been an extraordinary experience. The last 13 years have gone by very fast.

Q: What was your role in the early days?

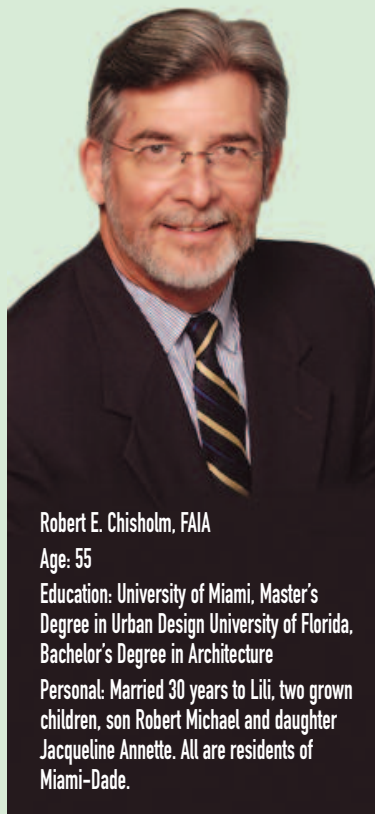
A: I became very involved from the beginning. We designed and oversaw the construction of the downtown Chapman center in 1993-1995 and the Homestead center in 1996-1998. I worked on this with a group of very talented and dedicated people, many of them are still on the board.

Q: What has attracted you to Community Partnership for Homeless?

A: The organization's management philosophy and leadership are what set it apart. It is run with a great deal of organization and discipline but also with compassion for the individual. The model they teach — making the individual accountable for their actions so that they can get back on their feet — is key to its success. These are the same beliefs that I apply to my life. And this approach is compatible with my way of thinking.

Q: What does it mean to you to have been elected Chairman of Community Partnership for Homeless?

A: Giving back to the community is something that I've learned from great community and business leaders. The best leaders incorporate great humanity into their leadership. Becoming CPH's third chairman is an honor, a challenge and an important opportunity to contribute in a significant way to our community.



Robert E. Chisholm, FAIA

Age: 55

Education: University of Miami, Master's Degree in Urban Design University of Florida, Bachelor's Degree in Architecture

Personal: Married 30 years to Lili, two grown children, son Robert Michael and daughter Jacqueline Annette. All are residents of Miami-Dade.

Q: What is your vision for the organization?

A: I want to continue the legacy that Mr. Chapman started and Mr. Goode promoted. I want to take the same disciplined approach to the next level by accomplishing three things:

1) Increased visibility for CPH. Our centers have been declared a national model. This is where community leaders make things happen. They don't just talk about the situation; they come to grips with it. It is where leadership directly interacts with the least, the last and the lost. This is why we want to share what we've learned with others. We also want to look at our operations and make them work better for our clients and staff.

2) Development. Part of the reason why it is important to tell our story is because it will help us raise the funds we need to continue our work. We all need to work together on this issue.

3) Strategic planning. We need to look at the long term of 10 or 20 years from now. How can this public-private partnership evolve over time? We plan on working closely with the Homeless Trust to take our organization in an innovative direction.

Q: Can you tell us more about some of your long-term plans?

A: We have added a younger element to CPH. It's called The Next Generation. We want to get the future leaders mentored and trained to pick up this effort. We have set up a mentoring team — members of the board, bankers, senior executives — who are committed to showing the new generation the ropes. I plan on working with them very closely.

Q: Any last words?

A: As leaders of this community, we have the duty to take care of the members of our community. We all have God-given talents and tools that we need to put to good use; they should not be used just to benefit ourselves, but also to help the less fortunate. I am extremely pragmatic. I like to focus on the problem and tackle it.

2006 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are scheduled for noon on the second Thursday of the month at 1550 North Miami Avenue, unless otherwise advised.

JANUARY	19	FEBRUARY	16 Homestead	MARCH	16	APRIL	12 Wednesday
MAY	11	JUNE	15	JULY	No meeting	AUGUST	17
SEPTEMBER	14	OCTOBER	12	NOVEMBER	16	DECEMBER	14

Fourth Annual Gala Honors the Late R. Ray Goode

On Friday, October 21, Community Partnership for Homeless celebrated its Fourth Annual Benefit Gala, which for the second year in a row raised more than \$1 million. This year's theme "Love Changes Everything" set the perfect tone to honor the late R. Ray Goode, beloved chairman of Community Partnership for Homeless, who passed away in July.

Despite the approach of Hurricane Wilma, nearly 500 guests gathered in the elegant ballroom of the JW Marriott, the Evening's Sponsor, to enjoy an evening of delicious food and dancing and to support the efforts of this organization that has become known as a national model for its work with the homeless.

Following remarks by our new chairman, Robert Chisholm, emcee Bill Morrison recognized the late George Batchelor and The Batchelor Foundation as "Angel to the Homeless" for once again matching the table sales for the event.

This year's honorary dinner chairmen included event chair Paula Brockway and her husband Bob, Nancy and Robert Hector, Trish and Dan Bell, Swanee and Paul DiMare, Susan and Jim Carr, and the Lennar Foundation.

Ron Book, last year's recipient of the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian Award, presented this year's award to Sandy Goode and daughter Donna Cantin on behalf of Ray Goode, in recognition of his outstanding leadership in helping the homeless of Miami-Dade County.

Multivision, the evening's Production Host, presented a wonderful and moving video tribute to Ray as well as a new video sharing the success story of Valerie, one of Community Partnership for Homeless' many success stories.



The Alvah H. Chapman Humanitarian Award was presented to Sandy Goode and daughter Donna Cantin on behalf of Ray Goode.



Nancy and Robert Hector



Trish and Dan Bell



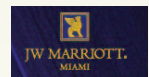
Bob and Paula Brockway with Betty and Alvah Chapman.



Paul DiMare



Susan and James Carr



Run Miami... Run For The Homeless!



Community Partnership for Homeless is again the charity partner of Marathon weekend!

Thousands will "Run for the Homeless" on Marathon weekend - January 27-29, 2006 - when they participate in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Tropical 5K, and the ING Miami Marathon and Half-Marathon.

South Florida's most scenic 5K debuted in January 2005 with more than 1,500 runners and is one of the largest timed 5K's in the state. Runners, walkers, sponsors, families and friends helped raise over \$200,000 to provide support and assistance to hundreds of homeless men, women and families striving to live better lives through the professional and social services provided by Community Partnership for Homeless.

Registration for the January 28, 2006 race is already open and more than 2,500 runners and walkers are expected to participate in the most exciting 5K in Florida. All sponsorship and proceeds from every entry will be donated to Community Partnership for Homeless.

For more information and to register please visit www.tropical5k.com



Sandy Batchelor with Dan Vincent, Al Brown and Robert Chisholm.

Five Community Leaders Named to Board

Robert T. Barlick, Jr., is currently an Associate in the Private Wealth Management group of Goldman, Sachs & Co. He joined Goldman Sachs in 2000 as an analyst in the firm's Fixed Income, Currency, and Commodities Division. In addition to his responsibilities at Goldman, Sachs, Rob is a trustee of United Way of Miami-Dade. He is the founding Chairman of the Next Generation Council of CPH, a fundraising and volunteer group dedicated to supporting Community Partnership. Rob also serves on the Executive Committee of the Young Leaders Program of the United Way. Rob graduated from Trinity College with honors in History and received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. He currently resides in Miami, Florida, with his wife Ana-Marie Codina Barlick.



Robert Barlick, Jr.

Robert M. Chisholm, Esq. is president of CDI Companies in Miami, and a former associate with Steel Hector & Davis. In addition to his appointment to CPH's board of directors, he serves as vice chairman for the organization's Next Generation Council. Additionally, he is a member of the Young Executive Board of Directors of the Wolfsonian Museum, a member of the United Way's Young Leaders Society and worked as a fellow with the Florida Bar Foundation. Chisholm is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, and the University of Florida.



Robert M. Chisholm

Paul J. DiMare, Sr., president of DiMare Companies Inc., the largest grower of fresh-market tomatoes in the United States, is a long time member of Florida's agricultural community, and of the non-profit community as well. Founder of the Paul J. DiMare Foundation, he has served as a member of the board of directors of the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and The Keys since 2002, and also serves on the Board of Trustees at the University of Miami and the Board of Directors at the Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium. He has been a director of 1st National Bank of South Florida for more than 30 years. Raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts,



Paul DiMare, Sr.

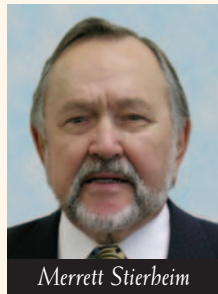
and a graduate of Georgetown University, DiMare was elected to the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2005.

Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin has dedicated much of her career and her life to helping children and the disenfranchised. A native of Michigan, O'Laughlin has served as the president of Barry University since 1981 when it was a struggling college of only 2,000 students. Under her leadership, the university now has a thriving population of more than 8,500 students and its yearly budget has grown from \$8.3 million to more than \$130 million. Over the years, O'Laughlin has chaired the Victory Foundation for the Homeless, Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community, Save the Children and We Will Rebuild. In 1999, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce recognized her with the Sand in My Shoes Award which honors the community's top volunteer, and in 1992 Pope John Paul II bestowed the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal for her service to the Roman Catholic Church.



Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin

Merrett R. Stierheim has served the citizens of Miami-Dade County for more than 45 years in a variety of roles. He acted as the Superintendent of the Miami-Dade School System for three years, and worked twice as the County Manager, from 1976 to 1986 and again from 1998 to 2001. In this capacity, he supervised a \$5 billion countywide infrastructure expansion including the construction of Miami Metro Zoo, the downtown library, the Government Center, and the County's mass transit system. Among these titles, Stierheim has also been CEO of the Professional Women's Tennis Association, president, CEO, and principal founder of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), and also helped found The Beacon Council and the Miami Metro Action Plan. In his extensive dedication to the community, he has served on the board of directors of more than 30 local, state and national organizations.



Merrett Stierheim

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The Gift of Giving

AUGUST 2005		Lennar Foundation	\$ 50,000	Jean and W. Mason Shehan	\$ 10,000
Northern Trust	\$100,000	Miami-Dade AHEC	\$ 32,500	Marina and Emilio Alonso-Mendoza	\$ 5,000
The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida	\$ 14,900	Gary M. Van DerVoort	\$ 30,000	Bank of America	\$ 5,000
Miami-Dade AHEC	\$ 10,800	Ana and Oscar Barbara	\$ 25,000	Anonymous	\$ 5,000
SEPTEMBER 2005		Betty and Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.	\$ 10,200	Baptist Health South Florida	\$ 5,000
Trish and Dan Bell	\$500,000	BankUnited	\$ 10,000	Yolanda and Jeffrey Berkowitz	\$ 5,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust		Amanda Batchelor	\$ 10,000	Tim and Meredith Birrittella	\$ 5,000
James H. T. McConnell	\$ 25,000	Bill Ussery Motors	\$ 10,000	Celebrity Cruises	\$ 5,000
The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida	\$ 17,000	BlueCross BlueShield of Florida	\$ 10,000	Nancy Davis	\$ 5,000
Santa Fe Healthcare	\$ 15,000	Ronald L. Book, P.A.	\$ 10,000	Diane and Allen C. deOlazarra	\$ 5,000
The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida	\$ 13,300	Carnival Cruise Lines	\$ 10,000	Gus Machado Ford	\$ 5,000
Miami-Dade AHEC	\$ 10,800	Cedars Medical Center	\$ 10,000	Health Foundation of South Florida	\$ 5,000
The Calvin and Flavia Oak Foundation	\$ 10,000	Alvah H. & Wyline P. Chapman Foundation	\$ 10,000	Irene and William A. Kaynor	\$ 5,000
Cynthia Knight	\$ 10,000	The Cobb Family Foundation	\$ 10,000	The Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation	\$ 5,000
Miami-Dade County Public Schools	\$ 10,000	Codina Group	\$ 10,000	McCrea Foundation	\$ 5,000
OCTOBER 2005		Community Partnership for Homeless	\$ 10,000	The Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald	\$ 5,000
The Batchelor Foundation	\$705,000	Florida Power & Light	\$ 10,000	Miami Plastic Surgery	\$ 5,000
Anonymous 107	\$500,000	The Alma Jennings Foundation	\$ 10,000	Lydia and Rudy Prio-Touzet	\$ 5,000
The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida	\$130,100	Knight Ridder	\$ 10,000	Judith and Jonah Pruitt, III	\$ 5,000
Paula and Robert Brockway	\$ 50,000	R. Kirk Landon	\$ 10,000	RE Chisholm Architects	\$ 5,000
Susan and James Carr	\$ 50,000	Kendra and John M. Malloy, Jr.	\$ 10,000	Alison and Darryl Robinson	\$ 5,000
Swanee and Paul DiMare	\$ 50,000	Macy's Florida	\$ 10,000	Tara and Wayne Schuchts	\$ 5,000
Nancy and Robert Hector	\$ 50,000	Northern Trust Bank of Florida	\$ 10,000	Seitlin & Company	\$ 5,000
		Podhurst Orseck, P.A.	\$ 10,000	SunTrust Bank	\$ 5,000
		Publix Super Markets Charities	\$ 10,000	Trivest Partners, L.P.	\$ 5,000
		Ryder System	\$ 10,000	UHZ Sports Medicine Institute	\$ 5,000
				Wachovia Bank	\$ 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 AND CHILDREN:

Men's and Women's Business Attire
Shorts
T-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/Pillow Cases

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS:

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

Soda

Walkers (tri and quad)
Canes/Crutches
Baby Blankets
Car Seats
Strollers (double and single)

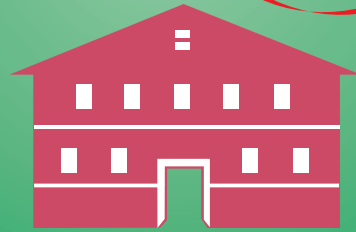
SPECIAL ITEMS:

Special Activities for Children (event outings, etc.)
Holiday Parties and Gifts for Children
Holiday Gifts for Single Men, Single Women
Christmas Trees, Lights and Decorations
Book Bags and Backpacks for School
School Supplies

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