

Winter 2015



# HomeSafe Happenings

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

## The Classic Rock & Roll Party is set for March 7

With legendary 60's/70's rock supergroup *Felix Cavaliere's Rascals* as the headline entertainment, The Classic Rock & Roll Party will be a dance-filled evening for the lucky people attending this unique, high-energy event on Saturday, March 7 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

The party is like no other charity event, with its entertaining musical program produced by Emmy and Grammy award-winner, John Colby. Michael Collins, former comedian and now Senior Golf Analyst for ESPN.com, will emcee the night. Event Host Nicko McBrain, lead drummer of the iconic heavy metal band Iron Maiden, will perform. Tico Torres, the famed drummer of Bon Jovi and other yet-to-be-named special guests and performers, will also be in attendance.

Mike Nichols, a HomeSafe board member and long-time supporter of the organization, will receive the HomeSafe Hero Award, which will be presented by Steven Bernstein, Chairman of SBA Communications and last year's HomeSafe Hero Award recipient.

On Friday, March 6, the event will be preceded by a VIP-Celebrity golf tournament at the Ft. Lauderdale Country Club. The tournament, co-chaired by Matt Barnes and Val Perez, will have several pros playing, as well as live rock & roll on the course. Cost is \$500 per player, \$2,000 per foursome, with special packages available that include both golf and party tickets.

**Tickets for The Classic Rock & Roll Party are \$500 per person. Sponsorships are also still available. To learn more or to purchase tickets for both golf and the event, visit [www.HelpHomeSafe.org](http://www.HelpHomeSafe.org) or call (561) 383-9842.**



**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino**

**Hollywood, Fla**

**EVENT COMMITTEE**

**Host: Nicko McBrain**

**Co-Chairs: Debora Kellogg & Jayne Malfitano**

Event Committee members include Blair Adams, Matt Barnes, Marta Batmasian, William Berger, Esq., Jason Calderwood, Hien Caliendo, Linda Davidson, Marianna Dubois, Bob Duff, Dorian Duff, Rex Kirby, Terri Layman, Lynn Lewis, Shannon McCoy, Mike Nichols, Jillian Percella, Val Perez, Gloria Pierson, Mary-Suzanne Powell, Sonja Repos, CPA, Mark Schuetz, Michaela Tamaccio, Roberto Vargas, Esq., Kristin Foret Viets, Dawn A. Zook

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*Co-Chairs Hannah, Lillie and Samantha*

## *Jump For HomeSafe*

On January 10, HomeSafe hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jump For HomeSafe event at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington. More than 80 guests enjoyed premier ringside seating for the world-class equestrian “Battle of the Sexes” competition, open bar, dinner, and silent auction. The evening raised more than \$39,000 for agency programs and services.

Co-chairs for the event were Hannah Patten, Lillie Keenan and Samantha Wight. All three are competitive riders on the circuit. During the competition’s intermission, the co-chairs spoke to the audience about their visit to the agency and the importance of the services HomeSafe provides victims of child abuse and domestic violence.

Sponsors of Jump For HomeSafe were The Patten Family Foundation, Steven E. Bernstein Family Foundation, J. erness, The Nichols Foundation, The Wight Foundation, The Keenan Family, Stepping Stone Farm, Fraternal Order of Eagles 3694 and 20/Twenty Eyecare.



*Pam, Lillie & Howard Keenan*



*Rita & Harry Patten, David Momrow*



*Alice Nelson & Dawn Fennessy*



*Fraternal Order of Eagles*



*The party*



*Matt Ladika & Rob Vargas*



In October, the Masonic Boynton Lodge No. 236, F. & A.M., hosted its charity golf outing to support HomeSafe.

Held at The Links of Boynton Beach, sixty players got to enjoy a beautiful day for golf, good food and a fun silent auction.

Just over \$10,000 was raised and the money has been used for renovations in our Libra Girls group home in Lake Worth.

Pictured are Matt Ladika, HomeSafe CEO and Jim Butscher, Mason member and chairman of the tournament.

## Healthy Beginnings

HomeSafe recently purchased a van for the Healthy Beginnings Outreach Program to screen all children from birth to five in Palm Beach County for developmental stages. The agency's Outreach Educators are trained to administer development screenings and assessments, provide parent education, and link families to the appropriate Healthy Beginnings partners if needed.

"The neighborhoods where children are at the highest risk for abuse and neglect are also the hardest to reach," said Matthew Ladika, CEO of HomeSafe. "Not only will this van enable us to increase engagement in the Healthy Beginnings Program, but we will also be able to make contact with the greatest at-risk populations in the county and connect them to health services."

Through funding from Children's Service Council of Palm Beach County, assessments are provided to all children in Palm Beach County at no charge. Children's Service Council of Palm Beach County, a special district created by Palm Beach County voters, provides leadership, funding and research on behalf of the county's children so they grow up healthy, safe and strong.



## SafetyNet

Douglas is an 18-year-old young man who, with his mom and four brothers and sisters, successfully "graduated" from the SafetyNet Domestic Violence Program. The family had experienced years of severe domestic violence until finally enrolling in the program.

At first, Douglas was very quiet and not willing to participate in the teen support group. He was, to say the least, annoyed about attending, and from his body language, it was clear he wanted to be anywhere but HomeSafe. Slowly but surely, Douglas "opened up" and began talking about his personal story and how the family had coped with the violence in the home. He actually began to enjoy coming to group, and his wonderful acerbic sense of humor sparked the others to participate. To Douglas, HomeSafe became a second home and extension of his family.

Douglas graduated high school and has joined the National Guard. Brian McCarey, Douglas' counselor at SafetyNet, stated that "Douglas is the perfect example of a youngster who needed just a little push, and a lot of empathy and understanding of his difficult family history, to be able to go a long way and help break the cycle of domestic abuse in our community."



***Thanks to the generosity of many wonderful donors,  
HomeSafe children and families had lots to celebrate this holiday season!***



*Alternative Motorcycle Club Holiday Party*



*Holiday Party on the lawn hosted by the  
Order of St. John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitalier*



*PBC Property Appraiser's Office*

*Blanket and pillow donation*



*SafetyNet holiday party*



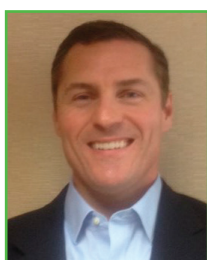
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## Meet the Board: **Lawrence Gonnello**

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### **Tell us about yourself.**

My wife and I are natives of NJ, we moved to Florida in 2004. We have three children – Julia (12) Matthew (10) and Owen (6). Professionally, I am a Private Wealth Advisor at Deutsche Bank, and in my free time, I enjoy offshore fishing, coaching youth baseball, and spending time with my family.

### **How did you learn about HomeSafe, and what inspired you to get involved?**

I was first introduced to HomeSafe by fellow board member and friend, Val Perez. I wanted to get involved with a charity that helps children. After meeting CEO Matt Ladika and touring the facility, I knew this was exactly the type of organization I wanted to help.

### **What is most challenging and rewarding about being a HomeSafe board member?**

One of the primary challenges I attempt to address as a board member is the ongoing need for additional funding to run the agency. Fortunately, there are many generous people that support HomeSafe in the community, and I try to share the story and increase our support base as much as I can. For me, the biggest reward is knowing that I've made a difference in the life of a child that really needed some help.

### **What do you see for the future of HomeSafe?**

I feel the future is bright for HomeSafe. We've brought some new board members to the organization that have a keen desire to help, the staff and management team continue to work hard and execute their goals, and the community continues to embrace HomeSafe and our mission.

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