

# In the Know

Your guide to noteworthy appointments, nominations, and donations taking place within our community of nonprofit organizations

## Families receive keys to new Habitat Broward homes

Habitat for Humanity of Broward along with almost 100 sponsors, volunteers, homeowner families and friends, gathered on Oct. 8 to celebrate the completion of 15 homes in Rock Island Oaks, a new Habitat community in Fort Lauderdale.



H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr. and his daughter Ainsley enter Jean Gilles' home for a tour.

The neighborhood is the first "green" community, built to meet the LEED silver certification. The homes are energy efficient and more affordable to maintain overtime for the homeowner.

The Huizenga Family Foundation; Hudson Family Foundation; Broward County Affordable Housing Program; Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta; and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation generously supported the project.

"The program creates incredible value by engaging families and volunteers throughout the entire process. To partner with Habitat truly means becoming part of the Habitat family," said H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.

The families contributed 400 hours of "sweat equity" working on the construction of their home and the homes of others and participated in educational programs to ensure their success as new homeowners. The homeowners will make monthly payments on a low-cost, no-interest mortgage, which in turn will go toward building more Habitat Broward homes.

For more information, call 954-396-3030, ext. 211 or email Jessica@habitatbroward.org.

## JM Lexus sponsored luncheon benefiting breast cancer awareness



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, JM Lexus sponsored a breast cancer awareness luncheon at its dealership on Oct. 19. Funds raised went to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. Jeanette Sparano, wife of Miami Dolphins head coach Tony Sparano was the featured guest speaker.

## Publix kicks off annual 'Food For All' fundraiser

Beginning on Nov. 13, Publix Super Markets will be running their holiday "Food For All" fundraiser. The campaign will feature burgundy and gold boards stocked with \$1, \$3 and \$5 donation coupons at checkout stands. Upon conclusion of the fundraiser, Publix will allocate funds to charitable agencies in the community.

Publix Super Markets and their customers raised more than \$1.5 million through the 2010 holiday season "Food For All" program, benefiting over 70 charitable organizations in South Florida. The program will conclude on Dec. 24.

Food For All is a charitable organization that partners with thousands of grocery retailers nationwide to run point-of-purchase fundraisers. For more information, visit [www.foodforall.org](http://www.foodforall.org) or email [tracey@foodforall.org](mailto:tracey@foodforall.org).

## Thomas honored with The Jim Moran Foundation Award



Jan Moran, left, and Nanci Thomas

Nanci Thomas is the 2011 recipient of The Jim Moran Foundation Award. Her compassion and commitment to Broward County's children, families and seniors earned her a \$50,000 grant for the Oscar Thomas Foundation – the nonprofit of her choice.

"I know my husband would be proud of her and the Oscar Thomas Foundation for helping children discover the best in themselves through art, academics and multi-generational interactions," said chairman and president of The Jim Moran Foundation Jan Moran.

Thomas has served as an educator, counselor and family advocate. Following her husband's passing in 1997, Thomas founded the Oscar Thomas Foundation to empower children and youth through art, education and community service. The Foundation encourages self-awareness, creativity and leadership in youth and connects young people and seniors through meaningful volunteer experiences.

"Through this grant, the Oscar Thomas Foundation can deliver programs that may not otherwise have been possible. I promise to continue to serve others in a way that would make Mr. Moran proud," said executive director of Oscar Thomas Foundation Nanci Thomas.

To learn more about The Jim Moran Foundation, visit [www.JimMoranFoundation.org](http://www.JimMoranFoundation.org) or call 954-429-2122.

## Broward Cultural Division receives endowment

Broward Cultural Division received a grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Cultural Division has been recommended for a \$35,000 grant to support the Cultural Diversity Program and the Creative Investment Programs.

NEA's "Access to Artistic Excellence - Art Works" will supplement funding for the programming activities of Broward County's cultural arts organizations

"These grants solidify our confidence in our ability to continue our mission, to enhance the community's cultural environment through the development of the arts," said Mary A. Becht, Broward Cultural Division director.

Broward Cultural Division supports more than 5,600 arts-related businesses that employ more than 21,800 people. For more information, call 954-357-7502.