

Spring 2018



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HomeSafe Happenings

Our Mission: Creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children, young adults and families

Cheap Trick Rocks The Classic!

Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino was the perfect venue for the party where legendary band Cheap Trick, gave a rousing performance for the 350 attendees who danced the night away.

The party started with cocktail hour, where guests perused a large silent auction and had the opportunity to get their picture taken with Cheap Trick. Celebrity Host and long-time friend of the agency, Nicko McBrain of Iron Maiden, kicked-off the evening's program. HomeSafe board member, David Layman, a lawyer with Greenberg Traurig, was honored for his pro bono work for the agency and his 21 years on the board.

The annual HomeSafe Hero Award was presented to the Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation, represented by sisters Jayne Malfitano and Laura Sylvester. For more than 25 years, the Sylvester Foundation's contributions, leadership and genuine belief in HomeSafe's mission, have truly changed the agency into the premier organization that it is today.

The Classic, thanks to the generosity of our many sponsors and guests, netted \$325,000 which will enable HomeSafe to continue providing valuable services for child abuse and domestic violence victims.

Check out more amazing photos from the party on our website at HelpHomeSafe.org



Hard Rock Live set for the party



Nicko McBrain with Cheap Trick



Diane Bok, Janet Levy and Kimberly Scaggs



Aggie and Jeff Stoops with Cheap Trick



Nicko McBrain and Michael Israel



Alex and Abby Henderson, Steve and Janessa Bernstein



Bon Jovi drummer Tico Torres and emcee Jay Zeager



Jayne Malfitano, Matt Ladika and Laura Sylvester

Agency News

- HomeSafe is excited to have received a \$25,000 Community Champions Grant from the Florida Panthers Foundation! The grant will be used to make improvements to the outdoor play area at our Boca Raton residential campus. Foundation Coordinator, Danielle Jacobs (on right) and Stanley C. Panther presented the check to our CEO, Matt Ladika (on left) and Pond Place residents Jeff and Summer and Supervisor Kehan Rahming, at a recent Panthers' game. Summer was also featured in a video about HomeSafe that was shown at the game.
- In May, two of our Pond Place clients will be graduating from high school, and a third client will be receiving her AA degree from Palm Beach State College.
- Another Pond Place client works full-time at Delray Beach Marriott and made such a great impression when she started, that she was immediately placed in the hotel's management training program.

Way
to
go!



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Be on the lookout for blue pinwheels around Florida! In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel, which represents the great childhoods all children deserve, as the national symbol for child abuse prevention. April was declared National Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983, and efforts are dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. Positive action to promote child and family well-being is also encouraged. Four common forms of abuse are physical, sexual, and emotional, as well as neglect. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highlights five strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect:

1. *Strengthen economic supports for families.*
2. *Change social norms to support parents and positive parenting.*
3. *Provide quality care and education early in life.*
4. *Enhance parenting skills to promote healthy child development.*
5. *Intervene to lessen harms and prevent future risk.*

We all need to do our part to help prevent child abuse. Do something or say something if you suspect abuse is taking place. You can also donate to HomeSafe and support our efforts in helping abuse victims heal and preventing further cases of abuse.

April also has the Great Give!

On Tuesday, **April 24**, HomeSafe needs you to give! We are in need of a van and car – new or used – to safely transport children to school, sports, doctor appointments and weekend activities. Your donation of any amount will help us reach our goal of \$15,000!

The Great Give is a community-wide 24-hour online giving day designed to raise money for local nonprofits and celebrate the spirit of giving. This is the fifth year HomeSafe has participated. Keep an eye out for our emails and Facebook posts!

How to give:

1. Simply visit **greatgiveflorida.org** on **April 24**.
2. Select “HomeSafe” from the nonprofit list and make your donation.
3. Spread the word on social media! Share with your friends and family to help HomeSafe reach our goal!



A HomeSafe Success – John’s Story

Your support of HomeSafe makes it possible for our clients to have a safe place to heal.



John came to HomeSafe when he was 10 years old. He had been in and out of the foster care system since the age of one, when he was removed from his mother’s home due to domestic violence. John had behavioral problems at school and home, and severe anger management issues. After 10 months at HomeSafe, he was able to move in with his maternal grandparents and his siblings.

A few years into his stay, John’s anger issues threatened his siblings’ safety and the grandparents’ ability to keep the children. He was re-admitted to HomeSafe at one of our group homes in West Palm Beach. John’s grandmother was heartbroken that John could not continue to live with them, but was happy the group home was located near her home, which would allow for frequent visits and even some overnight stays.

For three years, John put in a great deal of work to learn to control his anger, use appropriate coping skills, and verbalize his thoughts and feelings. He has grown into a considerate, kind young man who took control of his life. Recently, John aged out of our residential program, and moved into a local independent living program where he is doing well and still able to spend time with his family.

Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club Hosts Golf Tournament

Golf Tournament Chairman, Cathy Zumkehr has done it again! She led her second successful tournament at the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, raising \$27,000 for HomeSafe. Many thanks to the players and to our sponsors - *Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation, Jim MacCutcheon, Joe Scaggs, MoreVisibility, Charlie & Cathy Zumkehr, Members of the Royal Palm Women’s Golf Association & Men’s Golf Association, and JM Lexus.*



Peter Larkin, Mark VanDyck, Patty and Kevin Larkin



Greg Bernardo, Dick Damron, Casey Gunnell and Pete Austin



Cathy Zumkehr with the winning men's team – Steve Putnik, Phil Engman, John Dover, and Jeff Johnson



Dr. Karl Dhand, Alan Sadowsky, Keith Myers and Hong Chae



The winning team in the ladies division – Teri Kennedy, Kimberly Scaggs, Mary Lou Hare and Sue Diener



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