

In the Know

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

Jim Moran Foundation supports Safe Babies initiative

In honor of what would have been automotive pioneer and philanthropist Jim Moran's 93rd birthday, the Jim Moran Foundation recently awarded two grants for \$93,000 to the Intercoastal (Fort Lauderdale) and Buckner (Jacksonville) divisions of Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) for its Safe Babies initiative. The foundation announced its grants during Founder's Day, an annual celebration across all companies and locations of JM Family Enterprises.

Each year, the foundation provides two special grants – one in North Florida and one in South Florida – to continue Jim Moran's legacy of giving back to children and families.

"Jim believed every child should have a nurturing environment in which to learn and grow," said Jan Moran, chairman and president of the Jim Moran Foundation. "By helping better prepare and equip moms and dads for the responsibilities of parenthood, as well as through offering them resources to create safe, loving homes today, we hope to strengthen families for generations to come."

Through the Safe Babies program, young or inexperienced mothers – some suffering from pre- and post-natal depression – and at-risk families with young children from birth to age five receive in-home counseling and behavioral health support. Therapists work with parents coping with stress and focus on improving the family bonding and overall functioning.

For more information, visit www.JimMoranFoundation.org or call 954-429-2122.



Jan Moran, left, and Regine Cordon

\$10,000 grant to Broward Housing Solutions

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation granted \$10,000 to Broward Housing Solutions in support of the organization's Rental Subsidy Program, which provides affordable, permanent and safe rental housing to mental health consumers for 30 percent of their income, typically \$220 per month.

"It's extremely rewarding to provide housing for those who otherwise may be living on the street," said Lisa A. Vecchi, president and CEO of Broward Housing Solutions.

For more information on Broward Housing Solutions, call 954-764-2800.

Grant awarded to ARC Broward



Lisa Naymik, left, Julie Price, Robert Peters, Gwen Rubino and David Cohen

At a recent Wells Fargo "Ribbon Cutting and Check Presentation Ceremony," ARC Broward was a recipient of an award from Wells Fargo. The gift of \$11,250 will help transform the lives of five Culinary Institute students by affording them the opportunity to participate in a training program; teaching students the necessary skills for employment in the culinary field.

Kids In Distress get back-to-school basics



The attorneys and staff of Brinkley Morgan donated more than 12 boxes of school supplies and clothing to underserved children at Kids In Distress.

The team at Brinkley Morgan, a full-service law firm with offices in Fort Lauderdale and Delray Beach, recently donated more than 12 boxes of school supplies and clothing to Kids In Distress (KIDS) of Broward and Palm Beach County to help underserved children start the new school year.

"All children deserve to start a new school year with proper supplies and we encourage others in the community to help as they can," said Phil Morgan, managing partner of Brinkley Morgan.

The attorneys and staff collected a wide variety of school supplies, from standard folders, pencils and paper to hand sanitizer and tissues. In addition to purchasing school supplies, many members of the firm also donated cash, which was used to purchase school uniforms and after-school play clothes.

For more information on KIDS, visit www.Kidinc.org.

FCC event benefits Women In Distress

Students from the Florida Career College (FCC) School of Cosmetology & Clinical Skin Care were chosen by Matrix, a line of salon and day spa beauty and hair care products, to be part of its "Spread the Love" campaign essay competition. Honorees celebrated with an event at the Boynton Beach Campus of FCC to benefit Women in Distress (WID) of Broward County.

The evening, which featured a hair and makeup fashion show, included a raffle that raised funds for WID. FCC matched what was raised and will also donate 100 baby monitors.

A check from FCC was presented to Mary Riedel, president and CEO of WID, Broward County, Inc. at the opening of the new Jim and Jan Moran Family Center campus of Women in Distress in Deerfield Beach.

New president of Women's Executive Club



Dr. Karen L. Rowe

Dr. Karen L. Rowe has been elected president of the Women's Executive Club (WEC) for 2011-2012.

Rowe is an acupuncture physician with a practice in Fort Lauderdale. Assisting Dr. Rowe in coordinating WEC activities are board members: Laurina Anderson, Janet Bullard, Marsha Broadwell, Laurel Henderson, Judith Kolva, Kerrie Krutchik and Kathleen Ryan.

Women's Executive Club holds monthly luncheons with featured speakers at the Fort Lauderdale Tower Club. For more information, contact Dr. Rowe at 954-663-4324.