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Boca Helping Hands Volunteers 'Strut Their Stuff' For the Less Fortunate

1st Annual Fashion Show Raises \$11,000 for Food and Assistance Program Fund

BOCA RATON, FL, May 21, 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 “*Fashion in Bloom*” Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Boca Raton Country Club on Sunday May 6th. The afternoon provided an opportunity for over 100 attendees to help raise money for Boca Helping Hand’s food and assistance program fund. The local charity for the poor and hungry in Boca Raton was the recipient of over \$11,000.00 in donations from the event.

"I'm so happy to have been part of a team that was able to impact this wonderful charity in such an enormous way," said Maureen Jugs. "We are so excited to see the money we worked so hard to raise, benefit so many needy families and individuals," added Marsha Sanfilippo, representative for SteinMart.

Linda Gove explained that these donations will allow Boca Helping Hands to purchase the food necessary to feed the families through the summer months when food donations are slower. "We can not thank everyone enough for the donations, sponsorships and generous support which made the event a success. This will put smiles on the faces of hundreds of families and individuals who might otherwise go without a meal." Says Gove.

Each year Boca Helping Hands serves over 20,000 hot meals and delivers over 6,500 hot meals to the homebound. They also provide financial assistance to over 500 families and individuals in crisis situations. Whether it is a food drive, weekly congregational offerings, or attending a fundraising event, the community has banded together in an enormous way, adding to the success of the program. To donate to Boca Helping Hands, or to find out how you can get assistance, visit the website at www.bocahelpinghands.org or call 561.417.0913 ext 100.

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