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**BOCA HELPING HANDS
BOWL-A-THON A SUCCESS!**

BOCA RATON, FL – Sept. 9th, 2008 – Boca Helping Hands, in partnership with Republic Services of Palm Beach, held its 2nd Annual “Bowling for Bread” Bowl-a-Thon at Strikes@Boca during the recent *Boca Festival Days* celebration. The afternoon provided an opportunity for over 120 attendees to help raise money for Boca Helping Hands’ food and assistance program fund. The local non-profit charity for the underserved in Boca Raton was the recipient of over \$8,000.00 raised in donations from the event.

Youth from around the area were able to enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, bowling and entertainment. “We were thrilled to have our corporate sponsors allow children from Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Haven participate in this event,” said Linda Gove, Executive Director of Boca Helping Hands. “We were also thrilled to see the kids from St. Gregory’s Youth Group get so excited about bringing in their sponsorship donations and winning awards.”

"Republic Services of Palm Beach truly enjoyed partnering with Boca Helping Hands," said Joanne Stanley, representative for Republic Services of Palm Beach, the major sponsor for the event. “They do such great work in our community for those in need.” Executive Director Linda Gove stated that: "we are extremely excited to see the money that we worked so hard to raise directly benefit so many needy families and individuals."

We would like to thank all of the volunteers as well as the Cadets from Boca Raton High School’s NJROTC program who helped make this event a tremendous success.

The *Youth Group Award* went to St. Gregory’s for their participation. The *Corporate Sponsor* award for raising the most money went to *Prime Management*, with Rick Jordan as the *Highest Male Scorer* and Ellen Sollins as the *Highest Female Scorer*. Other age group awards included: *Highest scorer under age seven*: Marisa Ortiz; *Highest scorer among ages 7-10*: Max Soto; and *Highest scorer among ages 15-18*: Erika Lamén.

Corporate sponsors included Kraeer Funeral Homes, Gary Peters Family Foundation, and the law firm of Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley, Lunny & Crosby. Team sponsors included First Southern Bank, Prime Management, Ayts Chayim Messianic Synagogue, and St. Gregory’s. Other sponsors included Whole Foods, Publix Grocery Stores and special artist Ed King with Kaleidoscope Conspiracy who donated bowling pin artwork made especially for the event.

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 by contributing to the success of the program. If you wish to make a donation to Boca Helping Hands or to find out how you can get assistance, visit the website at www.bocahelpinghands.org or call 561.417.5343.

Photos attached

Photo #1: Linda Gove, Executive Director BHH, Joanne Stanley, Major Sponsor Republic Services of Palm Beach Showing off donated art work from Kaleidoscope Conspiracy



Photo #2: Father Joel Turmo from St. Gregory's and the Youth Group wins the Youth Award presented by Susan Haynie



Photo #3: Ioana Grigore (bottom row, center) and the Girls from First Southern Bank are ready to *Rock and Roll!*



Photo #4: BHH Board Member Susan Haynie, artist Ed King of Kaleidoscope Conspiracy along with BHH Events Manager Deborah Woldanski and Executive Director Linda Gove present Erika Lamien with a bowling pin art "Sponsorship" Award.

