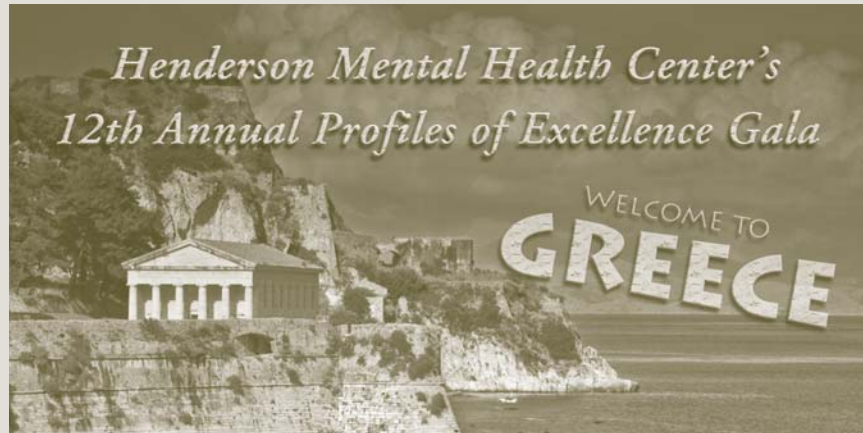


## DON'T MISS MARCH 3RD GALA... "EVENING IN THE GREEK ISLES"

It's not too late to reserve your seat for the annual gala. Tickets for this exciting event are \$150 each. This year's event also includes a raffle for a 7-night cruise vacation aboard a Royal Caribbean ship of your choice departing from the continental United States. Raffle tickets are available for \$25 each or five for \$100. Please contact Karen Drumheller at 954-777-1624 for reservations or tickets!



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## MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

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## HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER EXPANDS TO PALM BEACH COUNTY

Henderson Mental Health Center, South Florida's oldest and largest not-for-profit, behavioral healthcare system, has been selected by the state of Florida, through a competitive bidding process, to operate the Palm Beach County FACT Team. Henderson began operating the Lake Worth Road location on January 1, 2007. This award is significant because it represents Henderson Mental Health Center's first foray into Palm Beach County.

FACT is an acronym for "Florida Assertive Community Treatment," an evidence-based treatment model that uses a team approach of behavioral healthcare professionals to support 100 adults with serious mental illnesses.

Said Henderson CEO, Dr. Steven Ronik, "We are very pleased about this development on a number of levels. First, we get the opportunity to help more people with a mental illness, using a service that we pioneered in Florida, before being adopted by the state as the preferred model of treatment. Growth such as this is vital in this difficult time of Medicaid reform," adding, "While Florida remains 48th in the nation in per capita funding for mental health clients, programs such as FACT are essential to move Florida in the right direction."

Mayra Reimer, Administrator of Community Support and a longtime member of Henderson's Management Team, will oversee the program. Ms. Reimer holds a



Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling and is currently responsible for Henderson's Broward County FACT Team, in addition to

other programs, such as a residential forensic program known as the COURT Project and intensive adult case management services.

## HOLIDAY SMILES COME TO YOUNG CLIENTS THANKS TO ENROLLED AGENTS

The Florida Society of Enrolled Agents holds an annual convention where one of the favorite events is "Christmas in June" to collect teddy bears for distribution to local charities who work with children. The bears were donated by the members' tax and accounting client's, friends, and family throughout tax season.

This year will mark the third year of this project. Members collected over 2,000 stuffed creatures of all shapes, colors and sizes. They are making their way to loving homes throughout Florida to numerous children's hospitals, rehab centers, trauma centers, hospice centers, police and fire departments. For the second year, Henderson Mental Health Center's youngest clients were the happy recipients of more than 200 of these cuddly creatures. Diana Holina, President of the Broward Chapter, hopes that next year's conference at the Riverside Hotel will provide our organization with even more cuddly creatures.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO, DR. STEVEN RONIK

Dear Friends,  
 As always, we are so pleased to send you this edition of our newsletter.  
 There is so much activity at Henderson Mental Health Center, and so much we are proud of. In this issue you will read about internal and external happenings. We have received additional recognition for our services and our staff. We have continued to grow...and for the first time, outside the bounds of Broward. On January 1, 2007 we opened our second Assertive Community Treatment Team...this time, in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County. All this, of course, is really a tribute to our incredible Staff and Board of Directors. As a team, we continue to move forward.  
 This is also, of course, a time of challenge. Medicaid Reform is upon us, and we continue to fiercely advocate for our clients and their families, in the climate of managed care. Mental Health resources for South Florida remain low, and our goal continues to be one of; "doing great things in spite of inadequate resources."

Again, I wish to thank all of you for your support. Last year, in particular, was one of great community giving. We had more philanthropic support than ever before, and at a time when we need it most. Clearly, the message is getting out; our cause, and our mission, of helping underserved and disadvantaged families, is resonating with South Florida citizens. The stigma surrounding mental illness is fading. And..more and more of you are standing up and willing to be "champions" for our clients.

Our Staff, our Board, and most importantly the people we serve, deeply appreciate the kindness and support.

Sincerely,  
 Dr. Steven Ronik  
 Chief Executive  
 Officer



## HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER NAMED SAPPHIRE AWARD FINALIST RECEIVES \$5,000 PRIZE

The award recognizes Community Health Excellence and is sponsored by The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida. The purpose of The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida is to enhance access to quality health-related services through grants to nonprofit organizations that serve the state's uninsured and underserved citizens. The Sapphire Award recognizes programs that create a significant, positive impact on health-related outcomes for the state's at-risk citizens and communities.

The Cottages in the Pines COURT (Community Opportunities Utilizing Recovery) Project is a 24-bed transitional residential health treatment facility. In conjunction with Broward County's Mental Health Court, the first misdemeanor Mental Health Court in the nation, the COURT Project sets out to identify and support individuals 18 years or older with mental illness, with or without co-occurring substance abuse, who are homeless, and in need of comprehensive treatment and services. COURT serves clients arrested on non-violent misdemeanor offenses and diverts them out of the jail system into structured, community-based mental health treatment. Follow-up treatment services and housing or linkage to alternative housing options off-site are provided for up to 35 additional individuals at any given time.

The COURT Project is a novel strategy that works toward breaking the cycle of persons with mental illness revolving between jail, the street, homeless shelters and hospital emergency rooms. The Project works within the community with support from the criminal justice system, the State

Attorney's Office, Broward County Sheriff's Office, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and community providers including AA, NA, DUI School, the local library, and community education programs.

Since it began in 1998, the COURT Project has served over 750 unduplicated individuals. Last fiscal year, 158 unduplicated individuals were served. All had no income or income that fell below the Federal Poverty Level. The COURT Project is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) consistently at the highest level (requiring renewal every three years, as opposed to one or two years with lower accreditation scores).

## HMHC NAMED FINALIST FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE

In the September 8-14, 2006 issue of the South Florida Business Journal, Henderson Mental Health Center was named a finalist in two categories of the "Excellence in Healthcare Awards." The two HMHC finalists were: Dr Steven Ronik, for Healthcare CEO of the Year; and, the Placement Partnership Program (or PPP) for community-based programming. The nominees were honored at a November 2nd luncheon at the Signature Grand. Congratulations Honorees!

## FOSTER CARE CHILDREN CELEBRATE STABLE HOME LIFE WITH VISIT TO MIAMI DOLPHINS CAMP

The generosity of Henderson Mental Health Center major donor, Jack Kuhn, had twice the impact in the lives of three foster care boys living at one of the nonprofit organization's two youth foster homes. Purchased in the silent auction of the annual gala, a trip to the Dolphins Training Camp was donated back to Henderson to be used by some of the boys living in the group homes. Each was encouraged to participate in an essay contest.

Troy, 15, Sammy, 14, and Kyle, 13, shared their experiences as foster children and were among the first to receive a tour and play football on the grounds of the Dolphins' new indoor practice

facility. They also toured the team's conference rooms, locker room, and weight room. As NFL players exited the training camp, they stopped to autograph



footballs for the boys, and having grown up in foster care himself, new Miami Dolphins quarterback Daunte Culpepper had special words of encouragement to offer.



Henderson Mental Health Center operates two group homes for boys who have passed the traditional adoption age in order to provide a long-term, stable environment and counseling that the children have previously lacked. The structure and constancy of the Henderson and Charlee Houses provides a home-like environment that teaches life skills. "Troy, Sammy, and Kyle have been very successful at Henderson House," said Roscoe Morey, the boys' house parent. "Many of the children in our group homes have troubled pasts, but they have overcome this in the steady environment we offer them."

## HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS ACT AS ADVOCATES FOR HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Board Member John Day hosted a cocktail reception for guests interested in spreading the word about the good work that Henderson Mental Health Center has been doing in the community for more than fifty years. "The purpose of this event was to involve Honorary Board Members more in becoming advocates for our organization and mental health issues facing South Florida," said Board President Jon Gundlach.

Honorary Board Chair and past Board Member, Carolyn Lee, is excited to be involved with this group and looks forward to taking them to a new level of involvement with the organization. The Honorary Board's mission is to promote awareness of Henderson Mental Health Center and its needs relative to helping the mentally ill. Members will be invited to several events each year that will be both educational and social. Lee explained, "This group helps us to identify beneficial opportunities to partner throughout the community and the members act as ambassadors of Henderson Mental Health Center to create more awareness of mental health issues and erase the stigma associated with it."

"The Honorary Board is so critical for us. This is a group that 'stands up' on behalf of the mentally ill and advocates, and supports our mission," stated Dr. Steven Ronik, Henderson CEO.



## ESTATE GIFT FROM AUXILIARY MEMBER SHAY SCHWARTZ BENEFITS HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

On February 2nd of 2006, Shay Schwartz passed away at the age of 55 from pancreatic cancer. She had a heart full of giving which she demonstrated through her involvement with many local charitable organizations, including Henderson's Auxiliary. Those who knew Ms. Schwartz knew she was a person like no other, full of courage and zest for life that inspired us all.

Even after her passing, her charitable work continues. Henderson Mental Health Center received a \$10,000 gift from her estate. In her honor, a plaque will be hung in the Group Meeting Room at the Central Branch, the original site of the Clinic, where the Auxiliary held its monthly meetings.