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**Boca Helping Hands 1st Annual
Monopoly Fund Raiser Was a Huge Success!**

BOCA RATON, FL, January 28, 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, held its *1st Annual Capital Campaign Monopoly Tournament and Dinner* at the Boca Marriott in Boca Raton on Sunday January 29th. The evening provided an opportunity for over 100 attendees to help raise money for Boca Helping Hand's capital campaign. The local charity for the poor and hungry in Boca Raton was the recipient of over \$120,000.00 in donations from the evening.

The winner of the Tournament, Eric Shaw, a Professor of Marketing and Chairman of the Marketing Department at Florida Atlantic University, won the grand prize of a Franklin Mint Collector's Edition Monopoly game.

“We want to thank Gary Peters and all of the wonderful volunteers for organizing such a spectacular & creative **FUND & FUN** raising event,” said Jack Jaiven, BHH Board member. “Gary Peters was the U.S. National Monopoly champion for eight years and we are so lucky to have a ‘champion’ in our corner, said Linda Gove, the new Executive Director of Boca Helping Hands.

Silent auction items included sports memorabilia, Panther tickets, gift certificates and a raffle item of a beautiful marquis diamond ring.

The local charity has embarked on a capital campaign to raise one million four hundred thousand dollars to build a new facility to house all of the services offered by Boca Helping Hands. The committee is planning a number of additional events to raise awareness of Boca Helping Hands and the funds from these events will be designated for our building project. Boca Helping Hands this year received a \$50,000 pledge from the Boca Raton Rotary Club. Funding for all Boca Helping Hands services comes from foundations, private and corporate community support, grants and now special events.

For more information on Boca Helping Hands, call 561-417-0913 or www.bocahelpinghands.org.

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Photo Attached: Mr. Monopoly, Tournament winner Eric Shaw and Gary Peters.