

# PARTNERS



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## Success Story: Kennel Provides Shelter For Lifelong Companions

In the house where he lived for 37 years in Northwest Miami, John Hermann could keep as many pets as he liked. John's cats and dogs were more than just pets; they were his faithful companions. He took them in when they were small, and he saw them through to the end of their lives.

However, when John's employer of 21 years, Eastern Airlines, closed operations in Miami, John lost his job as lead airline servicer. He developed diabetes and had to undergo surgery without health insurance for an abscess in his abdomen that left him with more than \$30,000 in hospital payments. After living off his savings for some time, he was forced to sell his house.

John struggled to find a place he could rent where he could accommodate his two cats and two dogs. Friends and acquaintances suggested he give them up, or worse, put them to sleep. But, this, said John, "was not an option."

Before long, John found himself at the Salvation Army. He was forced to leave his pets with his veterinarian temporarily.

A fruitless search for a job and a permanent place to live consumed nine months. John knew he would have to find a new home for his cats and dogs. The veterinarian could no longer afford to keep them. He found pet lovers to take them in while he continued his search, until he heard of the kennel at the Homestead Center of Community Partnership for Homeless.

When John first visited, he marveled at the kennel's wide spaces and the ample size of the field where the animals were allowed to play and run. He knew he had found the solution he needed to be reunited with his pets while he looked for ways to get back on his feet.

His two cats, Cleo and Lady, had developed illnesses while they were staying with friends. They died -- one of cancer, and the other of kidney disease. John

brought his two dogs, Buster and Honey, with him to the center. Both were strays that had wandered into John's yard years before and had ever left.

At the Homestead Center, where he was given a bottom bunk bed, he was allowed to see his dogs whenever he wanted. He would help clean the kennel and take care of his animals. After several months, Buster died of old age, and Honey remained as John's only companion.

Ruth Cardona, intake coordinator at the center, Keith Akins, housing specialist, and Evelyn Calo, transitional case manager, went out of their way to help John find ways

to support himself again. He took a temporary job doing light maintenance work at an elementary school, and in August 2004, was finally able to secure a permanent job as a school crossing guard.

Now 62 years old, John could apply for Social Security. Again with help from the center, he began receiving his monthly payments. By Thanksgiving, John was able to move out to a house he could share with two friends he met at the center. He and his roommates split the rent, and he and Honey now have a permanent home.

John has been working as a crossing guard for almost a year. He says his experience has changed his view of the homeless. Never before had he realized just how many people had been in similar circumstances.

John says he is happy that throughout the tumultuous ups and downs of the last few years, he has been able to stay true to his pets.

"When you come home, and your dog meets you with her tail wagging -- you can't turn someone like that out," he says.

"I can't do that," he adds. "It's just not me."



## Our Mission

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

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# In Memory of R. Ray Goode



**R**ay Goode, Chairman of the Board for Community Partnership for Homeless since 2001, passed away on July 14th, 2005. Services were held on July 18th. Mr. Goode recently retired as vice president – public affairs of Ryder System and continued as a consultant to the company. Before joining Ryder in 1993, Mr. Goode served as president and chief executive officer of We Will Rebuild, the agency established to rebuild South Miami-Dade in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. From 1976 to 1989, Mr. Goode held the positions of president, chairman and chief executive officer of the Babcock Company, engaged in residential and commercial real estate development. Mr. Goode was employed by Miami-Dade County government from 1962-1976, with the last six years as county manager. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Goode has served as president of the Orange Bowl Committee, chairman of the University of Miami Board of Trustees, chairman of both the Miami-Dade and State of Florida Chambers of Commerce, and chairman of United Way's Board of Directors. Mr. Goode held a masters degree from Penn State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Charleston. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, two adult daughters and four grandchildren.

## COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS :

*"Ray Goode was the icon of a Miami community leader, but his finest service was to 'the least, the last and the lost' in our community as chairman of the Community Partnership for Homeless. For 13 years, he devoted his leadership talent to this organization, regarded by many as a national model in service to the homeless".*

Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.  
Miami

*"Our community and the University of Miami have suffered a great loss with the passing of Ray Goode. For 29 years, he served as a committed, enthusiastic and devoted member of our Board of Trustees, including two years as chairman. He was*

*instrumental during his years at the Ryder Corporation in establishing our Ryder Trauma Center and M. Anthony Burns Center for Advanced Supply Chain Management. Ray Goode was a wonderful public servant, corporate citizen and dedicated Board member. The entire University mourns his loss and we extend our condolences to his wife Sandy and his family."*

Donna E. Shalala  
University of Miami President

*"Mr. Goode's service and dedication to Dade County was unparalleled during a time when our community was experiencing unprecedented growth. He was a dedicated member of this community during his tenure as county manager and long after as a civic leader. He was a true public servant."*

Carlos Alvarez  
Mayor

## 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](mailto: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  
Socks  
Plus-Sized Women's Clothing  
Maternity Clothing  
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 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 PG 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 adults)  
Walkers (tri and quad)  
Canes/Crutches  
Baby Blankets  
Car Seats  
Strollers (double and single)



# Hearts of Volunteers Honored

**H**undreds of volunteers once again gathered together in late April, to be honored and thanked for giving a piece of their heart through the amazing work they do with Community Partnership for Homeless.

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others," read the framed certificates that were given out at the third annual luncheon.

"Thank you!" said R. Ray Goode, chairman of the board, as he praised the room full of volunteers for their dedication, hard work and contribution to the 'least, the last and the lost of Miami-Dade County.' "Our gratitude is immeasurable," he said.

Volunteers are key to Community Partnership for Homeless' success and mission—that no persons sleep on the streets of our community. They came to enjoy each other's company and meet other volunteers like themselves. From Homestead to downtown Miami, the room burst of energy and enthusiasm as they were recognized for what they bring to this effort.

Each year Community Partnership for Homeless honors its dedicated volunteers. "Without you we could not exist and accomplish our mission of serving the many men, women and families in our two centers," said Goode. "We extend our heartfelt thanks to you and the thousands of volunteers that made this past year an overwhelming success for our organization," Goode said as the volunteers cheered.

Volunteer Sharon Frazier was introduced for her work with the organization and the feeding program. "I am so impressed by the human spirit," she said speaking of the volunteers. "It's not just a soup kitchen. Volunteers are really involved." She recalled a blind volunteer, Rita, and her seeing-eye dog who come to serve meals, "If she can do it, anyone can," she said.

The talented band from Centennial Middle School provided the entertainment for the luncheon, as volunteers cheered special honorees, including: Dr. Albert Iglesias, a veterinarian in South Miami-Dade who cares for the dogs at the Homestead kennel. He provides veterinary services every

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— DeAnn Hollis



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THE LAST AND THE LOST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
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Thursday to the dogs at the Homestead facility kennel, which was built more than two years ago through a grant from The Batchelor Foundation. Kathryn Johnson, of Kids with Character, was recognized for her devotion to the children of Community Partnership for Homeless. Both Dr. Iglesias and Ms. Johnson were honored by H. Daniel Vincent, executive director, who presented both individuals with special recognition awards for their relentless work to the organization and their residents. In accepting their special awards, they both spoke of their work with Community Partnership for Homeless and the rewards that it brings to them personally and spiritually.

Miami Benefit Club, Palmer Trinity and Mayte Padron of Magna Force (Channel 10) were also honored at the event. "It is impossible to thank everyone in this room for what they do for us," said Vincent. "On behalf of the founding chair, Alvah Chapman Jr. and his wife Betty, Ray Goode and the 47,000 people that you've helped, we thank you," he concluded as the mid-day celebration ended. "This lunch is only a token of our appreciation."

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## Running Has Its Benefits

Once again Community Partnership for Homeless will benefit from the Tropical 5K to be held the last weekend in January 2006.

For more information on this event you can go to: <http://www.runmiami.com>

# Steinway Presents "Keys to the Hearts of the Homeless"

Steinway Piano Gallery, 4104 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, Florida will host a cocktail party and piano expose benefiting Community Partnership for Homeless entitled "Keys to the Hearts of the Homeless" on September 23, 2005 from 7-9pm.

Steinway Piano Gallery transcends that of all other piano stores in their 151 years of serving the public with an unmatched reputation. This event is another way Steinway Piano Gallery provides service in this inspiring event that combines the joy of musical perfection with a greater value of raising awareness of homeless needs.

As Steinway Piano Gallery is the home of piano excellence, Community Partnership for Homeless is a non-profit national model providing otherwise homeless individuals currently living on the streets of Miami-Dade County with housing and supportive services as they move from homelessness to a home. This event will surely "tune" the senses of notable guests.

For additional information on "Keys to the Hearts of the Homeless," please call 305-329-3081 or visit [www.cphi.org](http://www.cphi.org). Tickets are \$50 per person with proceeds of the event to benefit Community Partnership for Homeless.

## Warm Welcome To Our New Board Member



Lt. Col. Thomas B. Davis, an attorney and a commissioned officer in the Air Force, was recently named to the board of Community Partnership for Homeless.

Davis, who is currently in private practice working solely on pro bono cases, has spent the majority of his life in the military with positions ranging from maneuver tactics instructor in his

early years to director of personnel and administration for the Florida Army National Guard. He now serves as chief of public affairs for the Homestead Air Reserve Base, coordinating local and international media in television, radio and print.

An active member of the community, Davis is a member of the Florida Bar Association, Florida Bar Military Affairs Committee, the Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce, and the Second Infantry Regiment Association. In addition, he is a volunteer at Hands on Miami serving as the coordinator for the South Dade County area.

Davis received his Juris Doctor from St. Thomas University School of Law and also attended the University of Miami where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics and Public Affairs.

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

**September 15**  
(3rd Thursday)

**October 12**  
(Wednesday)

**November 10**  
**December 15**

# Summer Time FUN!

Summertime at the Family Resource Center was a time full of activities. With school ending for the majority of our children on June 8, it was a short wait before camp commenced on June 13.

Day camp for the Downtown FRC children was once again sponsored by the Miami Rescue Mission's Community Activity Center. This camp experience offered the children opportunities to engage in a wide variety of educational and recreational field trips. Among the exciting special trips and events planned for these children were: ice and roller skating; Boomer's Amusement Park; C.B. Smith Park; Lazy River at the McDonald Aquatic Center; and weekly movies at Crown Theaters.

For the children in Homestead, June rolled in with not one, but two, summer camps. Fifteen of our children were enrolled in the Police Athletic League (PAL) Summer Camp located at Mays Middle School in Goulds. There was a plethora of activities scheduled for the children each day. The day began with rigorous physical exercises such as bouncing ball racing or track laps. Arts and crafts was available in some form or another, as were water sports and so much more. Fieldtrips were of course the children's all time favorite. They went to the Parrot Jungle Island and enjoyed bowling, and other exciting adventures.

The remaining students — approximately thirty-six — attended camp at Centro Campesino. They are located in a house-like structure on the site of migrant workers' complex and community in Florida City. Amazingly, these students were afforded the opportunity to attend Miami Dade College for tutoring as part of our participation in the camp program. They, too, enjoyed many wonderful fun and learning experiences such as music classes and karate lessons. The fieldtrips took them to Everglades Outpost and Everglades National Park. The Museum of Science sent representatives out to the campsite and taught the children how to make bottle rockets. The boys and girls were thrilled.

The Family Resource Center also planned an assortment of stimulating activities for the summer months. During the month of June, the children participated in exciting events, such as, a hilarious play production staged by the Fantasy Theatre Factory at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, a tour of the Miami-Dade County Courthouse and a chance to view an actual trial in session; and a swim with the dolphins interaction at

Dolphins Plus in Key Largo. This rare opportunity to interact with dolphins, so closely and in their natural habitat, was a magical experience, which they'll remember for the rest of their lives.

July was a "fantastic" month, as well. A host of fun and exciting events took place. The children enjoyed Alonzo Mourning's Summer Groove basketball clinic and All-Star Basketball Game; Florida Marlins' baseball games; and a tour of the Homestead Air Reserve Base.

The children were all very happy to take part in these camp activities, and the parents were thrilled that their children had such a great summer while being exposed to positive influences and unforgettable learning experiences.

Sponsors such as Hands-on-Miami and CPC's All-Aboard Educational Services also continued to enhance our educational mission over the summer months. Although the school year had officially ended, the educational, recreational, and cultural experiences provided by the FRC continued to thrive and stimulate our children.



## The Gift of Giving

### MARCH 2005

HFSF Grants Management, Inc.	\$117,500
R. Kirk Landon	\$ 30,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	\$ 25,000
Food Industry Crusade Against Hunger	\$ 20,000
BankUnited	\$ 10,400
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Morrison	\$ 5,000

### APRIL 2005

Betty and Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.	\$100,000
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### MAY 2005

AHEC	\$ 21,700
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### JUNE 2005

The Batchelor Foundation	\$ 50,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	\$ 25,000

### JULY 2005

Pollo Tropical	\$ 9,200
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# Host your very own party aboard Celebrity Cruises' world-class luxury ship, The Summit!

Celebrity Cruises will be hosting a luncheon benefiting Community Partnership for Homeless aboard the Summit on Sunday, November 6, 2005.

One Grand Prize Winner will be selected, along with 30 personal guests\*, for an exclusive Captain's Tour of this newly renovated, state-of-the-art ship. Afterwards, your party will be escorted to the Summit's lavish dining room for a six-course, gourmet lunch.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased by contacting Gussie Flynn at 305-329-3016 or by visiting our website at <http://www.cphi.org>. The drawing will be held at Steinway Pianos on September 23, 2005. Participants do not need to be present to win.

All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the ongoing service of Community Partnership for Homeless.

(\*No guests under 14 years of age will be permitted to attend this event.)



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