



WOMEN IN DISTRESS
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
JIM & JAN MORAN FAMILY CENTER
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Monthly Newsletter | *Sharing stories of empowerment*

January 2018



A Mission Moment

Friends, on February 24, 2018 the Women In Distress 19th Annual SafeWalk-Run 5K presented by Ultimate Software will take place. SafeWalk not only raises awareness about domestic violence and funds for Women In Distress, but it also commemorates the victims of domestic violence.

Meet Perla. A few years ago Perla's good friend, Lisette, was killed by her husband. Lisette's death was Perla's first encounter with domestic violence. "I was devastated" Perla said, "as were all of Lisette's family and friends. Lisette was a vibrant and friendly person."

Perla wanted to honor Lisette. She started a SafeWalk team in memory of her friend to raise funds and awareness about domestic violence. She named her team "Lisette's Diamond Butterflies," recalling one of Lisette's favorite songs and animals. At the end of the 2017 SafeWalk, "Lisette's Diamond Butterflies" team released dozens of butterflies to commemorate Lisette's life.

Perla and "Lisette's Diamond Butterflies" team will participate, again, this year in SafeWalk in support of Women In Distress and all the victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Can we count on you to walk or run and raise funds to help stop domestic violence abuse?

Join us at the 19th Annual SafeWalk-Run 5K presented by Ultimate Software. Walk or run with us. Bring your friends and families; strollers and dogs (on leashes) are welcome. Help us commemorate the lives of domestic violence victims, like Lisette, and raise awareness and funds to help women, children and families in our community lead safe and better lives.

Support our mission to stop domestic violence

Donate now

Tell a Friend

Need Help Now: 24 Hour Crisis Hotline 954-761-1133

Upcoming Events

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[To register or join a team click here](#)

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Women In Distress will hold the 19th Annual SafeWalk-Run 5K presented by Ultimate Software. Community members, corporate teams, student organizations, along with individual walkers and runners, will hit the pavement to raise funds and awareness about domestic violence on the USATF course and chip-timed 5K walk-and-run.

Last year the Ultimate Software “Peeps” team, with more than 100 strong, raised over \$15,000. Sponsors and eighty-eight teams joined together to raise more than \$112,000.

This year, help us meet and exceed our goal of **\$135,000**. These funds will provide programs and services at no cost to those affected by domestic violence in our community.

Event Details:

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Nova Southeastern University, Taft University Center Plaza

3301 College Ave. Davie, FL 33314

Registration/Breakfast - 7:30am

Warm-up - 8:30am

Race start - 9:00am

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Cindy Bibliowicz at cbibliowicz@womenindistress.org or call (954) 760-9800 ext. 1236.

For more event and registration information [click here](#).



The logo features a large teal letter 'S' with a starfish inside it. To the right of the 'S' is the text 'Women In Distress' in a grey serif font, followed by a starfish icon. Below that is '12th Annual Luncheon' in a smaller grey serif font. The word 'Starfish' is written in a large, teal, cursive font. At the bottom right of the logo is the text 'May 2, 2018 | Signature G' in a grey serif font.

Presented by



The logo for JM Family Enterprises, Inc. features a square icon with a sun and trees, the text 'JM FAMILY ENTERPRISES, INC.', and a large '50' with a tree inside the zero, and 'EST. 1968 YEARS OF FAMILY' below it.

Save The Date – 12th Annual Starfish Luncheon Presented by JM Family Enterprises

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Signature Grand

6900 W. State Road 84 Davie, FL 33317

Silent Auction – 11:00am

Luncheon & Program – 12:00pm

Women In Distress' 12th Annual Starfish Luncheon presented by JM Family Enterprises is an opportunity to honor those who have made a significant contribution to improve the lives of survivors of domestic violence while raising much-needed funds to support the services we provide at no cost to women, children, and families seeking help and healing.

Women In Distress is pleased to announce the 2018 Starfish Honorees:

Bank of America Charitable Foundation - Neighborhood Builders Grant

Sandy and Kenny Tate - Tate Family Foundation Fund, a fund of The Community Foundation of Broward

Community Foundation of Broward

Nancy Brown – The Fritch Foundation

Broward County Commissioner - Senator Nan H. Rich

Special Starfish award to a Domestic Violence Survivor

Sponsorship levels available:

Presenting \$15,000

Contributing \$10,000

Supporting \$5,000

Friend \$3,500

Table \$2,500

Contact Cindy Bibliowicz, Director of Marketing and Development, at cbibliowicz@womenindistress.org or call (954) 760-9800 ext. 1236.

To donate silent auction items, please contact Mary Helen Olejnik at mholejnik@womenindistress.org

Bright Stars



A special thanks to Colonel Tom Harrington of the Broward Sheriff's Office who organized a large donation for our holiday toy drive. Colonel Harrington is a long-time supporter of Women In Distress. We thank him and the Broward Sheriff's Office for all of their support.

We thank all of our supporters, donors and volunteers who participated in the holiday toy drive. Seventy-four individuals and organizations donated more than \$100,000 worth of toys, gifts and gift cards for our families this holiday season. More than 100 volunteers* from 9 organizations came out to help distribute gifts. And, over 600 participants received gifts.

Your generosity touched the hearts of our families in so many ways. Here are a few quotes from our participants, representative of the deep appreciation felt by all:

"Thank you so much for the gifts. I was nervous how I was going to get my kids' gifts, and you made it possible. Not only that, but there was a wide variety to choose from."

"I want to thank you. I wondered what I was going to be able to place under the tree for my children. Thank you so much for making Christmas happen in my household!"

"For all that you do and all you have given to my family this holiday season, I will be eternally grateful! You will never know the impact you have made in my life, as well as, the lives of my two boys. May God bless you the way you and He have blessed us this year."

*Thank you to the volunteer groups which included members from: Citrix, JM Family Enterprises, Junior League of Ft. Lauderdale, Needle Point Group, Olive Garden, Seminole Hard

Rock, Ultimate Software, Vertical Bridge, Women In Distress Board of Directors and various individuals from the community.



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Thrift Store

The Women In Distress Thrift Store provides survivors and their families with clothing, furniture, and household items free of charge, helping them rebuild their lives.

100% of the net proceeds support services provided by Women in Distress

Please donate and make a difference

Senior Day is every Wednesday (25% off entire purchase, excluding furniture)

There is a different “surprise” sale every day.

To donate items or schedule furniture pick-up call

[954-975-7425](tel:954-975-7425) or click [here](#) for more information
