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**“DREAM BECOMES REALITY”
Boca Helping Hands Purchases New Building**

BOCA RATON, FL, October 2, 2008 – BOCA HELPING HANDS announced the purchase of a 12,000 square-foot building located at 1500 NW 1st Court, Boca Raton, honoring our generous benefactor, Arthur J. Remillard. Volunteers of Boca Helping Hands are finally seeing their dream come true. The new Remillard Family Resource Center will allow Boca Helping Hands to consolidate all programs into a single location, featuring a community room, job development program, pantry warehouse center, and administrative offices all in one convenient facility.

“We are so excited that the hard work, efforts and patience of the many selfless volunteers are being rewarded with this new facility,” said Gary Peters, Board President. “The support from both the local community, along with the wonderful volunteers, has given us the motivation and determination to expedite this dream to reality.”

“The new Remillard Family Resource Center will allow us to improve and expand the services that we currently offer,” said Boca Helping Hands Executive Director Linda Gove. “Our goal is to provide resources that positively impact the lives of children and families in need. This new facility offers many benefits which will make it much easier for us to serve the families of Boca Raton who benefit from our many programs.”

This extraordinary accomplishment is the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication from the numerous volunteers that so willingly give of their time and energy on a daily basis. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the major contributors of the building fund which include Arthur J. Remillard, Gary Peters Family Foundation, Doris Bernstein Family Foundation, Barbar & Associates, Yasmine Zyne, Rose Marie Arnold, JM Family, Gary and Cheryl Schultheis, Brockway Moran & Partners, Office Depot Foundation, Henricus, and Arely Cox.

Additional *naming opportunities* for the facility and programs are currently under consideration. One major naming opportunity that we will seek funding for is the Job Development Pavilion’s Program.

Boca Helping Hands is a nonprofit organization with the mission of solving hunger and crisis situations for the impoverished in our community. The resource center, created by local congregations to provide hot meals for the hungry, groceries for poor families and job mentorship, provides more than 27 tons of food annually through the various food programs. In addition, more than 500 families and individuals received assistance last year with utility bills, rent, medication, transportation and boasts over 250 volunteers who give of their time and talents.

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

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