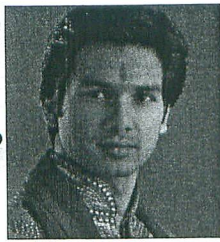


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Grants Totaling \$235,000 Given To Local Literacy, Substance Abuse and Homeless Organizations

Five charitable grants totaling \$235,000 for programs focusing on literacy, substance abuse services and homelessness have been given to help nonprofit organizations improve the lives of vulnerable county residents hit hardest by the recent economic recession.

The generous grants were given by the Indian River Community Foundation.

Grants were awarded to Big Brothers Big Sisters; Camp Haven; Children's Home Society; Substance Awareness Center; and the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council.

Grants were evaluated based on the validity of outcome measurements, collaborative work, and leadership in the sector. The selected programs include:

Mentoring for Success in Early Childhood: submitted by Big Brothers Big Sisters

A \$40,000 grant will assist 50 pre-kindergarten students to become ready for kindergarten through one-on-one mentoring and family literacy activities. The program is a collaboration including the Early Learning Coalition and a Vero Beach preschool cen-

ter, Schools Depot. The organizations will use evidence-based, structured practices to engage families of at-risk students.

Camp Haven Opportunities Program: submitted by Camp Haven

A \$45,000 grant will support the development of a holistic program to help people who live in Camp Haven's residential facility for homeless citizens. The program will focus on helping residents make a successful transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency by focusing on education, job skills training, and individualized plans. Additional funding will support technology purchases, program materials and supplies to execute the program.

Homeless in High School: submitted by the Children's Home Society

A \$50,000 grant will provide safety net services to 33 homeless youth who are still enrolled in high school. The initiative includes the opportunity for youth to live in a residential setting while working toward a high

school diploma or G.E.D. with support and case management services.

Sober Living Program: submitted by the Substance Awareness Center

This \$50,000 grant will expand the agency's capacity to provide women recovering from addiction with a sober living environment to aid their transfer into both the recovery community and society-at-large. The funds will be used to help purchase a second sober home to assist 12-14 women annually.

Home Safe: submitted by the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council

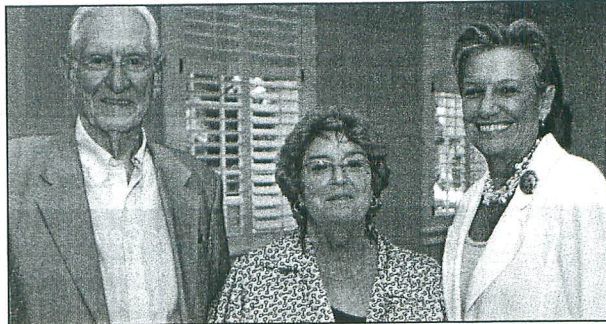
A \$20,000 grant will upgrade the technology to allow any homeless family or individual to scan critical documents such as birth certificates, marriage records, social security cards, and education

certificates directly into the Homeless Management Information System used by nine collaborating member agencies.

These grants mark the fifth year that the Community Foundation has operated a competitive grant program to address time-sensitive community needs according to the executive director, Kerry Bartlett.

Shown below: board member, Dick Stark and executive director Louise Hubbard from the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, join Maureen Lee, a member of the Indian River Community Foundation grants committee, in celebrating a grant award to fund an innovative new program to help the growing number of homeless individuals in Indian River County.

To find out more about the work of the Community Foundation, residents and visitors may call Ms. Bartlett at (772) 492-1407.



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