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PRESS RELEASE

BOCA RATON, FL, January 23, 2007 – BOCA HELPING HANDS, a not-for-profit, Boca Raton community-based organization with the mission of solving hunger and crisis situations for the most needy in our own neighborhoods. This resource center, created by local congregations to provide hot meals for the hungry, groceries for poor families and job mentoring, provides more than 27 tons of food annually. In addition, last year over 1,000 people in our own community received crisis assistance with utility bills, medication needs, shelter and transportation. This much-needed work was achieved with only three paid staff members, a committed board of directors, and 250 dedicated volunteers. Today, Boca Helping Hands is pleased to announce that Ms. Linda Gove has been selected as the Executive Director, succeeding Joanne Szaja.

With more than twenty years of marketing experience Ms. Gove has worked in private industry for companies such as Siemens, RBC Mortgage, and Equifax. Linda, a Florida Atlantic University graduate, began her career as a Computer Support Tech; worked her way to Marketing Manager; and held the position of VP Marketing before moving over to non-profit. She is an active and visible member of the South Florida business, social, and charitable community for the past 7 years, since returning to South Florida from Silicon Valley. Linda is affiliated with several community and professional organizations such as the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and volunteers for the George Snow Cowboy Ball, Michael Weppner Golf Tournament, and Boca Respite events and is very happy to be associated with such a wonderful organization as Boca Helping Hands.

Boca Helping Hands recently kicked off its drive to raise \$1.4 million for a new headquarters. BHH just got \$50,000 from the Boca Raton Rotary Club, said Gary Peters, chairman of the capital campaign. Helping Hands, he noted, needs to build a single facility to operate from – one that will house its cafeteria, food distribution and warehouse center, administrative offices and job assistance program. The committee is planning a number of events to raise awareness and money. Among them is the first annual Monopoly tournament to be held Jan. 28 at the Boca Raton Marriott. "All of the funds will be designated for our building project," said Peters, who was the U.S. National Monopoly champion for eight years.

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