



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
SOUTH BREVARD, INC.**

Women building better communities®

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SOUTH BREVARD, INC. NAMES 2009 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Melbourne, FL; June 30, 2009 — The Junior League of South Brevard, Inc. (JLSB), an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, improving the community through the effective action and the leadership of trained volunteers, announces this year's grant recipients:

The Friends of Children of Brevard County, Inc.

Marie Fraser, Director of Friends of Children of Brevard County
Grant Award: \$2,000
Mission: Friends of Children of Brevard, Inc. ('Friends'), is a group of community volunteers who raise funds and solicit in-kind donations to provide for the unmet needs of abused, neglected or abandoned children in Brevard County through the Guardian ad Litem program (GAL). They also assist GAL by assisting in volunteer recruitment and retention.
Grant Program: Grant funds will be used for volunteer recruitment advertising and appreciation coffee cups for the new volunteers to GAL.

Genesis House, Inc.

Vonnie Marion, Administrator
Grant Award: \$2,000
Mission: The mission of Genesis House is to provide safe shelter for homeless pregnant women, transitional shelter for homeless mothers and their children, and long-term housing for student mothers with their children while the mothers complete their education.
Grant Program: Grant funds will be used for immediate and emergency day care, and summer camp, for residents until the mother is able to pay for her own day care or obtain her own assistance. This will allow the mothers to continue their education and job opportunities.

Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition (BNDC)

Botavia Jackson, DOCK Director
Grant Award: \$1,500
Mission: The Brevard Neighborhood Development Coalition (BNDC) was formed to provide low-income communities with assistance in obtaining capital funds for community revitalization projects and programs. The BNDC operates the DOCK (Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids), an Outreach Center and safe haven for children in the Booker T. Washington Neighborhood of Melbourne.
Grant Program: Grant funds will be used to help purchase utensils for the DOCK's newly refurbished kitchen in a program that is offering hot lunches and after school snacks to the children that attend; as well as purchasing materials for cooking classes that will teach the children how to prepare healthy meal choices.

The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project

Kristen Malfara, Founder
Grant Award: \$1,500
Mission: The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project (Making Opportunities Reality Granting Assistance Nationwide) is a volunteer organization established by Robert & Kristen Malfara in honor of their son Morgan, who has a very rare form of Leukodystrophy. Its aim is to help families caring for their chronically ill children with special needs in the family home.
Grant Program: Grant funds will assist with producing a new pamphlet entitled "Special-needs Parenting 101 guide" to be distributed to parents of newly diagnosed chronically-ill children with life-time disabilities.

Pregnancy Resources, Inc.

Judy Miller, Executive Director
Grant Award: \$1,500
Mission: Pregnancy Resources assists women with their decisions regarding unplanned pregnancies through education, peer counseling, and compassionate care.
Grant Program: Grant funds will assist in purchasing items needed in the opening of a resale store that will help to fund the organization, provide materials at affordable prices (free in special circumstances) and provide volunteer opportunities in the area.

Serene Harbor

Melody Keeth, Executive Director
Grant Award: \$1,500
Mission: Serene Harbor provides safe temporary shelter and outreach services to adult and child victims of domestic violence and educates the community regarding their needs.
Grant Program: Grant funds will be used to purchase materials needed for two of the organizations educational programs, Economic Empowerment and Primary Prevention.

As a solely educational and charitable organization, the JLSB's trained volunteers actively support the community through collaboration with organizations that promote and support the health, safety and education of women and children.

Each grant application was scored on a scale of one to three against five main criteria:

- Fiscal Impact – impact the grant funds would have on the agency as a whole
- Fit with JLSB Mission – alignment with volunteerism, women and community
- Fit with JLSB Focus – although not official, our league historically has supported 'Women and Children At-Risk'
- Community Impact – number of individuals this program/grant would impact and to what degree
- Presentation – overall cohesiveness of the application

Visit www.JLSB.net for more information. Or call the JLSB office at 321-676-5798.

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