

Habitat Broward Strengthens Board with Business, Community Leaders

Habitat for Humanity of Broward has named a new Executive Committee and appointed five business leaders to its Board of Directors as the organization continues expanding affordable homeownership opportunities throughout Broward County.

Maria Menendez, chief financial officer of GL Homes of Florida Holding Corporation and GL Financial Services, was elected board chair, succeeding Robert Taylor Jr., CEO of Burdette Beckmann, Inc. (BBI). Carlos lafigliola, president and CEO of Amerant Bank, was named vice chair. Steve Palmer, retired chief operating officer and current board member of Stiles, will

continue as treasurer, while Ray Berry, founder and CEO of Health Business Solutions, was elected secretary.

The organization also welcomed five new directors: Brent Burns, board member and former president and CEO of JM Family Enterprises; Chris Hannaka, senior vice president of Miller Construction Company; Jonathan Schwartz, vice president of real estate and business development for BBX Capital and IT'SUGAR; Matt Shore, chief executive officer of StevenDouglas; and Rob Pluta, chief product officer of JM&A Group.

"We are honored to welcome our new board members," said Habitat Broward



CEO and Executive Director Nancy Robin. "The collective expertise of our executive

committee and new directors will strengthen our efforts to address Broward County's af-

fordable housing crisis and empower more families through homeownership."

'Lead with Love' Mural Unveiled in Tamarac



Cassandra Burrell, Community Foundation; Christine Shaw, FPL; Lori Pratico, Business for the Arts Broward ; Maxine Calloway, City of Tamarac Deputy City Manager; Jennifer Bales Drake, BFA Board/ Becker; Juliet Roulac, FPL; Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, City of Tamarac; Cey Adams, Artist ; Commissioner Morey Wright City of Tamarac; Jonathan Allen, Community Foundation; Sheri Brown Grosvenor, Community Foundation; Robyn Vegas, Business for the Arts Broward; George Gadson, Public Art Consultant, City of Tamarac; Chanda Young Brown, BFA Board/FPL;

The Community Foundation of Broward, Business for the Arts Broward and the City of Tamarac have unveiled the new "Lead with Love" mural by acclaimed artist Cey Adams at the Tamarac Community Center. The vibrant public artwork, visible from Commercial Boulevard, is the sixth installation in a countywide initiative designed to promote unity through public art.

The mural is part of a nine-mural project that will place love-themed works

throughout Broward County by 2027. The initiative aims to inspire residents, celebrate cultural diversity and strengthen communities through the arts.

To celebrate the mural's completion, organizers hosted a community paint day on June 1, allowing residents, elected officials and sponsors to help complete the artwork alongside Adams. A ribbon-cutting ceremony followed on July 13, featuring remarks from Tamarac Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Commissioner Morey Wright, Community Founda-

tion of Broward Board Chair Jonathan K. Allen and other community leaders.

The "Lead with Love" project is a collaboration among the Community Foundation of Broward, Business for the Arts Broward and Cey Adams, with support from several community partners. Since adopting "Lead with Love" as its motto in 2025, the Community Foundation has used the initiative to encourage philanthropy and strengthen communities across Broward County.

Broward Performing Arts Foundation Receives Donation

To support innovative and diverse programming, arts-in-education initiatives and community engagement activities at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Genesis Inspiration Foundation presented a \$25,000 donation to the Broward Performing Arts Foundation on behalf of Genesis Motor America and Genesis automotive dealers throughout South Florida.

"We are so grateful for Genesis Inspiration Foundation's on-

going support of our arts-in-education initiatives for our students," said Ann M. Burris, Broward Performing Arts Foundation Board Vice Chair. "Their belief in the power of the arts and education programs perfectly aligns with our mission. Thanks to these types of generous donations, we can continue to make an impact, educating and inspiring more than 100,000 students annually through programs, camps and classes."



Representatives from Genesis Inspiration Foundation, local Genesis automotive dealers and Broward Performing Arts Foundation with members of the Broward Center Spotlights, a top-tier performing vocal ensemble featuring students in grades 6-12.