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JAFCO

JAFCO to honor area families, PR firm for incredible support

Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO) will recognize Vicki and Steven Stolberg and Bernice and Edward Wenger, and public relations firm Boardroom Communications principals Julie Talenfeld and Don Silver with Jacob's Ladder Awards. The awards will be given December 5, 2009, at JAFCO's Triple Crown Gala, the group's 11th annual gala to benefit abused and neglected children at The Polo Club of Boca Raton.

"These individuals are among those who have combined their respective resources and joined forces in the responsibility to create a home for children who have no other home," said Sarah Franco, JAFCO's executive director. "Together, we serve 350 children with a shared sense of compassion and commitment. Without these families and companies, it would be impossible for us to do what we do."

Each year, Boardroom Communications and Julie and Howard Talenfeld sponsor JAFCO's Chanukah Party for all

of the children at the village in addition to all of the children who have been adopted through JAFCO.

"We are thrilled to be recognized by JAFCO for this prestigious honor," Talenfeld said. "As a locally-based firm, we proudly participate as corporate leaders because it's our way of giving back to the community that has given us so much."

Vicki and Steven Stolberg wanted to be sure that the children of JAFCO have the same educational opportunities as their own two daughters and created an endowment known as the JAFCO College Scholarship Award. The program underwrites room, board, books and other expenses for the nine JAFCO children currently attending college.

"We wanted the children to have normal experiences leading up to college including the prom, the class ring and senior pictures and then to walk into their dorm room with everything they needed," said Vicki Stolberg. "One of the ways to stop the cycle

of abuse and neglect is to offer the children an education."

Bernice and Edward Wenger are JAFCO Godparents, and capital donors who funded the Village's Development Wing.

"It's an extremely worthwhile organization and there's nothing better than helping children," Edward Wenger said. "Life takes a lot of hard work and luck to succeed. We feel grateful that we're in the position to help this amazing organization."

The event is being chaired by JAFCO Board Member and philanthropist Maurice D. Plough, Jr. "The JAFCO Gala is a very special event which allows me to help so many children in the tri-county area," said Plough, president and founder of Florida Health Consultants Inc., in Boca Raton. "We all need to step up and help the kids in so many ways."

For more information about this year's Gala, including tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact Gail Marlow at 954-749-7230 or email gail@jafco.org. ■



Don Silver, Maurice Dplough, Jr. and Ed Wenger



Julie Talerico and Bernice Wenger



Maurice Dplough, Jr.



Bernice Wenger, Maurice Dplough, Jr. and Julie Talerico



Julie Talerico and Don Silver