

# HAPPENINGS

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

SPRING 2026

## Recognizing the Resiliency in Survivors of Domestic Violence

Last month, HomeSafe's SafetyNet domestic violence program celebrated International Women's Month with an event called "Women in Motion... with Humor." Each year, Marlene Rivera, the program's victim advocate for 28 years, organizes a special event to honor the women who are currently in the program and those who have graduated and are thriving.

The Saturday celebration featured a variety of fun activities and lots of laughter. A beautiful dance was performed by one of the program's current members, Michelle, to remind the women to

celebrate life and the strength and determination they have to overcome the difficulties and pain they have faced.

The ladies performed several skits illustrating the various extra jobs they have taken on just to get by, including house and hotel cleaning, babysitting, waitressing, construction work, and painting. Women, especially those working to move past the trauma of domestic violence, wear many hats every day, and they do so with great pride.

Even though the responsibilities they shoulder are endless,

nothing breaks their resolve to provide for their children and continue their forward momentum. Fortunately, many SafetyNet clients succeed, building confidence and resilience through therapy and leaving behind partners who hurt them physically, mentally, and emotionally — but failed to crush their hope.

We are grateful to El Bodegon Supermarket, Vicky's Bakery, and to two SafetyNet graduates who offered their time and talent to decorate and beautifully display the donated food.



*Left to right: Celebrating in unity; Michelle expressing herself through a moving dance.*

**WHAT'S INSIDE: NEW BOARD MEMBERS | GOLF TOURNAMENT | THE CLASSIC**

# Welcome New Board Members

HomeSafe is proud to announce the appointment of Ken Rosenberg to its Board of Directors and the return of Ward Kellogg, who previously served on the board for two decades from 2000 through 2020. Together, their leadership will further strengthen the organization's mission of protecting victims of child abuse and domestic violence across South Florida.



**Ward Kellogg** is the founding chairman and chief executive officer of Paradise Bank and brings more than four decades of banking leadership to the board. During his previous tenure with HomeSafe, he served as Board President from 2004 to 2006, and helped introduce the organization's signature fundraising event, The Classic Rock & Roll Party, which will mark its 24th year in 2027. In 2019, Paradise Bank received the HomeSafe Hero Award at The Classic in recognition of its longstanding support.

*"HomeSafe has been close to my heart for many years, and I'm incredibly proud to return to the board and continue supporting the organization's important work. The impact HomeSafe has on children and families in our community is truly remarkable, and I look forward to helping advance its continued growth and mission."*



**Ken Rosenberg**, a retired textile executive, previously served as vice president of the Textile Distribution Association, and has held board leadership roles at The Falls Club of the Palm Beaches. He and his wife Maggie are long-time supporters of HomeSafe and the Boca Raton community. The couple made a \$500,000 gift to HomeSafe's Healing the Hurt Campaign, and the Community Room on our Bernstein Family Foundation campus in Boca is named in their honor. In 2025, they received the HomeSafe Hero Award.

*"I believe we can make a difference, and there is nothing more rewarding than giving children in unfortunate situations, through no fault of their own, a chance at positive and meaningful life experiences. I look forward to working alongside the HomeSafe board and team to help create lasting impact for children and families in our community."*

# Charity GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Monday, May 4, 2026**

- 7:30 a.m. - Registration and breakfast
- 9 a.m. - Shotgun Start • Scramble Format
- 1 p.m. - Lunch and awards program

Contests and prizes  
Men's, Women's and Mixed foursomes invited.



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- Player\***        **\$700**
- Lunch**            **\$60**

+ Breakfast, lunch, player gifts, golf with cart and beverages

\*Includes a foursome or foursomes

Can't join us that day? Show your support by sponsoring a hole sign for \$300.

**For a full listing of ways to support, please visit**  
**[www.helphomesafe.org/golf2026](http://www.helphomesafe.org/golf2026) or email [cherebrodi@helphomesafe.org](mailto:cherebrodi@helphomesafe.org)**

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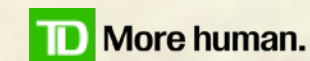


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# Classic Nets a Record-Breaking \$775,000 to Help Our Kids!

Four hundred HomeSafe friends and supporters rocked the house on January 24 at the agency's 23rd Annual Classic Rock & Roll Party hosted at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood.

The high-energy evening was led by celebrity host Nicko McBrain, and featured an encore performance by Mike DelGuidice, nationally renowned vocalist and full-time touring member of Billy Joel's band. The evening was co-chaired by long-time HomeSafe supporters Steve Bernstein and his daughter, Abby Bernstein-Henderson. Their leadership helped make the night another record-breaking success with \$775,000 net for agency programs.

A meaningful highlight of the evening was the presentation of the HomeSafe Hero Award to board member Rob Vargas, for having gone above and beyond over the last 16 years, to help improve lives for victims of child abuse and domestic violence. Additionally, nine HomeSafe team members, including CEO, Matthew Ladika, were recognized for their 20 or more years of service at the agency. The recognition underscored HomeSafe's deep commitment to its staff, those who show up every day to guide children and families through some of life's most difficult moments.

The money raised through the Classic Rock & Roll Party ensures that HomeSafe can continue delivering life-changing care and stability to children, teens and families who need it most. We are immensely grateful to our guests, sponsors and underwriters for their generosity. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Classic on January 30, 2027.

*Across from top left to bottom right: Celebrity Host Nicko McBrain with Classic Co-Chairs Abby Bernstein-Henderson and Steve Bernstein; Doris & Neil Gillman; Jo Ann & Phil Procacci, and Carrie Rubin; Steve Bernstein and HomeSafe Hero, Rob Vargas; Ken & Holley Schwieterman; Maria & Todd Roberti; Fern Schmidt, Pete Austin, Jayne Malfitano, Joe Scaggs, Kimberly Scaggs, Ed Ventrice, Jeanette Austin, Chris Malfitano; Jeff & Aggie Stoops, Lauren & Dan Prieto; Mike DelGuidice; Laura Barker, Patty Larkin, Matthew Ladika, Samantha Skaletsky; A record player with Billy Joel's album, The Stranger, was the centerpiece at each table; Alex & Abby Henderson, Jennifer Ezekiel, Mariana Mast capture memories in the photo booth.*

# Thank you Classic Sponsors

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# Boca West Children's Foundation Supports HomeSafe



## Children celebrate Galentine's Day

In February, a generous group of ladies from the Boca West Children's Foundation hosted a special Galentine's Day celebration for the girls at HomeSafe's Bernstein Family Foundation campus in east Boca Raton.

Children's Foundation and for the love and kindness that they give to our children throughout the year.

*Top: L to R: Lori Cabrera, Robyn Cohen, Christina Irving, and Marcia Mithun; Bottom: The girls received personalized travel bags.*



Our teenagers enjoyed a delicious dinner and desserts, played fun Valentine's Day-themed games, and participated in an impromptu samba dance lesson. At the end of the evening, the girls were thrilled to receive personalized gifts and candy from the local company, Sunshine Sweets. Every girl went to bed that night with a huge smile on their face.



We are very grateful for HomeSafe's partnership with Boca West

## Win tickets to this Summer's Hottest Event!

Your purchase of a ticket for \$100 benefits HomeSafe.



To purchase a ticket, make a \$100 donation online at [www.helphomesafe.org](http://www.helphomesafe.org) Under "Funding Options" choose other, and in the comments box write (Boca West Raffle). The ticket will be sent to you. You can also contact Chere at (561) 383-9842 to purchase over the phone. Tickets are available through June 15.



**We celebrate our newest Guardian Society donors!**

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

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