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A Day at the Derby – a Runway Success for Boca Helping Hands
2nd Annual Fashion Show Raises \$11,000 for Food and Assistance Program Fund

BOCA RATON, FL, May 12, 2008– **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 2nd Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon “*A Day at the Derby*” at the Country Club of Boca Raton on Sunday May 4th. The venue was filled with Kentucky Derby traditions including hats, mint juleps and rose garland decorations. 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.

"We are so excited to see the money we worked so hard to raise benefit so many needy families and individuals," added Mary Cope, Committee member.

"I'm so happy to have been part of a team that was able to impact this wonderful charity in such an enormous way, and we had so much fun with the Kentucky Derby fervor" said Maureen Jugs, Fashion Show Committee member. Sponsored fashions from the show included Little Miss Priss, Mario Pucci Boca, Patchington, Pink Papaya, Plaza Boutique, Swimland and Weekenders.

Executive Director, Linda Gove, explained that the proceeds from the afternoon’s event will allow Boca Helping Hands to purchase the food necessary to feed the families through the summer months when food donations are slower. “We are so thankful to everyone for their gifts, sponsorships and generous support which made the event a success. The families and individuals we service will be truly grateful,” said 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.

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Photos attached:

1. Model: KimWeis
2. Patti Carpenter and Jean Grabill
3. Linda Gove, Executive Director, Helen Babione
4. Model: Linda Michelotti
5. Brenda Coto, Susan Haynie (BHH board member) and Janine Beatty
6. Model: Catherine Coombs
7. Bozena Szalobryt, Kurt & Heide Wessling







