

## On the Scene

# Get in the 'Humanity Spirit'

More than 200 community leaders and Habitat for Humanity of Broward supporters attended the ninth annual "Spirit of Humanity Awards" reception, presented by BankAtlantic and hosted by chairman Alan B. Levan. The event was held on March 19 at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort. With the assistance of guest emcee Jason Crush, executive director of Habitat Broward, the program highlighted the 25 year history of the organization, the role it plays in supporting families eager to break the cycle of poverty and obtain homeownership and its innovative plans for the future featuring a 30-home, Leed Silver Certified Level, "green" community here in Fort Lauderdale.

The evening included an awards presentation honoring three extraordinary community partners whose contributions have helped further Habitat Broward's mission to build simple, decent, affordable

homes in partnership with families in need throughout Broward County. The "Spirit of Humanity" was awarded to the Hudson Family Foundation, who provided financial support to help launch Habitat's most ambitious project: the first official green build scheduled to kick-off later this year. Publix Super Markets Charities received the "Soul of Humanity" award. For 15 years, Publix has brought communities to life through annual home sponsorship and by providing support to our volunteers and homeowner families. The "Heart of Humanity" award was presented to Janet Boyle and JB's on the beach restaurant. Janet and her dedicated team have supported Habitat's mission for more than seven years since Habitat Broward's first annual Women Building a Legacy project.

Following the awards presentation, Alan Levan issued the "BankAtlantic Three House Challenge," pledging \$105,000 on behalf of BankAtlantic

associates to co-sponsor the construction of three new Habitat homes. Levan urged the community to match the pledged donation in order to provide three families in need the chance to realize the American dream of homeownership. Levan has been personally committed to Habitat Broward for many years. His dedication to the program is shared by BankAtlantic associates who donate countless hours of "sweat equity" on the job site. In addition, BankAtlantic services Habitat Broward homeowner mortgage notes at no cost and provides the organization with free office space.

Additional sponsors of the ninth annual "Spirit of Humanity Awards" reception included Crush Law, Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, Huizenga Family Foundation, JM Family Enterprises, Inc., King Automotive Group, Linda D. Jones, Lochrie & Chakas PA, Maroone an AutoNation Company, Mollie Light, Nova Southeastern University and

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Jack and Janet Boyle



Kim Jaeger, Bill Fauerbach and Jason Crush