

HAPPENINGS

OUR MISSION: Creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children, young adults and families.

SPRING 2024

A Forever Home for the Holidays

This year, twelve-year-old Patrick got the Christmas present that he had always wanted – a family.

Like most kids at HomeSafe, Patrick endured a difficult childhood marked by physical and emotional abuse from his birth parents. After being placed in foster care, he entered the system with a broken heart and a wall of distrust toward adults. Quick to pick fights, he was also wary of his peers and often kept to himself.

A year ago, Patrick arrived at HomeSafe, distant and closed off to others. Mr. Derek, the program supervisor, and Ms. Brittney, his therapist, offered kindness and support, but Patrick resisted.

A challenging encounter with another boy at the home then prompted Patrick to recognize the importance of vulnerability and the need to ask for help.

First opening up to Mr. Derek, Patrick found solace. “He was different, always forgiving, even when I made mistakes,” Patrick recalls. Slowly, he also connected with Ms. Brittney, bonding over football and games. She discovered the key to motivating him to change his behavior. Brittney made a deal with Patrick. If he avoided fights for three days, he’d get football or baseball trading cards. Patrick exceeded expectations, achieving not just three, but six, and then thirty

days without fighting. Patrick took pride in his ability to avoid conflicts and seek help from adults.

Ms. Brittney beams when she talks about his progress, saying, “Patrick is trying so hard to be the best version of himself every day.” Patrick gives her credit for his newfound conflict resolution skills, acknowledging her guidance in stepping away from potentially dangerous situations.

We asked Patrick what hope means to him. For him, hope takes shape in the form of his new family. A couple in Central Florida, having raised kids of their own, chose to adopt him. Patrick excitedly shares, “I’ve learned that you don’t need to have the same blood to be a family.” Despite concerns about always making the right choices, he remains optimistic. “I’ve made mistakes with my new family, but they told me that no matter what, they still love me.”

In a year of positive change at HomeSafe, Patrick found not only a sense of belonging, but also a newfound hope for his future.



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IN MEMORIAM

This past year, we lost two beloved members of our HomeSafe family.

David M. Layman

David M. Layman, a West Palm Beach shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, passed away unexpectedly in October. David was one of HomeSafe's longest-serving board members, having spent 26 years in various leadership positions for the agency, most notably, board chair in 2007. David so generously offered his highly valuable and well-respected talents as a real estate attorney, helping HomeSafe with major legal endeavors including the sale of our Ponce De Leon Ave campus in 2001, the purchase of our Bernstein Family Foundation Independent Living Campus at Pond Place in 2015, and the purchase of two new Sylvester Family Foundation residential campuses in 2017 and 2019. David was an extremely kind-hearted person with a competitive spirit, who truly cared about the children and families HomeSafe serves. His legacy will be felt for generations to come.



Brian McCarey

After almost 25 years of developing and leading HomeSafe's SafetyNet program, Brian McCarey also unexpectedly passed away in May. The SafetyNet team serves families impacted by domestic violence – helping victims and their children find hope and healing through support and therapy. Brian was the heart and soul of the program, and loved by all those he served over the years. A well-respected mental health professional within the domestic violence community, he will be remembered for his kind and gentle spirit, and dedication to helping families heal their hurt and move toward a brighter future.

Breaking Ground on Safe, Healing Spaces in Boca Raton

Children at HomeSafe are here because they have lived through heart-breaking circumstances. They have endured abuse, neglect, abandonment, and other horrors that have deeply affected their emotions, hampering their ability to trust.

At HomeSafe, we see their behaviors and emotions through a lens of understanding. We never ask "What's wrong with you?" Rather, with kindness and love we ask, "Tell us what happened to you?" This empathetic approach offers our kids a safe space – often for the first time – to open up, to relax their protective defenses, and to share their deepest hurt. Over time, through this process, they learn to trust and connect with others.

We want our kids to live happy and productive lives – to build up their self-esteem and their resilience, to develop coping and life skills, and to understand that they are so much more, and can be so much more, than the things that happened to them.

In order to best care for these kids, HomeSafe is building and renovating four campuses to create uplifting home-environments that remove the environmental barriers that prevent healing. Because of our community's generosity, we have opened three of the campuses located across Palm Beach County, and recently broke ground for the fourth in Boca Raton.

The campus in east Boca will be home to children, ages 6-12. Though it will accommodate twelve children at a time, the average number served each year is 25. These kids are too young to understand what's happened to them, and they don't know that life can be different. Amid their trauma they are grappling with the heartache and confusion of missing the adults who hurt them. These children need a home purposefully designed with therapeutic, social, and enrichment spaces, as well as play spaces where they can have fun and just be kids – safely.

Having twelve young children living together in the same space can be challenging in the best of circumstances. For a group of kids with emotional and mental health challenges, it is ripe for conflict. The new design accounts for this, offering everyone their own private space to cool off, practice their coping skills, and feel safe. The Boca campus offers spaces where our kids can build their confidence while being introduced to music, literature, and technology. It will

also offer multiple play spaces including a basketball court, swingset and sensory playroom, where everyone can have fun and be active, normal, goofy kids.

HomeSafe will open the new Campus in late 2024. While we reached our original construction fundraising goal thanks to the Bernstein Family Foundation and other generous donors, the extraordinary increase in prices for materials and transportation have significantly increased construction costs. As such, we have extended our fundraising campaign into the new year. Though we are closing in on our goal – securing over 80% to completely cover construction of this campus, we continue to reach out to the community to connect with those who would like to be a part of this important endeavor to help our kids.

You can come meet our children and learn more about the transformative impact you will have on their futures by contacting Laura Barker, Chief Philanthropy Officer at (561) 383-9829.



The Classic Gets Back to its Rock & Roll Roots

Our 21st Annual Classic Rock & Roll Party held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on January 27, was truly a night of great music and fun! The party, hopping with 380 guests, included a cocktail hour and silent auction, dinner, program, and live concert.

Celebrity Host Nicko McBrain, Iron Maiden drummer, and his Bad Company cover band *Dodgy Enterprise* put on an amazing show! All-star musicians Joey Belladonna, Joe Franco, Simon Kirke, and Tim "Ripper" Owens took to the stage and performed more classic hits including *Highway to Hell* and *Don't Stop Believin'*. Nicko even surprised our guests by auctioning off his snare drum played that night, and signed by him and the all-star musicians.

Long-time donors, Bob Sheetz and Debbie Lindstrom were honored as this year's HomeSafe Hero for going above and beyond to truly make an impact on the agency's work in Palm Beach County.

We are grateful to our event co-chairs, sponsors, supporters, auction donors, and musicians for their generosity. The \$400,000 dollars rased will give children and families who have experienced traumatizing abuse, neglect, and family violence, the gift of hope and healing.

1) Board President, Tarra Moten, Co-Chairs Gina Melby, Kelly Smallridge, Larry Melby and Rex Kirby and Celebrity Host, Nicko McBrain 2) Debbie & Ward Kellogg 3) Andy Trunk & Laura Sylvester 4) Nicko McBrain, Joey Belladonna, Simon Kirke, Tim "Ripper" Owens, Joe Franco 5) Neil & Doris Gillman 6) Christine Lynn 7) Jeff & Aggie Stoops 8) Kinny Madori and Clara Acero 9) Lori Keezer & Steve Bernstein



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HomeSafe in the Community



SafetyNet Program Supervisor, Idie Moreno, LMHC, was a guest speaker at the Town of Palm Beach United Way 32nd Annual Business and Professional Breakfast at the Breakers on November 1. In her moving speech, Idie shared a story about one of the young children who is struggling after witnessing domestic violence, and how her team uses techniques, such as sand tray therapy, to help our kids learn to cope with grief and anxiety.



Sherrye Sammons Fenton, Bjarne & Maria Borg, Matt Ladika

Sherrye Sammons Fenton kicked off her Fashion for Philanthropy series at 1000 North in Jupiter on November 2, naming HomeSafe as the first nonprofit beneficiary. This luncheon and fashion show highlighted the talented designer Anne Fontaine and included other wonderful local artists. We are grateful to Sherrye for her generous support of HomeSafe's mission.



Kehan Rahming, Pond Place Supervisor, Jeff & Tarra Moten, Eric Peterman, HomeSafe Case Manager, and Matt Ladika, CEO

HomeSafe celebrated our wonderful nominee, Tarra Moten, at the Junior League of Boca Raton's Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon at the Boca Raton on November 10. Tarra currently serves as HomeSafe's board president, and gives of her time to mentor young girls in our residential program.



Our team had an incredible time on February 3 at the 2024 Great Charity Challenge sponsored by Fidelity Investments. Many thanks to our riders and sponsors, Twin Gates Equine, LLC and Brother's Brother Global Relief! We are proud to have been one of the 33 local nonprofits chosen and thrilled about our \$18,000 award!



Guardian Society recognizes individuals, foundations and corporations who have made lifetime gifts of \$50,000 or more.

HomeSafe celebrates our newest Guardian Society members!

- Gols Foundation**
- Great Charity Challenge**
- Hobbs Foundation**
- Kingdom Charitable Trust**
- The Smith Brothers Family Foundation**
- Wells Fargo Private Bank**

To view the list of Guardian Society members or to learn more about HomeSafe's major and legacy giving societies, please visit HelpHomeSafe.org.

For more information about the Guardian Society, please contact Laura Barker, Chief Philanthropy Officer, at (561) 383-9829 or LauraBarker@helphomesafe.org

HOMESAFE'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Monday May 20

Shotgun Start 9 am

Scramble format with contests and prizes

Men, women and mixed teams invited

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Presenting Sponsor \$20,000

- Two foursomes (1st & 2nd groups to tee off on hole #1)
- Signage on three holes
- Up to 5 additional seats at luncheon
- Speaking opportunity at tee off and at luncheon program
- Recognition on event signage
- Company name/logo promoted as Presenting Sponsor in all event related marketing & publicity including HomeSafe website and social media
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- Two foursomes (1st & 2nd groups to tee off on hole #2)
- Signage on two holes
- Up to 4 additional seats at luncheon
- Speaking opportunity at tee off program
- Recognition on event signage
- Company name/logo included on marketing materials including HomeSafe website and social media
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Platinum Sponsor \$10,000

- One foursome (Tee off on hole #3)
- Signage on hole
- Two additional seats at luncheon
- Brief speaking opportunity at luncheon program
- Recognition on event signage
- Company name/logo included on marketing materials including HomeSafe website and social media
- Goodie bag marketing opportunity*

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- Foursome
- Hole Sign
- Recognition on event signage and signage at gift table
- Company name/logo included on marketing materials including HomeSafe website and social media
- Goodie bag marketing opportunity*

Lunch Sponsor \$6,000

- Foursome
- Hole Sign
- Recognition on event signage and on table signage during lunch
- Company name/logo included on marketing materials including HomeSafe website and social media
- Goodie bag marketing opportunity*

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- Foursome
- Recognition on event and table signage during breakfast
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- Foursome
- Recognition on event signage and during awards presentation
- Company name/logo included on marketing materials including HomeSafe website and social media

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Welcome, Kinny Madori to the HomeSafe Family

HomeSafe is very proud to welcome our newest board member, Kinny Madori. He joins with a distinguished career as CEO and portfolio manager of Kingdom Capital Management, Inc., an investment management firm that manages private funds focused on public equity investments. Prior to entering the workforce, Madori earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Trinity Christian College. Including his CEO title, he prides himself on serving as trustee of Kingdom Charitable Trust where he is responsible for managing and administering the Foundation, including its governance, grant making initiatives, and investments.

Kinny grew up in an orphanage in the Bahamas and those experiences shaped his perspective on success and giving. He is passionate about providing hope and opportunities to those who are disadvantaged—especially to the thousands of traumatized children that HomeSafe serves. Recently, Kinny visited our Sylvester Family Foundation West Campus in West Palm to speak with our teenage girls. He shared his life experiences and answered their questions, and spread a beautiful message of hope and perseverance.



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