



Taking... *Time to Care*

SDSBS employees' teamwork provided collections of money, toys, food and gifts to many charities during holidays.

In November 2012, SDSBS staff collected \$2,300 in donations to fund Thanksgiving dinners for families in need of assistance. Attorney Laurie Briggs reported that the funds were used to purchase 105 turkeys and hams for families in Children's Outreach, Bridges, and Legal Aid programs. The donations included typical side dishes for Thanksgiving – stuffing, potatoes and other vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and pie. A \$350 cash donation was given to Helping Hands, Inc., for its holiday food give-away. In December, the SDSBS staff again exercised their well-known generosity by providing donations, toys, and other Christmas gifts for children and adults involved in programs sponsored by the following Palm Beach County organizations: Foster and Adoptive Parent Association; The Lord's Place; Legal Aid; Bridges; Edward Healey Rehabilitation Center; Guatemalan Mayan Center; Westgate Tabernacle; and Esereh Youth Center. Thanks to the SDSBS staff members who donated money, time, and effort to meet the call to help other members of their community. ♦



SDSBS was a sponsor for Love Doctors Charities, and participated in providing toys for more than 7,500 children.

On December 15, 2012, the Love Doctors Charities held their 19th Annual Toy Drive Distribution in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Charities provide support to groups and individuals in need. Sponsors included SDSBS with attorney Brenda Fulmer and other employees and their families pulled duty as part of Santa's hundreds of elves unloading trucks, setting up, helping families select gifts, and dismantling at the end of the day. More than 7,500 children received new toys at the event. ♦





(l-r) Jack Scarola, Sara Bloomfield, Dr. Ann Millin, and Chris Searcy.

SDSBS Sponsors Holocaust Memorial Museum Traveling Exhibition “Banned and Burned: Literary Censorship and the Loss of Freedom”

In November, SDSBS helped sponsor a traveling exhibition from the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum titled “Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings.” The exhibition was hosted by the West Palm Beach Library Foundation at the Mandel Public Library. Its feature event, “Banned and Burned: Literary Censorship and the Loss of Freedom,” included presentations from a Holocaust survivor, the executive director of the Holocaust Museum, and a museum historian. In conjunction with the exhibit, the Foundation will host a series of events designed to explore the impact of censoring and banning books. Included will be a film series on tolerance, a live theater, and various children’s programs. ♦



SDSBS Tallahassee office participates in largest Annual Turkey Trot benefitting The Refuge House, The Shelter, and Boys & Girls Clubs

SDSBS Tallahassee office staff members participated in the 37th Annual Turkey Trot race held in Tallahassee, Florida. Almost 6,000 runners and walkers participated in the charity event, making this the largest Tallahassee Turkey Trot ever. Turkey Trot Heroes Program raised over \$11,000 for the three main non-profit organizations supported by the participants – The Refuge House, The Shelter, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend. The race itself raised a lot more contributions. SDSBS has been a participant in this event for several years. ♦



Above: Mom and children safely at home afterwards; upper right: rescuer going into storm drain; right: EMT hero with rescued baby.

WPB Fire Rescue Station #5 plays vital part in rescue of SDSBS neighbor in trouble.

In September 2012, SDSBS staff got a chance to see some of the everyday heroes of the West Palm Beach Fire Rescue Department in action. For some time, a mother duck and a number of little ducklings had homesteaded in the vicinity of SDSBS offices. Everyone enjoyed the company of the little family. One day, someone noticed that the mother duck was anxiously clucking around a nearby storm drain. Upon investigation, staff members found that one of the ducklings had fallen into the drain and could not get out. It was clucking for its mother. For a couple days, SDSBS staff tried every trick they could think of to rescue the duckling. Despite many impressive successes with its other clients, SDSBS was unable to free the trapped duckling. Finally a security officer called the West Palm Beach Fire Rescue Department for advice. The inquiry was referred to Fire Station #5. On their way back from lunch, and with permission of a supervisor, three firefighters ran over to the scene to offer help. In very quick order, one firefighter took a small net down a drain pipe while another firefighter, using a small hose, gave the duckling its first whitewater rafting trip, down the pipe and into the net. With the generous help of the everyday heroes in Fire Station #5, SDSBS was, yet again, successful in helping its clients. ♦