



The Caring Times

Giving Hearts, Lending A Hand... Making A Difference!

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Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County 25 years and growing

Agency of the Month

What do the Finney, Zaragoza, Norzea, Bartley-Johnson and Clark families have in common? They are all new Habitat homeowners here in Jupiter due to a special relationship between Jonathan's Landing and Habitat for Humanity of PBC. JL sponsored two homes in Limestone Creek and three in Kennedy Estates, a recently completed 27 home village south of Indiantown Road. We were the first gated community in northern PBC to sponsor a Habitat home (2004) and two of our sponsorships have been by JLGC through the State of Florida Community Contribution Tax Credit Program.



New 27 home community in Jupiter.

Habitat creates homes for working families in need of decent affordable housing. It is a "hand up but not a hand out". Families area selected based on need, their willingness to

invest 500 sweat equity hours and to repay the entire cost of the home via a 30 year non-interest mortgage from Habitat. The homes are 1,200 SF and typically cost approx. \$105,000 to build.



Habitat for Humanity PBC has built 120 homes since their founding in 1986 including Kennedy Estates (above) in Jupiter, where JL sponsored 3 homes.

JL also has volunteers at the Habitat Thrift Store in Tequesta, which is a great place to shop or donate items, including furniture. In early 2012 Habitat will be breaking ground on Kennedy Estates II, a 19 home development in Jupiter near their first major project. Volunteers will be needed to work on these homes and also at the Habitat Thrift Store. Please call Don Pray (624-5617) for details.

Volunteer of the Year

Mary Imle, Ed White, Gus Winer, Rick Hammell, Bob and Maude Kiskaddon, Mimi Walsh, Mary Ann Taranto, Lynn Nicholson, Janet Howe, George Vieth, Marie Howard, Teresa Price and Alice Plisco share something in common. All of them have made significant contributions of their time and talent in improving the lives of others in the Jupiter area.

Additionally, JL Cares has recognized each of them over the past 13 years by honoring them as Volunteer of the Year. The

qualities that each of these recipients is caring for neighbors in need, which is the cornerstone for their selection as the JL Cares Volunteer of the Year.

Each year the JL Cares Board of Directors reviews submissions from the Jonathan's Landing community for this award. We hope you will all join us in recognizing and congratulating the 2012 Volunteer of the Year at the JUBILEE Reception/Gala on Monday, January 30, 2012.

JL Cares 8th Annual JUBILEE *Our Crystal Anniversary*

In 1996 residents of Jonathan's Landing banded together to form a non-profit charity to promote volunteerism and share our "time and talent" with the needy of our community. The JL Cares, Inc. foundation became official in 1997 and in 2012 we celebrate the 15th Anniversary since founding.



JL Cares Crystal Anniversary

While we focused on our volunteers helping in the community, JL Cares began to receive donations to honor or memorialize friends and neighbors as well as donations from members who had private foundations. These funds were channeled to the agencies in the community we knew well to address capital needs and provide further support. As the breath of charities helped by JL Cares grew (currently over 25 agencies) requests for some type of financial assistance increased as well. After careful consideration the JL Cares Board in 2005 conducted the first JUBILEE – Community

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Help Wanted

No Experience Necessary

JL Cares is looking for a few good women or men to volunteer to help at the agencies we support. Each month different groups will be featured on our Bulletin Board at the main clubhouse. Current needs are for Hope Rural School in Indiantown, Quantum House in March/April and for the Habitat Thrift Store in Tequesta.

Interested and have questions? Please call Mary Morrissey, Volunteer Coordinator at 575-5410.

“Members Only!” Not

The activities and events of JL Cares are open to all residents of the JL community, whether you are a member of JLCG or not. We encourage all residents to participate, volunteer in the community and support the activities of JL Cares. Our newsletter is emailed to all residents and members. If you would like someone to be added to our email list please contact Don Pray at adpray98@yahoo.com.

Hope in Bloom

The Jonathan’s Landing Ladies’ Nine Hole Golf Assn. will hold its annual “Hope in Bloom” golf tournament, luncheon and raffle to benefit The Jupiter Medical Center on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Please support our efforts to provide much needed mammograms for uninsured women in the Jupiter area.



•Calendar Dates•

12/14/2011	West Jupiter Dedication 4pm
1/9/2012	FSO Packing Day
1/9 & 2/13/12	Quantum House
1/30/2012	8th Annual JUBILEE
2/22/2012	Play for P.I.N.K.
2/22/2012	Hope in Bloom
3/5/2012	Spare Parts Open

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Forgotten Soldiers Outreach “Packing Day”

Items and Letters Needed Jan. 9th

Thank you JL members as we have 27 volunteers for the JL Cares FSO Packing Day on Monday Jan. 9rd at Forgotten Soldiers Outreach in Lake Worth from 2:30 – 4:30pm. We will probably car pool to Lake Worth on Jan. 9 for those needing transportation.



We do, however, need items to replenish FSO supplies and letters of encouragement for the troops overseas.

A list of items to donate is at our JL Cares bulletin board along with our collection boxes. Questions can be directed to Don Pray at adpray98@yahoo.com.

Thanks for Supporting the Troops!



Play for P.I.N.K.

*(Prevention, Immediate diagnosis,
New technology and Knowledge)*



This golf season on February 22, 2012 for the fourth straight year, the Ladies 18 Holers will participate in “Play for P.I.N.K.” to raise awareness and support for breast cancer. More information will be available closer to the event and it is hoped that the women of Jonathan’s Landing will support this very worthy endeavor.

Together we hope to find prevention and cure in our lifetime.

Gifts and Grants Committee

Ever wonder how JL Cares decides where to give funds each year? That is the work of Gifts and Grants Committee of JL Cares.

There are six members of the JL Cares Gifts and Grants Committee. It was established to recommend to the JL Cares Board of Trustees what tax-exempt agencies would be supported, the grant amount and how a donation to that agency will be used. Charities receive grants that typically benefit needy children and families in the Jupiter and North Palm Beach County area.

When a request for financial support is received, usually as a “Wish List”, the Gifts and Grants Committee does a careful and thorough evaluation of that agency. A member of the Committee visits the agency, meets with the staff, and then writes a report which includes an evaluation of its request for money, its needs, and its other sources of funding. The Gifts and Grants Committee makes a recommendation as to the agency, amount of money and purpose of the grant, which is then presented to the JL Cares Board for approval or modification.

During this season of 2010 – 2011, JL Cares has donated over \$106,000 to 25 different organizations in our community, as well as goods and services which exceeded \$25,000, making the Grand Total over \$130,000! The current members of the Gifts and Grants Committee are Jim Barrett, Charlie Colligan, Shelly Cullen, Cathy Higgins, Stacey Stack and Mary Ann Taranto, Chair.



NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

Angel Tree Brings Holiday Cheer to JLGC!

It is hard to say who was happier at the Angel Tree Reception on Dec 6th, the 70 elementary school children from the West Jupiter Tutorial Center wearing holiday attire or the many JL members dressed for the holidays who joined them in singing Christmas carols and sharing sweet treats. In its 13th year at JLGC under the able direction of Alice Plisco, chairwoman, the Angel Tree collected 225 gift bags for needy children and seniors in the Jupiter community. Members also donated over \$2,300 that was used by the committee to “shop” for individuals not selected off the Angel Tree.

Assisting Alice on her committee were Mary Auble, Geri Benz, Marnie Drulard, Joan Hughes, Helen Rose, Eileen Wollard, Janet Howe, Helen Rowe, Linn Lyford and Mary Lou Wright. Each year the committee visits two area schools and a senior home to develop a list of names and requests for the holidays that are placed on “tags” on the Angel Trees in the JL Clubhouse. Members remove the tags and shop to fulfill the wishes with gifts.

Special thanks go to the Club for again sponsoring the Angel Tree Reception and to the many members who bought gifts or donated funds to make Christmas a little brighter for the needy in our community.



Angel Tree gifts in the main clubhouse lobby.



Claire Wright (R) dropping off Angel Tree gift w/Eileen Wollard.



Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer performed by K-1 graders.



Checking in with (L) Mary Auble, Helen Rose and Mary Louise Wright.



Members filled the main dining room for the Angel Tree Reception.



5th graders serenade JL members with My Girl performance.



NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

Thanksgiving Baskets 2011

On the Monday before Thanksgiving, the foyer of the JL Clubhouse was filled with baskets of holiday food for the needy families of the West Jupiter Tutorial Center. This event, organized by Marie Howard and Cathy Higgins, generated complete Thanksgiving meals for approx. 50 families to benefit from the generosity of our residents.



Edna Runner, the Executive Director of the Center, arrived at the Club House with a large truck, and our office, golf, kitchen and maintenance staff all willingly helped load the food baskets. She extends her sincere thanks to all our friends at JL Cares and their generous giving to help the Tutorial Center all year long.

JL Cares thanks all of you who donated food baskets and gift cards so that many less fortunate could have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

Happy Holidays
To
JL Cares!!

Thank you JL cares for the food basket and the gift card. The care that you show to our community is invaluable. We are grateful and appreciate for your kindness. Thank you.
The Tulloch Family

Thank you for the thanksgiving basket that you gave to my family.

♥ Dale

Dear J.L. Cares,

Thank you for the Thanksgiving basket. It was truly a blessing to our family.

God bless you all.
From the McGraw Family

I would like to say thank you for everything. May God continue to bless you.
Sweet family

JL Cares helps local vet by Rebuilding Together by Cathy Maloy

On Sat, Nov. 19th, JL Cares participated in a project for "Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches". We have been involved with this charity, which used to be called "Christmas in April", since 1998. Our assignment this time was to paint and do some gardening at a house in Palm Beach Gardens. We had 14 volunteers and were ably assisted by an enthusiastic group of teenagers from the PBL Spanish Honor Society. The owner of the house is a retired Marine, a long-time local resident who recently had a double leg amputation for medical reasons.



Project coordinator – Cathy Maloy and husband Paul put finishing touches on the garage for Rebuilding Together.

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach does a great job of organizing these projects and vetting the project recipients. They have a project going almost every weekend of the year and JL Cares has been involved in one every spring. This is the first year we have expanded our involvement to include a fall project. Thanks to our members who volunteered and please watch the newsletter for information for the spring 2012 project.



JL Cares volunteers paint the house of disabled Marine vet in Palm Beach Gardens.

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Benefit Day to have a single day full of activity to raise funds to help the needy.

Activities for this year's Crystal JUBILEE on Monday January 30th include: a Big Hole golf tournament, tennis tournament, 5K walk, bridge, small dog walk, and the evening Gala with the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award. The Gala will feature a reception with a lavish assortment of passed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (included), followed by a seated dinner and dessert in the main dining



Wines at auction.

room accompanied by live music. Additionally, we will have our Silent Auction of a limited number of quality items during the reception and a new Live Auction of Wine Cases and a few other items following dinner. The wine cases will be composed of individual wine bottles contributed by our members plus purchased selections. A sign-up form for this year's event is included in this issue for your convenience.

We sincerely appreciate your past participation along with your support of JL Cares and the agencies we help in the community. We look forward to seeing you on Jan. 30th at JUBILEE to thank you personally and help us celebrate our Volunteer of the Year.