



Volunteers at the small garden in Mainstreet at Midtown off PGA Boulevard grow vegetables including tomatoes, kale, cabbage, green beans, eggplant, broccoli and onions that are donated to charity. CONTRIBUTED

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## Community garden aids charity

**Quantum House and Place of Hope receive free fresh vegetables.**

**By Bill DiPaolo**  
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Tucked into Mainstreet at Midtown off PGA Boulevard is a one-tenth-acre garden where volunteers grow vegetables they donate to local charities.

"They bring us nutritious food that helps us take care of our families. Having fresh vegetables is so wonderful," said Robi Journey, executive director of the Quantum House in West Palm Beach, a nonprofit agency that provides temporary housing for families with children in local hospitals.

For three years, volunteers have tilled, planted, weeded and harvested everything from green beans to cabbage on the property, which is owned by the Borland Center. Volunteers, including many from Palm Beach Community Church, donate a few hours a

week, said Larry Fish, who is one of the organizers.

Volunteers start in September when they spread compost donated by Waste Management and Art by Nature Garden Center to plant seed. More volunteers are always needed, Fish said.

"We're an urban garden right in the middle of the city. We grow tomatoes, kale, cabbage, green beans, eggplant, broccoli, herbs and onions. Many people don't even know we are back here," said Fish, who is a surveyor and mapper with the Palm Beach County department of engineering and public works.

The prize crop is heirloom tomatoes. They are sold to local restaurants. Organizers use the tomato money – and private donations – to buy tools, seeds and gardening equipment. They buy plant covers for cold weather, wood stakes and metal hoops and ties for plants.

"Quantum House and Place of Hope are wonderful charities that are tremendous as-

sets to the community. It's great to help them out," said Eric Jablin, the city's vice mayor who helped establish the garden.

A former restaurant owner in New York City, Jablin established a community garden in Manhattan before moving to South Florida.

The garden will last only as long as the property remains undeveloped. That might not be long considering its prime location.

When that happens, Jablin would like to see the city establish a permanent community garden such as the one in Lake Park off Park Avenue.

"Community gardens are growing in popularity. People like to teach their kids where food comes from. They like to grow healthy food. And they like the idea of eating locally grown food," Jablin said.

For information or to volunteer, go to [pbcc.cc/community-garden](http://pbcc.cc/community-garden).

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### Federal employees support Place of Hope

After being included in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for the first time last year, Place of Hope received more than \$12,000 in allotments, beginning in April. Executive Director Charles Bender said the organization is amazed at the level of support it garnered as a newcomer to the program.

The nonprofit was included in the CFC thanks to the efforts of Tom Wilson,

a licensed foster parent with Homes of Hope, a program of Place of Hope. Wilson, who is a federal employee with the Department of Agriculture at the Port of Palm Beach, recommended Place of Hope be a part of the campaign. Mr. Wilson presented the Place of Hope mission to several groups of local federal employees, so they would know to whom they were contributing. ■

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PHILANTHROPY // SOCIAL CALENDAR

May/June

**May 3 Place of Hope 2013 Hope Bash;**  
6:30 p.m.; PGA National Resort & Spa;  
\$300; 561.775.7195

Scene & Be Seen



Bryon Russell, left, Laura Coburn, Preston Henn and Rachelle McBride



Charles Bender, left, and Chris Cline



Julie Mullins, left, and Pastor Todd Mullins

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Society Scene  
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Brenda Nocera, left, and Mickey Nocera



Nicole Henry, left, and Elin Nordgren

**Place of Hope**  
 hosted more than  
 600 guests at the  
 PGA National  
 Resort & Spa Main  
 Ballroom for "Hope  
 Bash" May 3.  
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Emanuele Cardaci, left, Jodi Cardaci, Karen Marrero, Roger Marrero,  
 Michelle Grande and Chris Grande

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## Palm Beach Galas 2013

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### 'Jeans & Jewels' Gala Draws More than 600 to Support Kids



Emanuele Cardaci, Jodi Cardaci, Karen Marrero, Roger Marrero, Michelle Grande and Chris Grande

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla.** – It was a comfortable yet elegant scene welcoming more than 600 guests to “Jeans & Jewels: Palm Beach Nights,” an evening supporting Place of Hope and its work helping Palm Beach County’s foster children.

As a special nod to the “jewels” part of the theme, Raymond Lee Jewelers, which donated 20% of the evening’s sales to Place of Hope, installed a full jewelry case in the reception area. During the silent auction, guests were able to try on and purchase various items.

**Nicole Henry** and **Elin Nordegren** co-chaired the program, which was held at PGA National Resort & Spa. **Todd McDermott**, WPBF-TV co-anchor, served as emcee.

The Berlin Family Foundation pledged a matching challenge grant for funds raised during the Hope Bash’s

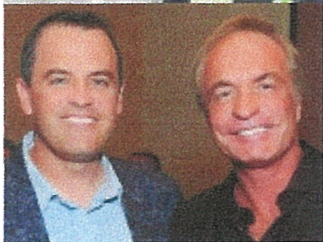


Nicole Henry and Elin Nordegren

“Bid from the Heart,” also known as a cash call, and local philanthropist **Chris Cline** donated a stay on his 164-foot luxury yacht, “Mine Games,” to the live auction.

Additional sponsors included Christ Fellowship; **Gordon and Cheri Martin**; AutoNation Cadillac; **Katherine Christoffers**; Italian Rose, **Bud and Kathy Conlan**; **Dave Donten**; **Connie Frankino**; Goldman Sachs; **Chuck Hardwick** and **Sheilagh Mylott**; **David and Gail Hess**; **Al and Dawn Hoffman**; **Chad LaBonte** and **Erin Rossitto**; **Randy Macpherson** WTAS LLC; BNY Melon; **Joy Miltenberger**; **Mickey and Brenda Nocera**; **Philip A. Jordan**, director/branch manager, The JMS Group-UBS Financial Services, Inc., Palm Beach Gardens; **Kathleen Speh**; Suntrust; **Sal and Kim Tiano**; Travani & Richter, P.A.; Waco Filters Corporation; **Harris and Debbie Weinstein**; The Cline Group; Cheney Brothers; PalmDale Oil; **Tom and Kathleen Lane**; **Daniel McGuire** and **Stephanie Trombley**; **Laura Andrassy**; Angela Reynolds Designs; BMO Private Bank; **Erin and Sean McGould**; **Elin Nordegren** – The Northern Lights Revocable Trust; Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP; The Waste-to-Energy Team; UBS Financial, **Brad and Laura Smithy**; **Dennis Belcher**; Humenansky Foundation; Law Offices of Berman & Berman; **Stephanie and Tony Munroe**; **George Pnczel**, C.P.A.; TD Bank; Commissioner **Hal and Stephanie Valeche**; and media sponsor Gulfstream Media Group.

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Proceeds from the May 3, 2013, fundraiser benefit Place of Hope, a faith-based, state-licensed organization with campuses in Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach and Boca Raton. It offers help for abused and neglected children, foster care and housing assistance, transitional housing and maternity care.

For more information, call (561) 775-7195 or visit [www.placeofhope.com](http://www.placeofhope.com).

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## **Nicole Henry, Elin Nordegren are Chairs for 2013 Hope Bash**

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL – Nicole Henry and Elin Nordegren** are co-chairing “Jeans & Jewels: Palm Beach Nights,” a benefit May 3, 2013, for Place of Hope.

**Tiffany Kenney and Todd McDermott**, WPBF-TV co-anchors, will serve as emcees of the program at PGA National Resort & Spa.

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Raymond Lee Jewelers is the evening's jewelry sponsor. Other sponsors include Christ Fellowship; **Gordon and Cheri Martin**; AutoNation Cadillac; **Katherine Christoffers**; **Bud and Kathy Conlan**; **Dave Donten**; **Connie Frankino**; Goldman Sachs; **Chuck Hardwick and Sheilagh Mylott**; **David and Gail Hess**; **Al and Dawn Hoffman**; **Chad LaBonte and Erin Rossitto**; **Randy Macpherson**, WTAS LLC; BNY Mellon; **Joy Miltenberger**; **Mickey and Brenda Nocera**; **Philip A. Jordan**, The JMS Group-UBS Financial Services, Inc., Palm Beach Gardens; **Kathleen Speh**; Suntrust; **Sal and Kim Tiano**; Travani & Richter, P.A.; Waco Filters Corporation; **Harris and Debbie Weinstein**; and media sponsor Gulfstream Media Group.

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The Berlin Family Foundation has pledged to match up to \$50,000 in donations raised from the evening's "Bid from the Heart" cash call.

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Tickets for the 2013 Hope Bash are \$300 per person.

For more information, call Sarah Livoti, (561) 775-7195.

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# FOSTERING HOPE

## *Debbie & Abbey Butler Honored for Philanthropic Endeavors*

by Lynn Kreps

Photography by Alicia Donelan

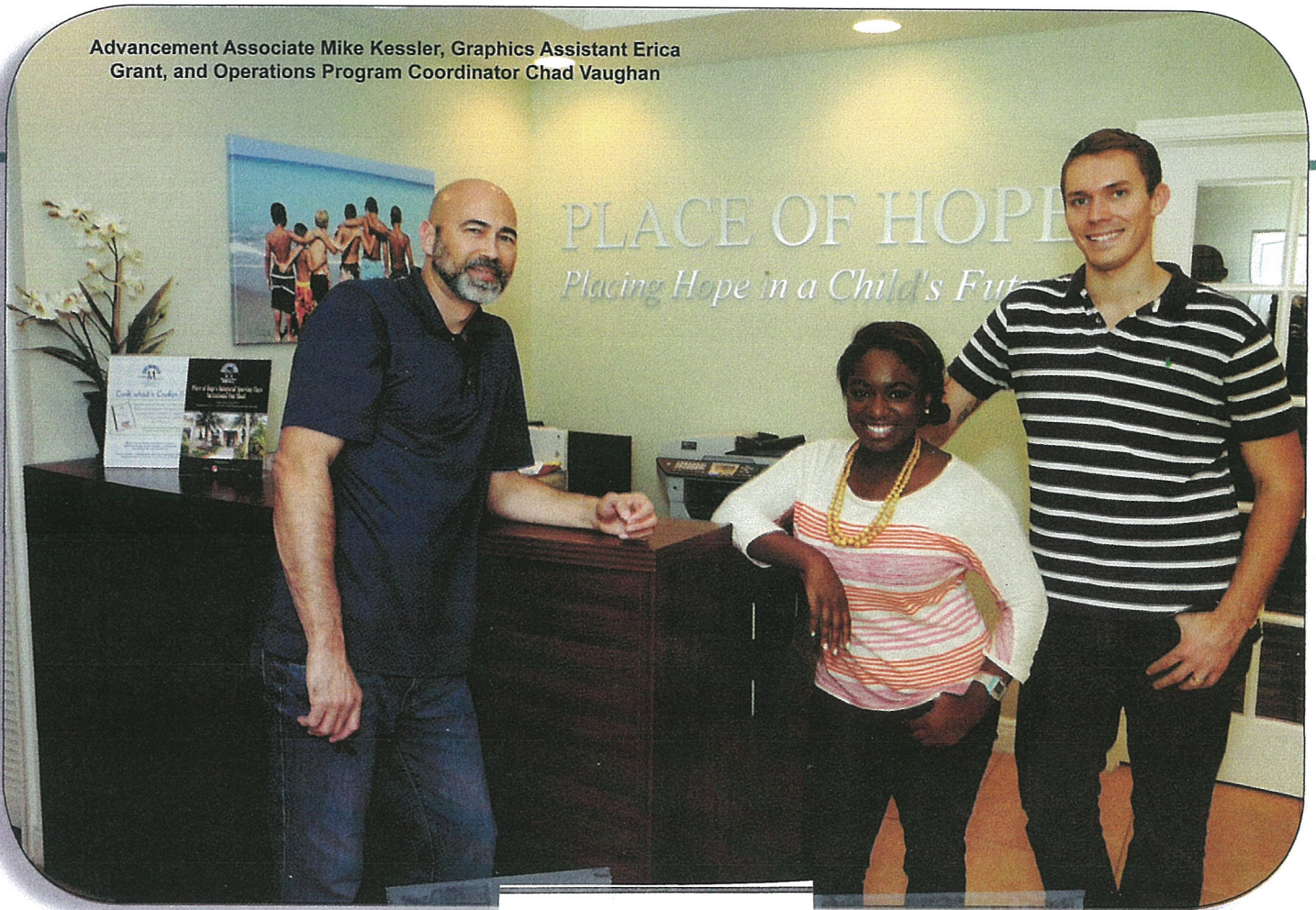
**E**very Sunday since 2004, Debbie and Abbey J. Butler mentored foster children from Place of Hope in Palm Beach Gardens. They would pick up a carload of children ages 6-18 and take them for the day to engage in activities like swimming, fish-

ing and eating lunch as a family. They would play word games in the car, practice manners at the table and spend time one-on-one to address specific concerns or needs for each child, much like parents do for their own children. But foster kids don't have access to

the same familial resources and that's where the Butlers stepped in to offer the social, mental and physical stimulation all kids should have.

Last fall, Abbey J. Butler passed away. Three of the boys mentored by the But-

Advancement Associate Mike Kessler, Graphics Assistant Erica Grant, and Operations Program Coordinator Chad Vaughan





Hanging around at the Place of Hope community playground are Executive Assistant Sarah Anne Chafin with Mike Kessler, Chad Vaughan and Erica Grant.



Debbie Butler, mentor for Place of Hope children

lers spoke at his memorial service, a testimony to the strong bonds shared between these special volunteers and their young charges. Debbie now continues the work she and her husband started together, volunteering every Sunday at Place of Hope. The Butlers were recently honored with the Pande Family Award for their commitment and passion to children in need. This award is given to supporters that go above and beyond in their active volunteering role. Debbie accepted the award on behalf of herself and her late husband.

“Abbey was the most dynamic man I’ve ever known,” said Butler. The two met when Debbie’s own triplets were just finishing high school. Butler laughed, “Part of the deal was that he embraced my children and me at the same level.” Debbie was an extremely active mother, so when her kids moved on to college, there was a void in the home she decided to fill by volunteering at Place of Hope.

Said Butler, “My kids were such an important part of my life, and when they were gone I found that the everyday activities with my contemporaries didn’t fulfill my need for giving

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