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Boca Raton Social Service Agency gets a boost in Board Members

Boca Raton, FL., Wednesday, December 9, 2009--Gary Peters, Board President of Boca Helping Hands, is announcing the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors. "Strength begets strength and that is what we are seeing with the growth of our organization. Our board members have recognized the remarkable gifts these three leaders can bring to the table and are excited at the prospect of further growth with their help and input." Boca Helping Hands is a local accredited agency dedicated to providing compassionate service through food and assistance programs to individuals, families, and children to instill dignity and break the cycle of dependence.

Elizabeth Pankey-Warren, an ordained Presbyterian Pastor, Social Worker, Reiki therapist and a Mother of three young children, graduated Summa cum Laude from Rhodes College and graduated with a Masters in Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School and a Masters in Social Work from Barry University School of Social Work. She served as a missions pastor for many of her years in active parish ministry working with non-profits on providing basic needed services. She also volunteered with Junior League for about fifteen years, serving as the President of Boca Raton League in 2001-2002. She currently volunteers as the VP of the Parents Association at St. Andrews School, sits on the Endowment Board of the Junior League of Boca Raton, and serves as Parish Associate at the First United Methodist Church of Boca. She resides in Boca Raton with her husband and three children.

Dr. Beth King is an adjunct assistant professor at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University. Her practice area is mental health nursing and community nursing. Dr. King received her Ph. D. from Iowa State University in Higher Education/Administration, her Masters in Nursing from the University of Maryland and her Bachelors in Nursing from Grand View College. Dr. King currently serves as the co-chair of the Ways and Means Committee of the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League, Inc. and is an elder with First Presbyterian Delray Beach. She is a sustainer in the Junior League, past co-president of the Boca Raton Historical Society and has co-chaired many fund raising events for non-profits. Beth resides with her husband, Bill Hager, past City Councilman of Boca Raton and has two daughters at the University of Florida.

Pattie Damron is a lifelong volunteer dedicated to serving the less fortunate and improving our community. She graduated with Honors from Marshall University with a degree in English Literature and taught in high school until starting a family. Since then she has worked tirelessly with many non-

profit service organizations for over twenty years here in Boca Raton exhibiting strong leadership skills and deep compassion for children. She is well recognized and respected for successfully leading Capital Campaigns to raise funds for the Junior League's Vegso Community Resource Center, the Children's Place South, the Count deHoernle Amphitheater in Mizner Park and the Family Enrichment Center at First Presbyterian Church. As a past president of the Junior League of Boca Raton and a Wachovia Woman Volunteer of the Year, she is often found at the forefront of initiatives directed at helping the disadvantaged and underprivileged in our community. She resides in Boca with her husband, Richard.

About Boca Helping Hands

For over 11 years, Boca Helping Hands has empowered volunteers to touch peoples' lives who are in crisis through its food and assistance programs. BHH partners with other local non-profit organizations who work together to provide access to resources and services that educate and build self-sufficiency. Through its Job Mentoring program volunteer mentors help individuals improve their chances of securing employment as well as obtaining better employment for the underemployed. For more information about Boca Helping Hands and how to donate or volunteer visit online at www.bocahelpinghands.org or call 561.417.0913.