

## Philanthropy Notes

### Boca Regional Hospital gifted \$5 million

South County philanthropists Rocco and Mary Abessinio will be acknowledged in the naming of the new energy plant on the campus of Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

The couple's \$5 million donation to "Keeping the Promise — the Campaign for Boca Raton Regional Hospital" is "most impactful," CEO Lincoln Mendez said.

"Our Keeping the Promise campaign has been both a revelation and a testament to the commitment this community has always had to Boca Regional," Mendez said. "One reason that emerges regularly is the enormous generosity of those in our service area who have partnered with us as we move health care forward in Boca Raton and the region."

Rocco Abessinio founded Applied Card Systems and Applied Bank, among several other successful business forays. Together with his wife, they formed the Rocco A. and Mary Abessinio Foundation.

"We moved to the Boca Raton area 24 years ago and were immediately impressed by the distinction of the hospital and the importance of it to so many who live here," he said. "We wanted to be part of this spectacular vision, leave a family legacy and play a role in the health of the community."

For more information, call 561-955-4142 or visit [donate.brrh.com](http://donate.brrh.com).

### 300,000 diapers donated by Children's Foundation

The ninth annual Diaper Drive sponsored by Boca West Children's Foundation collected 300,000 diapers, surpassing last year's record of 280,000 thanks to the efforts of foundation members.

Other groups also contributed to the drive — which supports the Diaper Bank, Covering South Florida — helping families that struggle with diaper needs.

"Clean diapers are as essential as food to eat and a place to live for a baby," said Pamela Weinroth, executive director of the foundation. "Whether or not a child has enough clean diapers impacts not only the child's health, but their parents' ability to work. We were thrilled to surpass last year's total, especially given the 20% increase in the cost of diapers from last year."

For more information on the foundation, call 561-488-6980 or visit [bocawestfoundation.org](http://bocawestfoundation.org).

### FAU athletes part of 'Baskets for Babies'

The law firm Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas, a supporter of Florida Atlantic University, raised \$2,240 for Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County.

Relying on the sharpshooting FAU men's and women's



Rocco and Mary Abessinio

basketball teams, SSRGA committed to donating \$10 for each three-point shot made during this season's home games. The initiative was part of a campaign called "Baskets for Babies."

"We are very proud to partner with FAU and Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies," SSRGA partner Joel Feldman said. "This nonprofit organization does a wonderful job providing programming and services to expectant mothers and their families and doing all it can to promote healthy

births."

Firm representatives presented a \$1,000 check to the nonprofit during halftime of a women's game late in the season. On March 9, they presented a check for \$1,200 during the men's game, an amount that grew as the game progressed.

"A big part of our law firm's culture is to give back to the community, and through Baskets for Babies, we were able to do it in a fun and creative way," said Robin Bresky, managing partner of SSRGA's Boca Raton office.

For more information about Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, call 561-665-4500 or visit [hmbhpbpc.org](http://hmbhpbpc.org).



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### Walsh Family Donation

Fishermen's Community Hospital, Marathon — April 9



Baptist Health Foundation received a \$5 million gift from the owners of Ocean Properties Hotels and Resorts/OPAL Collection in support of the construction of the medical arts building in the Middle Keys. The gift will result in the naming of the Walsh Family Medical Arts Building. "We are very grateful to the Walsh family for this generous gift," said Alex Villoch, CEO of the foundation. "Their support is helping to expand access to high-quality health care and expert physicians in the Middle Keys so patients won't have to travel far to get care." ABOVE: (l-r) Barbara James, Mark Walsh, Linda Walsh, Dr. Jack Ziffer, Michael Walsh, Drew Grossman, Jay Hershoff and Villoch. Photo provided

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