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# HAPPENINGS

Summer 2013

## The Classic Rock & Roll Party

The latest edition of *The Classic Rock & Roll Party* – presented by the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and The Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation – raised an impressive \$346,000. Hosted by iconic Iron Maiden drummer Nicko McBrain and co-chaired by Debora Kellogg, Jayne Malfitano and Laura Sylvester, the event provided attendees with memorable music, comedy, magic, notable celebrities, and a touching success story. Dynamic magician and comedian, Sam Simon, served as the event's emcee, with Grammy and Emmy award winner, John Colby, as the musical producer. Mark your calendars for next year's event set for Saturday, March 1, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood.

### Event Highlights

- Performances by hip hop pioneers The Sugarhill Gang, legendary soul man Sam Moore, Top 24 American Idol finalist Brett Loewenstern, and soulful rhythm and blues songstress Bev Rohlehr.

- Nicko McBrain reuniting with former band mates, guitarist Pat Travers and bassist Peter 'Mars' Cowling.

- James Allen, Chairman of Hard Rock International and CEO of Seminole Gaming, receiving the HomeSafe Hero Award; presented by Bill Clemons, brother of late saxophonist Clarence Clemons – former host of The Classic Rock & Roll Party.

- A success story video about the life of Elton Dent, a former HomeSafe client.

- Surprise live auction presentation by golf legend Nick Faldo.

- VIP-Celebrity golf outing, including long drive champion Mike Zeigler, on-course live music by 'Dan and the Man,' and notable pro golfers, Mark Calcavecchia, Pat Perez, and Doug Mione.



(l-r) Event Host Nicko McBrain with Event Co-Chair Laura Sylvester, HomeSafe success story Elton Dent, and Event Co-Chairs Debora Kellogg and Jayne Malfitano

### Major Sponsors

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(l-r) HomeSafe CEO Matthew Ladika, Event Hosts Clara Belden and Paige Johnson, and HomeSafe Board Member and event founder Cherie Copenhaver

## Jump for HomeSafe

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Jump for HomeSafe*, hosted by Paige Johnson and Clara Belden, was a success by all accounts, raising \$87,500. The family friendly equestrian-themed event was held at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington. It included premier viewing of world-class equestrian competition, a lively cocktail hour, dinner, and a wide assortment of unique, must-have auction items. Children participated in a variety of interactive, fun-filled activities. Two generous and substantial donations were spontaneously given by Mark and Katherine Bellissimo, and Lawrence Moens. Hannah Patten, a 15-year-old equestrian competitor, presented HomeSafe with a \$1,500 check from her own competition earnings.

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# Residential Group Care

## Longing to Belong

Though he came here with many issues, wanting to be part of a “real family” is what David talked about most. During his time at HomeSafe, he made a positive connection with his therapist, Janeke Simpkins, who encouraged him to express his feelings through writing. Ultimately, David used song writing and singing to express his longing to belong to a family again. Through this newfound artistic talent, David was able to channel his behavioral issues into more positive outlets. He developed more self-confidence and even changed the way he looked at his future and goals. Even though David had been hurt many times, he began taking

the risk of trusting people and accepting help from others. As a result, David successfully completed the program at HomeSafe and transitioned into a loving foster home, where he is doing very well.

He is also thriving in the music program at school, where he is working towards the completion of another dream — starring on “American Idol.”

*Learn more about HomeSafe's Residential Group Care program by contacting Cindi Grazioso, Clinical Director at 561-383-9800, ext. 1110 or [CynthiaGrazioso@HelpHomeSafe.org](mailto:CynthiaGrazioso@HelpHomeSafe.org), or Elisa Leheny, Clinical Director, at 561-383-9800, ext. 1306 or [ElisaLeheny@HelpHomeSafe.org](mailto:ElisaLeheny@HelpHomeSafe.org).*

## Healthy Beginnings

### Healthy Growth

During the past nine months, the Healthy Beginnings staff experienced many exciting achievements. Supervisors for each team provided training in all nine maternity hospitals in Palm Beach County. The purpose of the training was to better inform hospital staff about the Healthy Beginnings system and the importance of completing the Healthy Start screening for all newborns in Palm Beach County.



The hospital incentive program was launched to reward the best-performing hospitals for correctly screening newborns. For the first quarter, Lakeside Medical Center and West Boca Medical Center were awarded gift baskets for their outstanding performance. St. Mary's Medical Center and Bethesda Memorial Hospital took the honors in the second quarter.

In Palm Beach County, there were 1,391 babies born during the month of May. In collaboration with the hospital's Birth Certificate Registrars, hospital liaisons

completed 1,369 Healthy Start screens with the mothers.

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is a service funded by the Children's Services

Council that aims to reduce the stress of parents and help improve parenting skills. HomeSafe's Developmental Consultants are certified to offer Triple P services and successfully completed 67 Triple P visits for Healthy Beginnings families in the past quarter.

During the last six months, the Growing Smart program achieved its principal goal, which is to give parents the opportunity for early and routine screenings of their child's development over a two-year period. The goal is early identification of behavioral and developmental delays and early entry into services. The first 25 families successfully completed the program. The children are achieving their developmental milestones at a healthy pace.

*Selected by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, HomeSafe is the exclusive entry agency (serving newborns through five-year-olds and their parents) for the Healthy Beginnings program.*

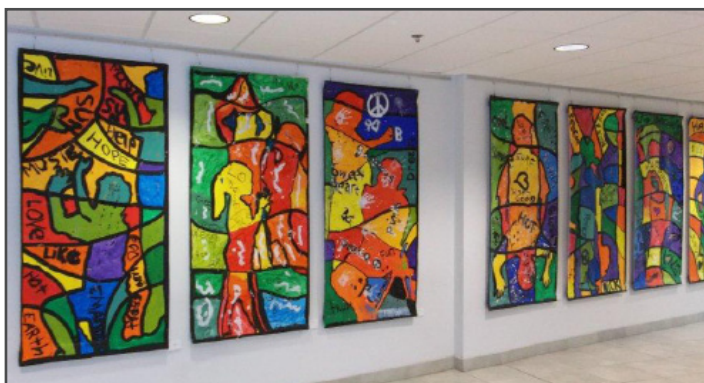
*Learn more about the Healthy Beginnings program by contacting Paloma Prata, Director of Prevention Services, at 561-383-9800, ext. 1702 or via email at [PalomaPrata@HelpHomeSafe.org](mailto:PalomaPrata@HelpHomeSafe.org).*

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# SafetyNet

## Healing through Art



A display from the 2012 "Our Eyes, Our World" art exhibit

HomeSafe's SafetyNet program will showcase its annual "Our Eyes, Our World" art exhibit from September 7<sup>th</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County in downtown Lake Worth. The artwork, created by the children and teens in the SafetyNet program, depicts the healing process of coping with and overcoming the trauma of family violence. This exhibit is free and open to the public. The Cultural Council is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Dr. Olga Molina, an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Central Florida, recently completed a research article on Latino adolescent survivors of child abuse. The research was based on her interviews with two focus groups of teens who graduated from the SafetyNet program. The article has been accepted for publication by NASW Section Connection newsletter and will be published this fall.

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The results are in! In 2011-2012, an impressive 92 percent of SafetyNet adult and teen clients scored better on their post scales, which measured an increase in coping skills to deal with the trauma of family violence.

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One of SafetyNet's graduates received a \$750 college scholarship through the Domestic Violence Council of Palm Beach County's annual Barry Krischer Scholarship Fund, which she is using to attend Palm Beach State College.

*For more information about HomeSafe's SafetyNet program, contact Brian McCarey, SafetyNet Supervisor at 561-383-9800, ext. 1240 or [BrianMcCarey@HelpHomeSafe.org](mailto:BrianMcCarey@HelpHomeSafe.org).*

## LifeSkills<sup>SM</sup>

### Striving and Thriving!

by Zakiyyah Williams, LifeSkills Coordinator

It was a pleasure working with "James" as his LifeSkills Coordinator for nearly a year. He arrived at HomeSafe needing to work on many issues in hopes of successfully reuniting with his family. James initially exhibited extreme shyness, which made it difficult to develop a rapport with him.

I designed a life skills plan, which allowed James to address the areas he needed to work on. To begin with, I introduced role playing scenarios, which made James address his shyness and his inability to effectively speak to others. I also realized the benefit in taking James out in the community and introducing him to potential employers.

James gained valuable skill sets in job seeking, communication and proper hygiene. We also worked diligently on time management, and he became responsible for setting his alarm clock and getting up on time for school, preparing his clothes at night, and organizing his book bag before he went to bed.

After several months of working with James, he began to flourish in school. He became confident in himself, and began to seek out additional opportunities in the community to practice his life skills. James was an animal lover at heart, and I helped him find a volunteer position at a local shelter.



After a lengthy stay at HomeSafe, James successfully completed the program and was transitioned back to his biological mother, where he continues to do well at home. He volunteers at a local pet store, earns "A's" on his report cards, and does the necessary things that will lead him to become a productive member of society. He is thriving in school and continues making those around him proud.

*Learn more about HomeSafe's LifeSkills program by contacting Yvette Branch, LifeSkills Development Supervisor at 561-383-9800, ext. 1221 or [YvetteBranch@HelpHomeSafe.org](mailto:YvetteBranch@HelpHomeSafe.org).*



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## Anniversaries - April - June

### 13 Years

Tommie Duhart, *Youth Development Professional*

### 11 Years

Robin Doran, *Youth Development Professional*

### 10 Years

Margie Garvey, *Human Resources Generalist*

### 9 Years

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### 2 Years

Bobby Crume, *Transition Specialist*

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Meghan Mayo, *Foundation Coordinator*

### 1 Year

Amanda Brouillet, *Therapist*

Sarah Kennedy-Liccardi, *Program Supervisor*

Rinaldi Tropnas, *Youth Development Professional*

## New Employees - April - June

Rosemene Dulcio, *Developmental Consultant*

Erica Teal, *Quality Assurance Coordinator*

Moryanne Diaz, *Outreach Educator*

Nadjie Pierre, *Outreach Educator*

Daniela Mesquita, *Associate Director of Marketing and Outreach*

Jeffery Stith, *Youth Development Professional*

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Howard Osborne, *Youth Development Professional II*

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Randell Straghn, *Youth Development Professional*

## Employee of the Year

Kehan Rahming, *Program Supervisor*

## Employees of the Quarter

Rhonda Houston, *Shift Leader*

Kim Luchina, *Office Coordinator*



(l-r): Rhonda Houston, Kehan Rahming, Kimberly Luchina

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HomeSafe is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing results-driven prevention and intervention programs for child abuse and domestic violence. Each year, HomeSafe serves more than fifteen thousand infants, children and families in South Florida.

## Meet the Board: Ward Kellogg — Chairman & CEO, Paradise Bank



A previous HomeSafe President, Ward Kellogg has served on the Board for over 12 years. He was involved in creating an annual celebrity golf benefit, which became *The Classic Rock & Roll Party* and was successfully co-chaired by fellow board members Bill Berger and Rex Kirby for many years. This year's event was co-chaired by Jayne Malfitano, her sister, Laura Sylvester, and Ward's wife, Debora Kellogg.

Ward moved with his family from Buffalo, NY to Miami when he was in ninth grade. He finished high school in Miami and graduated from Florida International University. His accomplished career in the banking community led him to become one of the founders of Paradise Bank in 2005, where he serves as Chairman and CEO.

Ward was first introduced to HomeSafe by his neighbor and fellow board member, Gloria Pierson. Gloria knew that children in need were a top priority for Ward and that HomeSafe would become his favorite charitable cause. Ward has enjoyed watching how efforts to assist HomeSafe have immediate and long-lasting beneficial impacts on many young people in our community who truly need support. Ward learned that while we may never end child abuse, the biggest steps are identifying the need and beginning to offer comfort and rehabilitation for kids. Ward dreams of continuing to meet the needs of at-risk children in our community. To give troubled young adults a solid foundation for successful and productive lives, he believes in investing in quality housing assistance and career and life skills training.

