

# PARTNERS



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## Antonio Dixon tackles adversity and wins

Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Antonio Dixon is on the move.

As a rising second-year NFL player, the humble 25-year-old cherishes every bruise, nick and scrape he takes as a rookie, because hard knocks on a football field are a change for the better from those he experienced growing up.

Dixon was on a different course the first half of his life, shuttling between homeless shelters in Miami and Atlanta, riding Greyhound buses and going in and out of 10 schools while his mother battled homelessness and drug addiction. His father, in prison for dealing crack, wasn't a presence.

Antonio's rise to the National Football League is one of the most inspiring triumphs of the many persons assisted by Community Partnership for Homeless, where he stayed multiple times while his mother Corenthia struggled to keep her family of four children together.

The rough start to life compounded Dixon's problems with dyslexia, a severe stutter and obesity. By the time he was in middle school, the internal frustrations and teasing became too much and he was expelled for fighting and belligerent behavior.

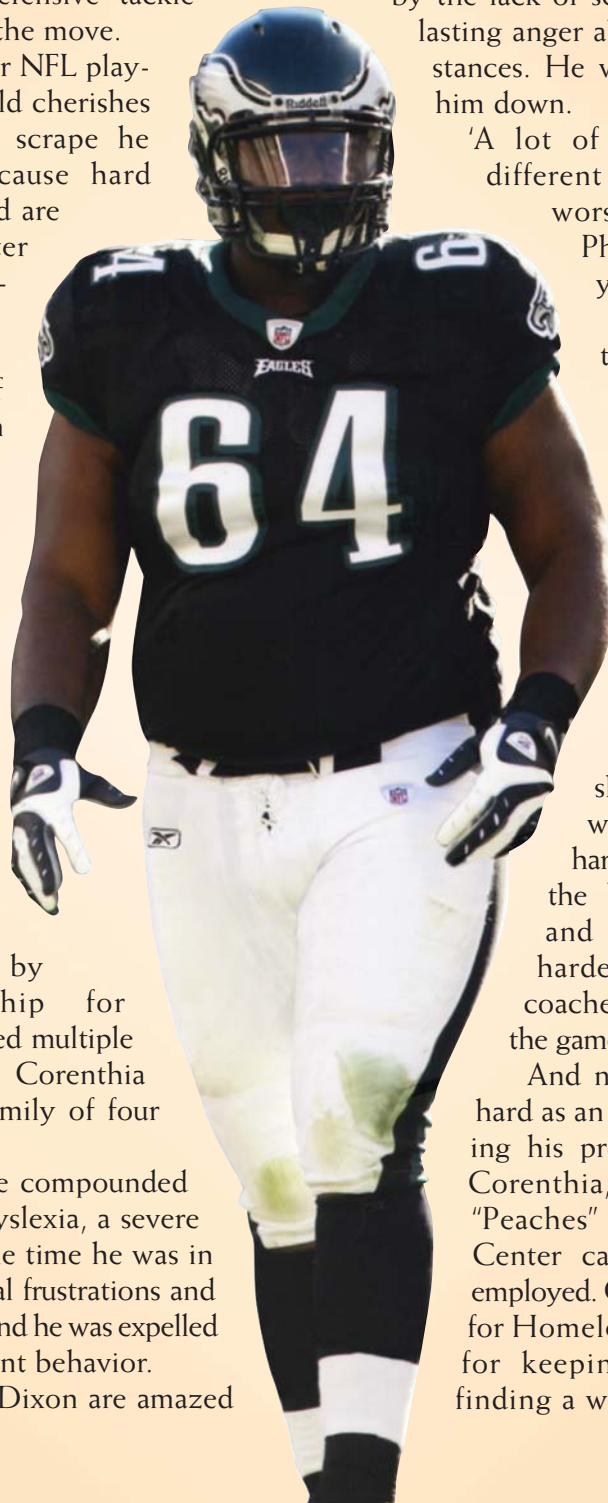
Those who have met Dixon are amazed

by the lack of self-pity. Dixon has no lasting anger about his early circumstances. He won't let his past pull him down.

'A lot of people go through different things. I am not the worst case,' he told the Philadelphia News last year.

When Dixon returned to school as a high school freshman at Booker T. Washington, he found a love for football. He also found something inside himself that made him want to succeed, and he promised his mother to stay out of trouble so she would have one less worry. Dixon worked hard, won a scholarship to the University of Miami, and then worked even harder when his college coaches saw he had a gift for the game.

And now Dixon is working hard as an NFL rookie and keeping his promise to his mother, Corenthia, who is known as "Peaches" at the Chapman Center cafeteria where she is employed. Community Partnership for Homeless is proud of Dixon for keeping his focus – and finding a way out for his family.



## Our Mission

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

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# Chairman's Letter



It is with extreme pleasure and excitement that I have accepted the role of chairman of the board for Community Partnership for Homeless. I believe strongly in the services CPH provides

to our community in its endeavors to end homelessness. As to why I chose to assume this greater responsibility, the answer is simple: Alvah Chapman. Several years ago he told me I was needed to do this for the homeless. After a great deal of thought and prayer, I concluded that Alvah was correct, and I am thrilled that he and the board gave me this opportunity to serve.

My husband, Dan, and I have been active in community service during our 30 years in Miami. We believe those of us who are blessed with opportunities have an obligation to give back to the less fortunate. It was clear that CPH was a good fit, and I have served on the Board of Directors since 2004 and as vice-chair since 2005. I have a deep passion for our mission and am fully committed to directing this great organization.

The priority of the board is to maintain financial stability of day-to-day operations as our unparalleled programs reach out to the homeless. Name recognition is important for

raising awareness and funding. Because our name is difficult for the public to remember, we are giving careful consideration to a name change and branding that is indicative to our mission and comes easily to mind.

Second, we want to strengthen relationships with existing donors and program partners while we broaden our relationships. I am delighted to introduce Holly Woodbury, our new director of development, who will focus on this area. She has more than a decade of experience in fundraising, events management and volunteer recruitment in both the nonprofit and government sectors.

Third, we are eager to recruit committed supporters who will bring skill sets and enthusiasm to what we believe is already one of the finest nonprofit boards in the community. The Board of Directors is extremely energized and proactive – especially the Executive Committee. Members devote an incredible amount of time, talent and heart to this organization. It is a joy working with them. Aside from fiscal duties, I believe it is our responsibility as a board to take care of the environment and be as “green” as possible in our use of energy and materials.

In other areas, our National Program in November drew representatives from across the country to its third annual conference in Miami to learn how to reduce homelessness in their hometowns. Our homeless assistance program, which has helped more than 80,015 people including 15,580 children

since 1995, is a national model.

We appreciate all the wonderful members of the community who have given time, money and energy to CPH. For those of you who would like to become more involved, I invite you to look at how you can take the first step:

- Join nextgen, a group of young professionals and community ambassadors who work to increase awareness for CPH. Engaged and proactive, their membership has grown to 130 in only a few years. Learn more at [www.cphi.org](http://www.cphi.org).

- Volunteer to serve meals at our two centers. For information, please call us at (305)329-3030 or email us at: [volunteer@cphi.org](mailto:volunteer@cphi.org).

I want to thank all the many wonderful and dedicated people in their supportive roles at CPH. It is a genuine pleasure working with the staff, which is an efficient, professional and mission-driven team. They aim at “doing whatever it takes” to get the job done.

There’s not a day that I don’t think about someone I have met at CPH, or someone I have seen living on the street that needs our help. I pray daily that CPH will continue to be successful and help these special people in our community.

Sincerely,

*Trish Bell*

Trish Bell  
Chairman

## THE ROBERT E. CHISHOLM SERVICE AWARD

The first award was presented by Chairman Trish Bell to Robert E. Chisholm for his seventeen years of devoted board service and his outstanding leadership as chairman of the Board of Directors from 2005-2010.



# Community Partnership for Homeless and its Children

Homeless people come to our center in all sizes. We care for more than 200 children at our centers at any given time. Upon their arrival with one or more parent, we provide the basic necessities – food, clothing and shelter. Next they are enrolled in school, taking along backpacks our volunteers fill with supplies.

Staff and volunteers arrange activities for the children to help add balance to their lives. A summer field trip to Zoo Miami exposed a world of wonder to many children who otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity (right).



Above: Regularly, The Traveling Canvas under the leadership of 7th-grader Taylor "Tae Tae" Davis will arrive with art supplies in tow. The nonprofit organization, headed by Tae Tae (center), makes it possible for our kids to create art to keep.

# HALLOWEEN

Giving is Sweet

Estrellita Sibila of Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, and Caroline Lamarre and Claudette Alexander, both of AON Risk Services, reached out to their personal networks for some tricks and treats for the children at CPH.

"Last year the three of us came to volunteer and thought we'd do it again," Sibila, a member of CPH's nextgen, said.

"We sent an email to a handful of friends and next thing we knew, our community members and businesses were stepping up with all sorts of donations. It was absolutely spectacular to watch the entire event unfold."

A Halloween dress-up closet with costumes

donated by Ransom Everglades School students captivated the children along with face painting stations, princess-makeovers by Mary Kay, and, of course, candy. Once dressed, they enjoyed a venomous creature demonstration by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, mummy wrapping competitions, freeze dance contests, multiple arts and crafts stations, an ice cream party by Todo Frio Ice Cream, and appearances by Tracy the Triceratops of the Miami Science Museum, TF the Todo Frio mascot, and Glinda the Good Witch of the South. A special thanks to all the donors and volunteers for making this Halloween extra special for our children!



All smiles (left to right back): Claudette Alexander, Estrella Mederos-Sibila, Estrellita Sibila, Alec Duncan, Caroline Lamarre, Michelle Lamarre with CPH children.

*Community Partnership for Homeless Celebrates*  
**9th Annual Gala**

Community Partnership for Homeless celebrated its 9th annual fundraising gala on October 22, welcoming 350 guests to the formal affair at the JW Marriott ballroom.

Mistress of ceremonies Laurie Jennings, ABC-10's award winning newswoman, opened the evening by introducing incoming Chairman Trish Bell. Trish welcomed everyone and encouraged the guests to hear about this year's success story: Antonio Dixon – a former resident who beat adversity to be drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles football team.

The Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian Award was presented to Rabbi Solomon Schiff for his extraordinary leadership in helping the homeless of our community. Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust Chairman Ron Book accepted the award on his behalf. The Batchelor Foundation was recognized as The Angel to the Homeless for its generous support.

The gala was chaired by Swanee and Paul DiMare and Alison and Darryl Robinson. Evening Sponsors were JW Marriott, Publix Super Markets Charities, Armando Codina, Trish and Dan Bell, Carnival Foundation, Betty Chapman, Penny and Roe Stamps, Kirk Landon and Pamela Garrison, and Multivision Video/Film.

Community Partnership for Homeless, recognized as a national model, is the private sector partner of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.



Dan & Trish Bell with Ron Book, accepting the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian Award on behalf of Rabbi Solomon Schiff, and Dan Vincent, executive director of CPH



Honorary dinner chairmen Dan & Trish Bell, Betty Chapman, and Penny & Roe Stamps



Gala co-chairs Darryl & Alison Robinson and Swanee and Paul DiMare



Jon & Nancy Batchelor



Honorary dinner host Publix Super Markets Charities, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Smith, Mr. & Mrs. James Camenzuli and Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Martinez



Alesia & Harve Mogul, Pamela Garrison & Kirk Landon



Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, Betty Chapman, Ginny McCrea, Brey & Dale Webb, Cathy & Bob Berkowitz, Shelley & Larry Rutherford



Gustavo & Margarita Alfonso, Guillermo & Susana Castillo



Carlos & Renee Lopez-Cantera, Luis Manrique & Silvia Larrieu, Brian & Liza Walton, Eduardo & Marcela Eraña and Michael Laas & Marcia Martinez



Deborah & Jim Davidson and Marlin Ebbert



Linda & Al Brown



Frances & Eugenio Sevilla Sacasa



Armando & Maria Guerra



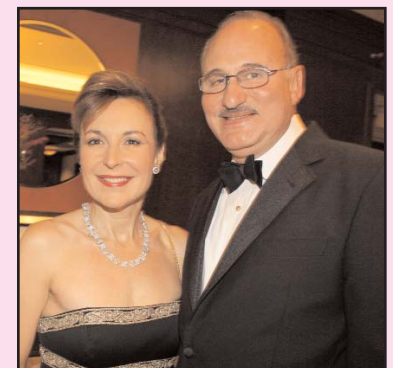
Dr. Evalina Bestman and Carolyn Wilson



Tomas & Sandra Erban, Trish & Dan Bell and Lilliam & Robert Chisholm



Ruth & Dr. Steve Marcus



Marina & Emilio Alonso Mendoza

# New Board Members



**Scott Desharnais** is a vice president at Moss & Associates, where as project executive he provides hands-on expertise in planning, strategy and management for the privately held construction company. The Miami native earned his degree in construction management from Florida International University and has more than 25 years of professional experience. He is an active participant in numerous professional and charitable organizations and encourages volunteerism among his staff. After touring the Homestead center, he provided workers to assist in preparing flooring in advance of the spring arrival of former President Bill Clinton.



**Jose M. Gonzalez** is vice president for Flagler Development Group, where he is responsible for land planning and entitlements for all projects. Prior experience includes plan review and projects for Miami-Dade County Building and Zoning. A member of CPH's nextgen, Gonzalez serves as co-chairman on CPH's Design and Construction Committee. He is active in numerous trade associations, including the Builders Association of South Florida. He is a graduate of Florida International University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science.



**Edward J. Joyce** is regional president for Miami-Dade County at Northern Trust, N.A., where he is responsible for all banking, trust and investment activities. Previously, Joyce was the bank's department manager of estate trust administration for Dade and Broward counties before being appointed as fiduciary officer for the Southeastern Region. He serves on the boards of the American Red Cross of Greater Miami and The Keys, the New World School of the Arts Foundation and the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Mr. Joyce earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.



**Judge Bronwyn C. Miller** serves in the civil division of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida at the Dade County Courthouse. Previous to her 2005 appointment to the bench, she tried more than 80 cases as a state attorney. She volunteers her time in the community with a focus on women and children's issues. She serves on numerous professional, civic and philanthropic boards, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, where she is president of the Women's Committee. She teaches law as both adjunct professor and guest lecturer at Florida International University. She earned her law degree cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law and a bachelor's degree from Barnard College at Columbia University.

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## 2011 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 20

February 17 – South Dade Center

March 17

April 14

May – No Meeting

June 16

July – No Meeting

August – No Meeting

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

Meetings are scheduled for 8am at 1550 North Miami Ave., unless otherwise advised.

# The Gift of Giving

## MAY 2010

Trish & Dan Bell	\$ 50,000
Pamela Garrison & R. Kirk Landon	30,000
Swanee & Paul DiMare	25,000
State of Florida Food & Nutrition Program	15,700
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	10,000
School Board of Miami-Dade County	8,800
Bank of America	5,000
Baptist Health South Florida	5,000
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida	5,000

## JUNE 2010

Betty B. Chapman	50,000
School Board of Miami-Dade County	24,300
Lilliam & Robert E. Chisholm	10,000
Nancy Jean Davis	10,000
Devaney Family Charitable Fund	10,000
Northern Trust Bank of Florida	10,000
Wachovia, A Wells Fargo Company	10,000
FedEx	5,000
Sol Taplin Charitable Foundation	5,000

## JULY 2010

Anonymous	2,000,000
State of Florida Food & Nutrition Program	16,400
School Board of Miami-Dade County	15,000
Macy's	7,500
Health Foundation of South Florida	5,000

## AUGUST 2010

The Batchelor Foundation	300,000
Mary Spencer	100,000
Publix Super Markets Charities	90,000
Stamps Family Charitable Foundation	50,000
State of Florida Food & Nutrition Program	18,400
Wachovia, A Wells Fargo Company	15,000
The Alvah H. & Wylene P. Chapman Foundation	12,500
Lennar Foundation	10,000
Cengage Learning	8,400
Citrus Health Network	7,000

## SEPTEMBER 2010

Anonymous 107	500,000
State of Florida Food & Nutrition Program	48,300
Cengage Learning	40,800
Citrus Health Network	7,300
School Board of Miami-Dade County	6,200
Anonymous	5,000
Sandy & Rod Bell	5,000
Jodi & Bob Dickinson	5,000
Florida Dental Health Foundation	5,000
Gus Machado Family Foundation	5,000
Seitlin Insurance Company	5,000
Trivest Partners	5,000

## Cengage Learning raises funds for CPH

The Cengage Learning Cares: Rise and Shine Charity Challenge in August on Miami Beach raised money for CPH. For the second year in a row, Cengage Learning sponsored the charity during its annual national sales meeting by matching donations from employees participating in sunrise exercises and calisthenics.

H. Daniel Vincent, center, and Robert E. Chisholm, second from right, join employees from Cengage Learning in August.

# 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 more information, please call our Donation Hotline (305-329-3030) or e-mail [tbflowers@cphi.org](mailto:tbflowers@cphi.org).

<b>PERSONAL HYGIENE</b>	Kitchen Tables w/Chairs	Board Games/Decks of Cards/Educational Games/Balls
Shampoo/Bath Soap	Lamps	
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste	Sofas	
Deodorant/ Shaving Cream	Coffee Tables	Movies/Videos (G and PG rated, please)
Feminine Hygiene Items	Night Stands	Backpacks/Vinyl Bags
Diapers (children and adults)	Dishes/Glasses	Computer Software Games
Hair Brushes/Combs	Pots/Pans/Silverware	General School Supplies
Baby Powder/Lotion/ Baby Wipes/Formula	Small Household Appliances (microwaves, toaster ovens, coffee pots, toasters)	Books (children and adults)
<b>GENTLY USED CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN</b>	Towels/Wash Cloths	Suitcases/Overnight Bags
Business Attire – Men's and Women's	Sheets/Blankets/Pillows	Baby Items (blankets, car seats, bottles, pacifiers, diapers)
Shorts	<b>KITCHEN NEEDS</b>	Wheel Chairs (children and adults)
T-Shirts	Baked Goods (pre-packaged: sweet rolls, cookies, cakes, pies, doughnuts)	Walkers (tri and quad)
Plus-Sized Women's Clothing	Milk, Juice, Soda	Canes/Crutches
Maternity Clothing	Canned Goods (potted meats, vegetables, soups, fruit)	Strollers (single and double)
Infant Clothing	<b>MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS</b>	Special Activities for Children (parties, event tickets, etc.)
Shoes	Arts & Crafts Supplies (glue, construction paper, markers, pens, pencils, paper, scissors)	Holiday Gifts (men, women, children)
Socks		
Undergarments		
<b>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS</b>		
Mattress/Box Spring/Frame		
Cribs		
Dressers		





MANY HAPPY HEARTS

## Many Happy Hearts Annual Golf Tournament

*Proceeds to benefit  
Community Partnership for Homeless*

Monday, January 17, 2011

The Senator Course at  
Shula's Golf Course  
7601 Miami Lakes Drive  
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

For more information,  
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# SAVE THE DATE

## 2nd Annual TAKE A WALK IN HER SHOES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

'60s Fashion Show  
Lunch  
Silent Auction

Womenade Miami celebrates  
women and mothers from CPH who have  
taken strides to improve their lives.

For more information,  
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