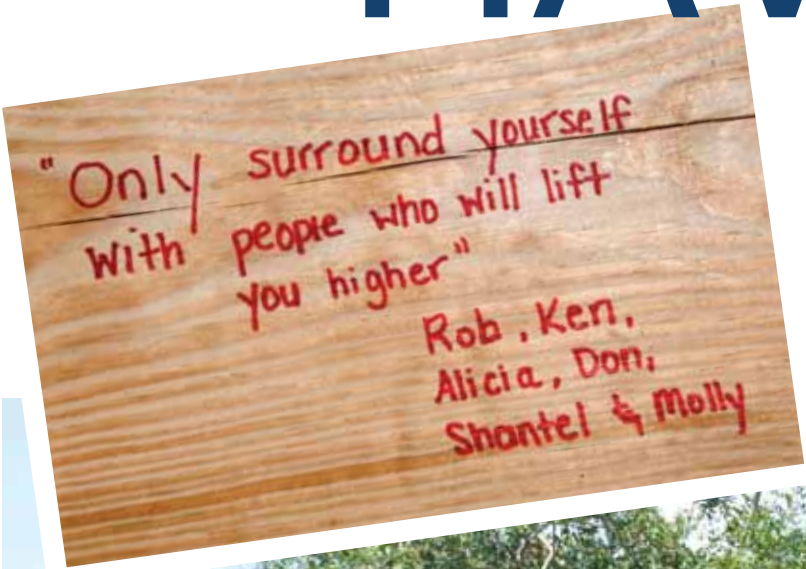


YOUTH HAVEN SPRUCE UP

by Laura Philbert



Volunteers from Goldman Sachs, Community Team Works, Wounded Warriors and Quarles & Brady

A new flowerbed here, wooden picnic tables there, a fresh coat of paint. It was all in a hard day's work spent sprucing up the campus of Youth Haven, Collier County's only homeless shelter for traumatized youth.

Twenty volunteers from various walks of life such as bankers, attorneys, accountants and wounded war veterans recently tackled several projects to beautify the children's and teen's activity areas on the Youth Haven campus. The projects ran the gamut from refurbishing a decrepit basketball court to planting colorful beds of flowers, installing garden-area pavers, assembling five brand new picnic tables and doing interior painting.

"These are areas where children congregate for recreation or group therapy, or private areas where they can go to de-escalate with a mentor or peer," said Jinx Liggett, executive director of Youth Haven.

The most immediate beneficiaries of the hard work are the 19 children currently residing on campus, and the children who are receiving care and support at Youth Haven's Children and Family Counseling Center. The organization provides services to more than 2,400 children and family members annually.

According to Liggett, experiencing acts of kindness is foreign to most of these children and becomes a powerful teaching tool. "I had a child walk the grounds with me because he couldn't believe it – that these volunteers would 'come to help us.' We are so appreciative of the positives for the children and the wonderful improvements to the campus."



Shantel Jilani and Fedor de Marchena with fellow volunteers

Naples Children & Education Foundation – founders of Naples Winter Wine Festival – and Goldman Sachs' Community TeamWorks in Miami partnered to design the Youth Haven project. This is the fourth year Goldman Sachs CTW in Miami has completed a special project for underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. This year, in addition to its own employees, the Goldman Sachs CTW in Miami recruited volunteers from Quarles & Brady and Wounded Warriors for the day of labor.

"We are all so grateful for this united, inspiring effort at Youth Haven," said Anne Welsh McNulty, NCEF trustee and chair of the 2014 Naples Winter Wine Festival. "Each year has meant a significant transformation for a children's charity."

Todd Foege, a consultant to NCEF, helped organize the day of labor. "They were an inspiring group of volunteers," Foege said. "One young man from Wounded Warriors is a double amputee, and he worked tirelessly. He



never quit and never complained. He stumbled from fatigue a few times, but kept asking what else he could do to help. And that's just one example of the tremendous sweat equity everyone put into the project."

Community TeamWorks is Goldman Sachs' global volunteer initiative that allows its people to take a day out of the office and spend it volunteering with local nonprofit organizations. In 2012, more than 25,000 Goldman Sachs people from 48 offices around the world partnered with more than 950 non-profit organizations on a diverse array of community service projects.

Youth Haven, a 501(c)(3), is Collier County's only residential emergency shelter for boys and girls ages 6-17 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Youth Haven also provides an array of home and community-based parenting education, child and substance abuse prevention programs, and onsite and community based emotional and psychological counseling. For more information, visit www.youthhaven.net.

Naples Children & Education Foundation is dedicated to making a profound and sustaining improvement in the lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. Through the Naples Winter Wine Festival, NCEF has raised more than \$110 million since 2001, making it the most successful charity wine auction in the world.

David Chavis (under bench) and Greg Ferrero



ICONIC FESTIVAL

Ranked by *Wine Spectator* as the most successful charity wine auction, the renowned Naples Winter Wine Festival will again combine fun and philanthropy to raise millions of dollars for underprivileged children from Jan. 24 – 26 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, Fla. What's behind this world-class affair?

*Adria Starkey,
Anne Welsh McNulty,
Linda Malone,
2014 NWWF co-chairs*



"We turn wine into miracles," says Adria Starkey, festival chair along with Linda Malone and Anne Welsh McNulty. "Our guests say they've never experienced anything like it," says McNulty, and Malone concurs: "Vintner dinners are stunning and the auction is high energy with legendary bids. Come join us!" The festival chairs are among 59 trustees of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, the festival's founding organization.

Exclusivity – only 550 tickets available.

Star power – 16 celebrity chefs and 28 world-renowned vintners preside over spectacularly themed, intimate vintner dinners at Gulf shore estates.

Incomparable treasures – the live auction of 60 one-of-a-kind lots electrifies the air under the auction tent. Lots include rare wines, private yacht excursions, an exotic automobile, custom jewelry and other unique treasures and trips.

Special experiences – wine tastings, culinary showcases, Meet the Kids event, a wine-down party, and celebration brunch complete the weekend.

Doing a world of good – the driving force behind the festival is raising money for underprivileged and at-risk children. More than \$110 million has been raised since 2001, and more than 150,000 children have benefited.



Images courtesy of Mila Bridger and Roland Scarpa

Participating 2014 chefs and vintners include Chef de Cuisine Bill Telepan of Telepan in New York, Chef Carrie Nahabedian of NAHA in Chicago, proprietors of Staglin Family Vineyard, Shafer Vineyards and Bodega Catena Zapata.

To acquire tickets or more information, visit www.NaplesWineFestival.com or call **888.837.4919**.