

# PARTNERS



The Newsletter of Community Partnership for Homeless

Summer 2007

## Mother of 11 Finds Hope, Determination

Sonia does not tell the stereotypical homeless story. One day in 2005, she simply ran out of money.

The 39-year-old mother of 11 lost her job. Then, with little notice, her landlord sold the house she was renting. Suddenly, she had no income, and she had no home.

Facing these devastating circumstances, Sonia did what any mother would do — she reached out for help. Today, Sonia's voice is filled with optimism as she recounts her experience of first contacting Community Partnership for Homeless.

"They put my kids in school, and now I have a job working for the Florida City Prison," she said.

In fact, Sonia is a food services supervisor for the criminal justice system — a steady job that helps ensure her children, ranging in ages from 2 to 20, have food on the table and a roof over their heads. Sonia's typical work day starts at 4 a.m. and runs until 6:30 p.m.

For now, Sonia and her family live in a two-bedroom home provided by Camillus House, but Sonia said she has big plans for her family's future. Someday, she hopes to move her family into a five-bedroom, three-bathroom house.



"My goal is to move and do business from my home so I can spend more time with my kids," Sonia said. "Their legs are stretching, and they're getting bigger."

She'll also need space for her entrepreneurial spirit. Sonia is pursuing an opportunity to sell Mary Kay cosmetics, and she is also looking into real estate. She recently bought a computer and a printer to pursue these ventures.

"I will continue to try and climb up the ladder," she said.

Community Partnership for Homeless provided Sonia the essential services she needed to keep her family healthy and the children in school. CPH also helped Sonia find a new job and a new home.

Most of all, Community Partnership for Homeless has armed Sonia with a new sense of determination that has put her onto a path for success.

## 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



Dear Friends:

We have great news to share with you this season. While many of us are busy making arrangements to spend some vacation time with family, the children residing at Community Partnership for Homeless already are having their share of fun. The children are being given the chance to attend locally sponsored field trips and summer camp, where activities can include

swimming, bowling, movies and trips to local parks and libraries.

To continue with this festive mood, planning for our biggest fundraising event of the year, the Sixth Annual Fall Gala, is proving to be a huge success. This almost sold-out event, slated for Friday, October 26, at the JW Marriott Hotel along Brickell Avenue, promises to be even more exciting than the last.

Last year's gala was our most successful ever as we raised more than \$1.4 million for Community Partnership for Homeless. As you know, this annual event is critical to our financial stability and serves as a strong statement that we all can and will help the homeless.

In addition, we have several events planned for 2008. For the sports enthusiasts among us, mark your calendars for next year's BlueCross BlueShield Celebrity 5K scheduled for March 30, 2008. Building on this year's success, the CPH 5K event planning team is working hard to exceed participation beyond 3,000 people in 2008. Proceeds from the race benefit Community Partnership for Homeless.

As we plan ahead, it is important to acknowledge those who have helped us help so many in need.

This past April, many of us gathered together at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant in Key Biscayne to honor and recognize the achievements of our volunteers and board members. This Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is just one way to say "thank you" to everyone who has touched the lives of those we so humbly serve. The commitments of each and every person involved with Community Partnership for Homeless help ensure our success.

In this edition of our newsletter, you will have an opportunity to learn more about Ken Oates and Ray Rasco who are newest members on CPH's Executive Board of Directors. You can also read about the Next Generation Council's efforts to boost awareness and participation among many of South Florida up-and-coming business and community leaders. On that note, on behalf of everyone at CPH, thank you for your endless support and generosity. We look forward to yet another season of life-changing opportunities for our residents.

Sincerely,  
Robert E. Chisholm, FAIA  
Chairman of the Board

## Wishing Upon a Star



The need for these items continues to grow every day. You may donate the items or the money needed to purchase them. Drop-offs are accepted at 1550 N. Miami Ave. or at 28205 SW 125 Ave. For more 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, CHILDREN

Business Attire – men and women  
Shorts  
T-Shirts  
Shoes/Tennis Shoes  
Plus Sized Women's Clothing  
Maternity Clothing  
Socks  
Infant Clothing  
Under Garments

### 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, toaster)  
Towels/Wash Cloths  
Sheets/Blankets/Pillows

### KITCHEN NEEDS

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

### MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS

Arts & Crafts Supplies (glue, construction paper, markers, pens, paper, scissors)  
Board Games/Decks of Cards/Educational Games/Balls  
Movies/Videos (G and GP 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 Adult)  
Walkers (Tri and Quad)  
Canes/Crutches  
Car Seats  
Strollers (Single and Double)

### SPECIAL ITEMS

Special Activities for Children (parties, event tickets, etc.)  
Summer Camp Items (bathing suits, towels, sunscreen)  
School Supplies  
Holiday Gifts (for Children, Women & Men)

# IN HONOR OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Nearly 300 volunteers attended Community Partnership for Homeless' Annual Volunteer Luncheon on Thursday, April 27, 2007 at The Rusty Pelican on Key Biscayne. The event honored the wonderful and invaluable volunteers for their care, support and devotion.

"Without you we could not exist and accomplish our mission of serving the many men, women and families in our two centers," said Chairman Robert E. Chisholm. "We extend our many thanks to you and the thousands of volunteers that made this past year an overwhelming success for our organization," said Chisholm as the volunteers cheered.

Each year CPH honors its dedicated volunteers. Awards were given to Lisa Blair, executive director of Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, who received the R. Ray Goode Volunteer Recognition Award. Andrew Post from Fun4Kidz and Dianne Horn from the Interact Club at Gulliver Preparatory School received appreciation awards.

Key speaker for the event was John Dickason from St. Philips Episcopal Church. Mr. Dickason praised everyone who participated in the meal program at each center. The Centennial Middle School Band provided the music.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Trev Flowers for the Miami Center at 305-329-3042, or Sharon Haxton at the South Dade Center at 305-416-7107.



Left to right: Bianca Barrial, Natalie Mecklenburg, Michelle Geiger and Carmen Ibarra of La Salle Senior High School in Coconut Grove.



Left to right: Russell Landy, CPH Director Claudia Clunis and Andrew Post from Fun4Kidz.



Left to right: H. Daniel Vincent, Lisa Blair, Robert E. Chisholm.



Left to right - back row: Alfredo Brown, deputy director; Trev Flowers, director of Community Relations; H. Daniel Vincent, executive director; Robert E. Chisholm, CPH chairman. Front row: Betty Chapman and Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., CPH founding chairman.



Unity on the Bay from left to right: Carmelo Giugno, coordinator; Melisa Carpenter, coordinator; Juan del Hierro, service ministry director; Rev. Gloriamaria Lopez, associate minister; Maurizio Martinoli, coordinator; and John Patton, sacred server.



Trev Flowers and Robert E. Chisholm with Diane Horn from Interact Club of Gulliver Prep.



Truth Missionary Baptist Church from left to right: Irene Cummings, Rev. James and Elvia Combs and CPH staff member Gloria Blue.



Left to right: CPH's Gloria Blue and BlueCross BlueShield employees - Wendy Ferrer, Barbara Taylor-Williams, Martha Garcia, Adrian Freeman, Neira Lajud, Jawana Jackman, Jackie Perez, Jennifer Rodriguez-Arias

# Community Partnership for Homeless Appoints a Podhurst Attorney and a Turner Construction Executive to its Board of Directors

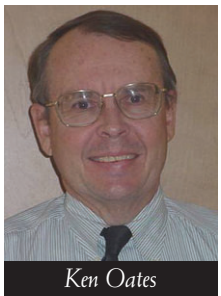
Ramon A. Rasco, an attorney for the law firm of Podhurst Orseck, and Ken Oates, a project executive with Turner Construction are the newest faces on the board of Community Partnership for Homeless (CPH).

In their new roles, Rasco and Oates will join fellow board members, including current Chairman Robert E. Chisholm and Founding Chairman Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., in helping to address issues and raise funding for the residents at CPH's two homeless assistance centers.



Ramon Rasco

Rasco, a graduate of Harvard College, earned his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law. He is a member of The Florida Bar, American Association of Justice, Miami-Dade Justice Association, Dade County Bar Association and the Cuban American Bar Association. He also serves on the young leaders task force and steering committee for the Beacon Council and is Vice President and Board Member for the Drug Free Youth In Town organization.



Ken Oates

As an accomplished executive in the Florida construction industry, Oates has devoted more than 27 years of his career towards building for the future. The Grand Flamingo, The Continuum, Avenue, plus The Colonnade Hotel and Office Building are just a few shining examples of the projects Oates has overseen during his tenure with Turner Construction.

Oates received an MBA from the University of Miami and obtained a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

## 2007 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

July - No Meeting

August - No Meeting

September 20 - Chapman Center

October 18 - Chapman Center

November 15 - Chapman Center

December 13 - Chapman Center

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CPH's "Next Generation" council hosted a networking event this past June to promote the 2008 BlueCross BlueShield Celebrity 5K at the Regent Hotel's "Table 8" Restaurant on South Beach.

# The Gift of Giving

## NOVEMBER 2006

JW Marriott/Dadeland Marriott/Courtyard Marriott Dadeland	\$500,000
Publix Super Markets Charities	90,000
Trish and Dan Bell	50,000
Paula and Robert Brockway	50,000
Carnival Cruise Lines	50,000
Susan and James Carr	50,000
Swanee and Paul DiMare	50,000
Lennar Foundation	50,000
R. Kirk Landon	30,000
The Wachovia Foundation	25,000
Amanda Batchelor	10,000
Betty and Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.	10,000
FPL	10,000
Miami Herald Media Company	10,000
Jean D. Shehan	10,000
Macy's	7,500
Anonymous	5,000
Ronald L. Book	5,000
Bouniconti Fund for Cure Paralysis	5,000
Judith and Jonah Pruitt, III	5,000
Reyes, O'Shea & Coloca, P.A.	5,000
Seitlin Insurance Co.	5,000
Trivest Partners	5,000

## DECEMBER 2006

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	\$250,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	25,000
Dairy Farmers	10,000
The Mailman Foundation	5,500
Investor Solutions	5,000
Irene and William A. Kaynor	5,000
The Calvin and Flavia Oak Foundation	5,000

## JANUARY 2007

Estate of Helen D. Flipse	\$141,800
Macy's	50,000
George B. Storer Foundation	10,000
Allan Pekor	5,000

## FEBRUARY 2007

Amarilis and Claudio Osorio	\$ 15,000
Kendra and John Malloy, Jr.	10,000
Joseph and Sherrie Garfield Charitable Foundation	6,000
Mimi and James L. Armstrong, III	5,300
Betty and Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.	5,000
Swanee and Paul DiMare	5,000

## MARCH 2007

Health Foundation of South Florida	\$228,000
BlueCross BlueShield of Florida	116,500
Health Foundation of South Florida	60,000
Trish and Dan Bell	50,000
Paula and Bob Brockway	50,000
Swanee and Paul DiMare	50,000
Gloria Estefan Foundation	50,000

Ware Foundation	50,000
BankUnited	25,500
Bill Ussey Motors	25,000
Lennar Foundation	25,000
Sysco South Florida	25,000
1997 Charitable Lead	20,000
Food Industry Crusade Against Hunger	20,000
Bell Family Foundation	16,000
Betty and Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.	10,000
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The Garner Foundation	10,000
J.N. McArthur Foundation	10,000
Ryder System	10,000
University of Miami School of Medicine	10,000
WSVN-TV	10,000
Equinox	8,000
Jeanette and Tim Adams	6,000
City of Miami	5,000
City of Miami Beach	5,000
Miami-Dade County	5,000
Stuart A. Miller Family Foundation	5,000
Russ Oasis	5,000
Pollo Tropical	5,000
Dolores and Sanford L. Ziff	5,000

## APRIL 2007

Maggie and Armando Codina	\$ 50,000
Lennar Foundation	50,000
Sol Taplin Foundation	50,000
Health Foundation of South Florida	40,000
Ana and Oscar Barbara	15,000
Kerrin and Peter Belmont	5,000
Ronald L. Book	5,000
Coral Gables Trust	5,000
ehealthxchange	5,000

## MAY 2007

Susan and James Carr	\$ 50,000
Nancy and Robert Hector	50,000
The Kirk Foundation	30,000
R.E. Chisholm Architects	10,000
BlueCross BlueShield of Florida	10,000
Florida Power & Light	10,000
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	10,000
Alma Jennings Foundation	10,000
Northern Trust Bank	10,000
Amarilis and Claudio Osorio	10,000
UHZ Sports Medicine	10,000
Marina and Emilio Alonso-Mendoza	5,000
Baptist Health South Florida	5,000
Marc Buoniconti and Terry Buoniconti	5,000
Royal Caribbean Cruises	5,000
Ryder System	5,000
The Staubach Company	5,000
Sun Trust Bank	5,000
Trivest Partners	5,000

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007**

# *Sixth Annual Gala*

*JW Marriott Hotel Miami*

*1109 Brickell Avenue*

*Miami, Florida*

*For more information please call 305/329-3042*



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