

Winter 2016



# HomeSafe Happenings

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

## *Happy Holidays*

### **Jump for HomeSafe – Saturday, January 14**

Mark your calendars for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual *Jump for HomeSafe*. Join us Saturday night, January 14, at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington for ringside seating, open bar, dinner, and silent auction, all while enjoying a world-class equestrian competition.

Lillie Keenan, Hannah Patten, Emma Heise, and Samantha Wight are returning as this year's co-chairmen, and are planning for a great party!

Tickets for Jump for HomeSafe are \$125 for adults and \$25 for children under 12. For more information about sponsorships and purchasing tickets, please visit [www.JumpforHomesafe.org](http://www.JumpforHomesafe.org) or call (561) 383-9842.



### **The Classic Rock & Roll Party – Saturday, February 4**

Join us at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for this year's Classic Rock & Roll Party. This year's co-chairmen, Dr. Laurie Emery, Vicki Greissman, Molly Medvecky and Rachel Scott, are working closely with the committee to guarantee a great night! Enjoy an intimate evening with *The Marshall Tucker Band* as you sing along to their hits "Can't You See," "Fire on the Mountain," "Heard It In a Love Song," and many more!

You are sure to be entertained by this year's emcee, comedian Dwight Slade. You may have seen Dwight on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," Byron Allen's "Comics Unleashed," or as an opening act for comedians such as Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Chappelle, and Jeff Beck.

We're changing things up with the golf tournament this year! Our Classic Golf Tournament will be held the Monday following the party, on February 6 at Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club in Boca Raton. Cathy Zumkehr, tournament chairman, and her vice chairmen, Patty Larkin and Laurie Smith, are making sure that there will be great giveaways, food, and prizes. Cost is \$500 per player, \$2,000 per foursome, which includes breakfast, lunch, golf carts, and beverages.

Tickets for The Classic Rock & Roll Party are \$500 per person. Sponsorships are 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.



*The Marshall Tucker Band*

**Support HomeSafe by supporting our events! Purchase a table and bring your friends!  
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# Pond Place Opens

On November 16, HomeSafe celebrated a major expansion of its services for victims of child abuse and neglect with a ribbon-cutting for *HomeSafe at Pond Place*, the agency's new Independent Living Housing Program. The program provides affordable housing and services for clients who have turned 18 and "aged out" of foster group home care.



*Gables Residential Volunteers*

The event marked the completion of renovations to a 12-unit complex of one-bedroom apartments in Palm Springs that HomeSafe purchased in September 2015. The complex is about two miles from the agency's Lake Worth campus and within walking distance of Palm Beach State College, grocery stores, bus line, and local businesses for job opportunities. Just a few days before the ribbon cutting, the employees of Gables Residential graciously volunteered their time to put the finishing touches on the apartments and campus landscaping. "For years, we have wanted to extend our support to clients leaving the child dependency system upon turning 18. Today, that dream has become a reality," said HomeSafe CEO Matthew Ladika. "With stable housing, Pond Place clients can focus on furthering their education and gaining the skills they need to thrive as adults."

In return for an apartment, clients will make a low monthly contribution, part of which will be put into a savings account for the client's future housing needs. To participate in the program, clients will be required to maintain their eligibility for Postsecondary Education Services & Support (PESS) provided by the state, and follow the rules set by HomeSafe. Clients can be between the ages of 18 and 23.

A licensed Clinical Therapist, along with HomeSafe's Independent Living Supervisor, will work with clients on an individualized treatment plan. In addition, clients will receive guidance on financial literacy, employment connections and health care services.



*Nicko McBrain and Jayne Malfitano*



*Pond Place Apartment*



*TD Bank representatives Val Perez, Market President, Retail/South Florida and Debbie Rahamim, Vice President & Community Relations Manager for Florida, present a check to HomeSafe CEO, Matt Ladika. TD Charitable Foundation recently donated \$20,000 for program services as part of the foundation's commitment to giving back to the community.*



*(L to R) Matt Ladika, HomeSafe CEO; Randy Scheid, Quantum Foundation; Jeff & Aggie Stoops, Stoops Family Foundation; Laura Sylvester & Jayme Malfitano, Harcourt M. & Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation; Steve, Janessa and Abby Bernstein*

Starting with an initial \$500,000 challenge grant from the Steven E. Bernstein Family Foundation, HomeSafe has raised more than \$1.5 million for Pond Place, surpassing its fundraising goal by 50 percent. The funds have been used to purchase the Palm Springs property, make necessary building repairs and upgrades, and provide basic furnishings for the apartments. A \$250,000 endowment has been established to assist the program well into the future.

“The Bernstein Family Foundation is proud to be a longtime supporter of HomeSafe in its efforts to provide hope and healing for victims of child abuse and neglect,” said Steve Bernstein, president of the Bernstein Family Foundation

and of HomeSafe’s Board of Directors. “It has been gratifying to see so many in the community join us and provide the resources needed to bring Pond Place to fruition. This program is desperately needed in our community to provide a bridge to self-sufficiency for a vulnerable population.”



*Gene & Nancy Beard & Matt Ladika*



## SafetyNet Client Receives Scholarship

Karla Saban-Menchu was awarded a \$500 college scholarship by the Domestic Violence Council of Palm Beach

County during the Opening Ceremony for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She was nominated by SafetyNet supervisor Brian McCarey for her character, integrity, diligence and hard work in school and at home, despite being a witness to domestic violence for many years.

*Congratulations Karla!*

## Total Warranty Services

This summer, Total Warranty Services selected HomeSafe to receive a charitable donation in honor of their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They raised close to \$30,000 for HomeSafe and also collected school supplies for the children in our residential program. Thank you to our friends at Total Warranty Services for their contributions!





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## *Holiday Giving*

As 2016 comes to a close, we want to thank all of our donors and supporters for your generous contributions, both monetary and in-kind throughout the year.

Thanks to you, more than 16,000 infants, children, and families in our community received the help they needed and learned the skills necessary to live safer, more productive lives.

During December, we hope you will keep HomeSafe in mind as you make your holiday donations and end of the year contributions. Donations must be post-marked or made online at [HelpHomeSafe.org](http://HelpHomeSafe.org) before midnight on December 31 to count for 2016.

You can also support HomeSafe by naming us as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance or IRA.

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