

Taking... *Time to Care*



(l-r) Ken Torres, Darlene Fernandez, John Shipley, Marianne Stapleton and Chris Searcy

Funds contributed by SDSBS aid in building Children's Memorial Garden for 'Angel of Hope Project'.

SDSBS attorneys **John Shipley** and **Chris Searcy** support the "Angel of Hope Project," a group of parents who share a common tragedy – the loss of a child. A Palm Beach County, Florida, chapter of "Compassionate Friends," an organization dedicated to helping families who have lost a child, is working with Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery to raise funds to build a Children's Memorial Garden at the cemetery, with an "Angel of Hope" statue as its centerpiece. SDSBS has contributed funds to help them reach their goal.

The statue was originally introduced in the novel *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans. The story tells of a mother mourning the loss of her only child, grieving at the base of an angel monument. Following reports of grieving parents seeking the monument described in the novel as a place to mourn their loss and to heal, an "angel" monument was sculpted in 1994 and placed in Salt Lake City, Utah. Additional monuments have been placed throughout the United States. The nondenominational memorial at Our Lady Queen of Peace, in Palm Beach County, will serve as a beacon of support for all those who are coping with the emotional and physical absence of a child by providing a quiet place for healing and reflection. The path to the garden will be paved with bricks dedicated to children who have died. The memorial will be privately funded through donations and the sale of Remembrance Bricks. ♦

For additional information, please contact Darlene Fernandez at (561) 346-2274, or Marianne Stapleton at (561) 389-3801. You may also contact Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery at (561) 793-0711. Or visit www.ourqueen.org/angel_of_hope.htm



SDSBS Tallahassee team in the first annual 'Tulip Trot' to support and promote awareness of Parkinson's Disease.

The North Florida Parkinson's Awareness Group, Inc., held the First Annual Tulip Trot 5K on May 22, 2010, at the Tom Brown Park in Tallahassee, Florida. SDSBS team members: (above, l-r) **Kristin Cline**, **Bonnie Stark**, **Jonny Warren**, **Ashley Cline**, and **Joanne Cline** participated in the event, which was held to raise funds to provide support, information, education and advocacy for all people with Parkinson's Disease. ♦



Big Brothers Big Sisters group supported by SDSBS Tallahassee office in the "26th Annual Bowl for Kid's Sake Benefit."

The 26th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake benefit was held May 22, 2010, at Crenshaw Lanes on Florida State University's campus in Tallahassee. Participants included, (above, l-r) **Bonnie Stark**, **Kristin Cline**, **Joanne Cline**, **Gwen Drake**, **Ashley Cline**, and **Jonny Warren**. The event raised funds to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend in Tallahassee. The event raised a total of \$30,000, well over their goal of \$25,000 – funds that will provide 310 children in need with caring mentors who will help the children navigate through the difficult teen years. ♦



SDSBS Team in Corporate Run event promoting support for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The 2010 West Palm Beach Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run was held April 14th in downtown West Palm Beach, Florida. Over 50 companies were represented by over 1,000 participants, including the SDSBS Team: (above, l-r) **Pat Quinlan, Logan Wiggins, Curtis Reynolds, Bobby Marques, Linda Miller**, (team organizer) and **Aaron Ledford**. In addition to promoting good health and physical fitness, the benefit event provides support for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the American Red Cross, and other charities. ♦



Chris Searcy and Karen Terry.

SDSBS participates in benefit auction for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and American Heart Association.

Karen Terry participated in the Third Annual Young Professionals Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction held May 6, 2010, at Sky309, West Palm Beach. Funds raised will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the American Heart Association. ♦



“Take...Time to Care,” SDSBS’ long-time public service campaign, begins major plan to inspire community help through Volunteer-a-Thon.



Homelessness, joblessness, man-made and natural disasters, a record number of pets delivered to community animal shelters – the nation’s economy has increased the need for each and every non-profit service organization in our various communities to offer support for those of us in need of help. It is an overwhelming task, made all the more difficult by the shared struggle to find volunteers that have the time, energy, and commitment to help each of these many organizations fulfill their obligations to provide relief for those that need a helping hand.

SDSBS’s long-time public service campaign, “Take...Time to Care,” has recently begun a major initiative to inspire and to spotlight volunteerism. Public service announcements produced by SDSBS and aired in the Palm Beach media market encourage viewers to get involved. Viewers are directed to the SDSBS website, where they will find a Volunteer Information page listing numerous organizations that need their help. Viewers can link directly to each organization for detailed information to assist them in determining the best match for their skills and interests.

On April 22, 2010, SDSBS teamed up with WPTV NewsChannel 5 during “National Volunteer Week” to do a live “Volunteer-a-Thon” phone bank during the noon and early evening newscasts. This was a broadcast “first,” with representatives from many non-profit organizations manning the phones as hundreds of viewers called in to offer their time and effort.

SDSBS attorney **Sia Baker-Barnes** spoke to NewsChannel 5’s news anchor, Jim Sackett, about the importance of getting involved and the firm’s commitment to increasing volunteerism now, as these organizations struggle with reductions in both charitable donations and the number of volunteers able to help provide support for those in need. ♦

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