



Community Partnership for Homeless Inspires Man to Serve

Desmond did not identify with being homeless though he was living on the streets in 1997. As a child, he had aspirations of being a pilot or big shot lawyer, but his life took a different path.

After eight years in the Army, Desmond was discharged in 1993 for larceny, a crime he said was the result of being young and dumb. He began working for a security company.

Then, in 1996, his mother died.

That same year, Desmond broke his leg. He stopped working and started drinking. As his leg healed, he got a job as a dishwasher and later found work as a cook. But the drinking didn't stop. Eventually, he was introduced to cocaine, and Desmond hit the downward spiral of addiction.

"Work wasn't a priority. Getting high was," Desmond said.

By 1997, he had lost his job and quit paying his bills. First, the electric was shut off. Then the water. Soon, he was homeless.

"When I was out on the street, I just kept thinking, 'I need to be living better than this,'" Desmond said.

He heard about Community Partnership for Homeless and decided to give it a try.

"CPH's rules weren't hard," Desmond said. "It's all about improving yourself. They don't let you bring drugs in. They expect you to keep your space clean. They want you to start doing things for yourself."

Desmond stayed for three months but relapsed into alcoholism. He would try Community Partnership for Homeless two more times before he committed to the program.



"It was in 2004. I had spent a lot of time thinking and it occurred to me that if I died, not too many people would be coming to my funeral," Desmond said. "That thought really upset me. I made a vow to myself to make sure I was remembered."

The first step was restoring his dignity. At CPH, residents live in a safe clean environment. There are trees and flowers. It's not a shelter — it's a residence.

In addition, the staff includes former homeless people. "They've walked in our shoes,"

Desmond said. "The entire staff at CPH is catering to people who think society has forgotten about them. They loved me until I learned to love myself again."

It was through CPH's mentoring that Desmond realized his life would be better served by serving others.

Today, as a recovering addict, Desmond regularly speaks at drug treatment centers hoping to inspire others. He works a full-time job and also helps operate a transitional housing residence for men who are rebuilding their lives.

Desmond has also found the time to better himself. He recently graduated with honors from Miami-Dade College and has plans to pursue a bachelor's in criminal justice this fall. If all goes as planned, the honors student said he will have his sights set on Harvard Law School in a few years.

But no matter the course, Desmond said, serving his community will always be a part of his life.

"There are a variety of programs in Miami-Dade County that can restore hope for lost individuals," he said. "Community Partnership for Homeless is certainly one of them. I am proof of what they can accomplish, and I plan to pass it on."

Our Mission

We offer dignity and hope to all so that no persons sleep on the streets of our community.

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Chairman's Letter



Dear Friends,
Community Partnership for Homeless has been incredibly fortunate in light of the national and world financial crisis. We have much to be thankful for as the year draws to

a close, while keeping in mind the work ahead in 2009.

Our 7th annual gala in October broke all previous records, raising \$2.8 million. The sold-out event, which is critical to our financial stability, surpassed last year's record by more than 30 percent. The evening continued our tradition of bringing the community together to help the homeless.

Through efforts such as this, we are able to maintain and improve the level of service provided to individuals seeking help at CPH assistance centers in Miami. All our accomplishments in 2008 were achieved only through hard work by our staff, volunteers, board and committee members, our residents and the generosity of individual and corporate donors. I want to thank them for

their selfless dedication of time, resources and talents to help lift up those who are down-and-out.

Our name continues to become well recognized in South Florida and visibility across the United States is on the rise. The National Program Development effort, partially funded by the Knight Foundation and board members and directed by Alfredo Brown, has pushed to raise the visibility of CPH at the national level. Since our participation in the U.S. Conference of Mayors in June, we have been visited by 40 cities and have been asked to advise programs. It is clear we are established as a national model and are on track to accomplish great things at the cutting edge.

With this in mind, board members Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin and Timothy Lukes will coordinate a research and development committee focusing on solutions for homeless individuals in becoming functioning members of society. As part of this effort, we will bring together in 2009 a meeting of the minds – thinkers and scholars whose research essays on the homeless will be published in national journals.

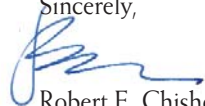
Our National Committee will host a national seminar on homelessness February 19-20 at the 402-bed Chapman Center.

Keynote speakers will include Ron Book, chairman of the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust, Philip Mangano, executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez.

It's human nature to want to help others, because in the end we're all in the same boat.

Everyone who does this work has to dedicate time, resources and talents – and do it selflessly. It's about helping people — so we try very much to help those who want to be helped. We're all working together with the greatest intentions, and this organization has a remarkable support system. Most importantly, I want to thank our residents for putting their faith in CPH. It is through their inner determination to get off the streets that we succeed as an organization.

We at Community Partnership for Homeless wish you Happy Holidays, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May these joyful holidays bring love to you, your family and your friends.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Chisholm, FAIA
Chairman of the Board

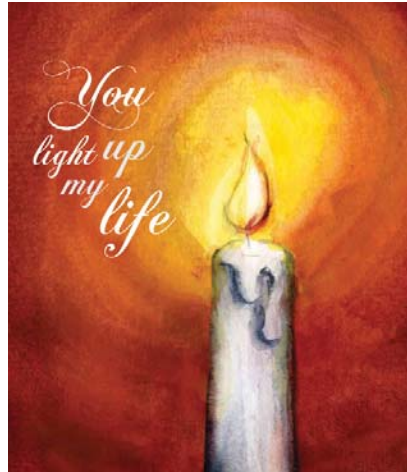
The Gift of Giving

MARCH 2008		Samuel E. and Mary W. Thatcher Foundation	50,000	JULY 2008		Dade County Public Schools	10,000
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 112,000	Lennar Foundation	20,000	Armando Codina	50,000	OCTOBER 2008	
Anonymous	62,500	Ansinn Foundation	10,000	Colonial Bank	30,000	The Batchelor Foundation	1,425,500
Trish & Dan Bell	60,000	MAY 2008		Ounce of Prevention	18,200	Health Foundation	234,000
John Malloy	50,000	Stamps Family Charitable Foundation	50,000	Wachovia	15,000	John S. & James L. Knight Foundation	75,000
The Paul J. DiMare Foundation	55,000	Amarilis & Claudio Osorio	10,000	The Alvah H. & Wylina P. Chapman Foundation	10,000	Peacock Foundation	75,000
Active Network	40,000	Peter L. Bermont	5,000	Bank United	10,000	The Children's Trust	67,500
Bill Ussery Motors	25,000	Ronald Book	5,000	Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.	10,000	Susan & Jim Carr	50,000
Sun Trust Bank	20,000	Tara & Wayne Schuchts	5,000	Robert E. Chisholm, FAIA	10,000	Nancy & Robert Hector	50,000
Everest Capital	15,000	JUNE 2008		Tim Adams	5,000	Ounce of Prevention	42,900
Food Industry Against Hunger	15,000	Publix Supermarket Charities	90,000	Baptist Health South	5,000	School Board of Miami-Dade County	30,300
Betty Chapman	10,000	Carnival	50,000	Macy's Florida	5,000	Macy's Florida	15,000
J.N. McArthur Foundation	10,000	Mercedes of Coral Gables	50,000	Royal Caribbean Cruises	5,000	J.N. McArthur Foundation	10,000
Lennar Foundation	10,000	Sol Taplin Foundation	50,000	Sun Trust Bank	5,000	Bank of America	5,000
Ryder Charitable Foundation	10,000	The Kirk Foundation	30,000	AUGUST 2008		Coral Gables Trust Company	5,000
Miami-Dade County	7,600	John S. & James L. Knight Foundation	10,000	Health Foundation South Florida	25,000	Podhurst Orseck	5,000
Equinox Fitness	6,000	1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	5,000	Ounce of Prevention	18,300	Seitlin	5,000
1997 Charitable Lead Unitrust	5,000	Anonymous	5,000	Cynthia Knight	10,000	NOVEMBER 2008	
Bayside Capital (H.I.G. Capital Management)	5,000	The Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation	5,000	Northern Trust	10,000	Macy's Foundation	25,000
City of Miami	5,000	Health Foundation of South Florida	5,000	William Morrison	6,000	School Board of Miami-Dade County	15,300
Flagler Development Group	5,000	Investor Solutions	5,000	Braman Family Foundation	5,000	Harry Kramer Memorial Fund	15,000
Holland & Knight	5,000	The Miami Herald	5,000	Coral Gables Trust Company	5,000	Bloomberg, L.P.	5,000
Allan Pekor	5,000	Ryder Charitable Foundation	5,000	Nancy Jean Davis	5,000	Frank W. Guilford, Jr.	5,000
U.S. Century Bank	5,000			Trivest Partners	5,000	Reyes, O'Shea & Coloca	5,000
APRIL 2008				SEPTEMBER 2008			
The Children's Trust	90,000			Ounce of Prevention	16,100		

Community Partnership for Homeless

On October 24, 400 guests celebrated the Seventh Annual Gala of Community Partnership for Homeless (CPH), Miami's national model for effectiveness in support of the homeless. Gala Chair, Trish Bell, had the ballroom of the JW Marriott, the evening's sponsor, stunningly decorated with over 12,000 candles in keeping with the theme, "You Light Up My Life".

The evening included presentation by CPH Board Chairman, Robert E. Chisholm, of the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. "Humanitarian Award" to Health Foundation of South Florida, and recognition of the Batchelor Foundation as



"Angel to the Homeless" for matching table sales. Event emcee was Ramon Rasco, President of CPH's "Next Generation Council". Sherri Patchen sang "You Light Up My Life" and a video described the success story of former CPH resident, Desmond.

This year's sponsors were Publix Super Markets Charities, Armando Codina, Trish and Dan Bell, Paula and Bob Brockway, Carnival, Susan and James Carr, Swanee and Paul DiMare, Nancy and Robert Hector, Kendra and John Malloy, Jr., Penny and Roe Stamps, Sol Taplin Foundation, Kirk Landon and Pamela Garrison, and Multivision Video/Film.



H. Daniel Vincent, The Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. Humanitarian 2008 Award recipient-Health Foundation of South Florida, represented by Dr. Quinton Hedgepeth, last year's award recipient The Batchelor Foundation, represented by Jon Batchelor, Health Foundation of South Florida- representative Dick Adams, and Ray Rasco, Master of Ceremony and President of Next Generation Council



Bob and Jodi Dickinson, Lilliam and Robert E. Chisholm



Dan Bell, Betty Chapman, CPH Founding Chairman, Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., and Event Chair, Trish Bell



CPH Chairman, Robert E. Chisholm, Adrienne Arsht, Production Host, Bob Berkowitz and wife, Cathy

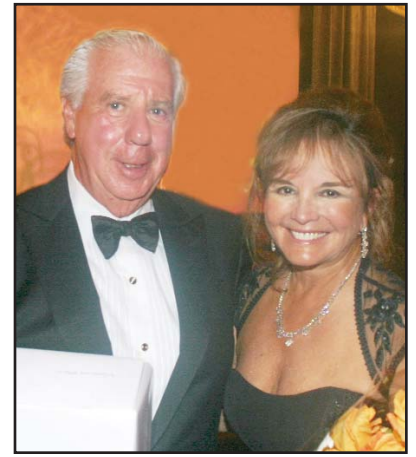
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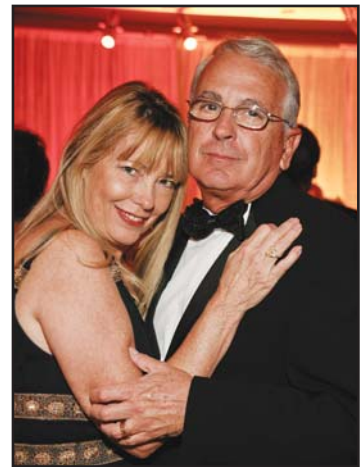
Miami-Dade Homeless Trust Chairman, Ron Book, CPH Director of National Program Development, Alfredo Brown, and success story, Desmond



Honorary Dinner Host, Publix Super Markets Charities, represented by Mike Meredith, Trish Bell, and CPH Executive Director, H. Daniel Vincent



Honorary Dinner Chairmen, Paul and Swanee DiMare



Honorary Dinner Chairmen, Susan and James Carr



Founding Co-Chair Armando Codina and wife, Maggie



Honorary Dinner Chairmen, Dan and Trish Bell, and Robert E. Chisholm



Robert E. Chisholm, Honorary Dinner Chairman, Penny Stamps, Trish Bell, and Honorary Dinner Chairman, Roe Stamps



Maria Beguiristain, Ana-Marie Codina Barlick, Allison Freeland and Kolleen Cobb



Next Generation Council members, Robert M. Chisholm, Bianca St. George, Fatima and Jerry Fernandez

CPH Welcomes New Board Members

Community Partnership for Homeless has added four new faces to its board of directors.



Coley

Antonio T. Coley is president and CEO of commercial banking for Colonial Bank of South Florida, overseeing all commercial lending functions for the region. Tony was born and raised in South Florida and is a graduate of the University of Miami. While there, he was a starting linebacker for the Hurricanes and earned a slot on the College Football Association's Academic All-American Team and UM's Iron Arrow Honor Society.



McLaughlin

Brent McLaughlin is the executive director of South Florida Urban Ministries. During his seven-year tenure, the organization has expanded from serving hundreds to more than 5,000 disadvantaged people a year. McLaughlin is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and Asbury Theological Seminary. A resident of Miami Shores, he is a member of the Fulford United Methodist Church in North Miami Beach.



Chaviano

Emilio A. Chaviano is senior pastor at First United Methodist Church of Miami since 2002, when he retired from the United States Air Force. Most recently he served as chaplain with the U.S. Southern Command. Besides professional military education, Chaviano earned a Master of Divinity from Emory University and a master's degree in counseling and human development from Troy State University.



Castillo

Guillermo G. Castillo is senior vice president at Bank of America and a long-time Miami resident. He has 27 years of financial experience that includes healthcare and institutional banking. Castillo presently leads a team that provides financial solutions for middle market businesses in southern Florida. He earned an MBA from the University of Miami and an undergraduate degree in finance from Florida International University.

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2009 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 15	February 12 South Dade Center	March 12	April 16	May 14 No Meeting	June 11
July 16 No Meeting	August No Meeting	September 17	October 15	November 12	December 17

Meetings are scheduled for noon at 1550 North Miami Ave., unless otherwise advised.

Wishing Upon a Star

The need for these items continues to grow every day. You may donate items or money to purchase them.

Drop-offs are accepted at 1550 N. Miami Avenue or 28205 SW 125 Avenue.

For additional information, please call our Donation Hotline (305-329-3030) or e-mail tbflowers@cphi.org.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Shampoo/Bath Soap
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Deodorant/Shaving Cream
Feminine Hygiene Items
Diapers (children and adults)
Hair Brushes/Combs

Baby Powder/Lotion/Baby Wipes/Formula

GENTLY USED CLOTHING

FOR MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN

Business Attire – Men's and Women's
Shorts
T-Shirts
Plus Sized Women's Clothing
Maternity Clothing
Socks
Infant Clothing
Undergarments

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Beds
Mattress/Box Spring/Frame

Cribs
Dressers
Kitchen Tables w/ Chairs
Lamps
Sofas
Coffee Tables
Night Stands
Dishes/Glasses
Pots/Pans/Silverware
Small Household Appliances (microwaves, toaster ovens, coffee pots, toasters)
Towels/Wash Cloths
Sheets/Blankets/Pillows

KITCHEN NEEDS

Baked Goods (pre-packaged: sweet

rolls, cookies, cakes, pies, doughnuts)
Milk, Juice, Soda
Canned Goods (potted meats, vegetables, soups, fruit)

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS

Arts & Crafts Supplies (glue, construction paper, markers, pens, pencils, paper, scissors)
Board Games/Decks of Cards/Educational Games/Balls
Movies/Videos (G and PG rated, please)
Backpacks/Vinyl Bags
Computer Software

Games
General School Supplies
Books (children and adults)
Suitcases/Overnight Bags
Baby Items (Blankets, Car Seats, Bottles, Pacifiers, Diapers)
Wheel Chairs (children and adult)
Walkers (Tri and Quad)
Canes/Crutches
Strollers (Single and Double)
Special Activities for Children (parties, event tickets, etc.)



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