

## IWSD seeks to fill vacancies

The Immokalee Water & Sewer District is governed by a local Board of Commissioners, which consists of seven members.

There are now several vacancies on the Board. Board members make decisions about District policies, including water and sewer rates, employee salaries, benefits, and other items.

The Governor of the State of Florida appoints these board members. Immokalee residents who are interested in serving on the Board are invited to submit an application on line from the Governor's website (<https://forms.flgov.com/Questionnaire.aspx>).

Qualified candidates must be registered voters, residents of the District, and citizens of the United States. There is a link on our website ([www.iw-sd.com](http://www.iw-sd.com)) to the Governor's website.

See Page 2 for information about how to contact the newspaper.

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## Chamber meets Indians' new head coach

by **Patty Brant**  
Immokalee Bulletin

IHS Athletic Director Tony Allen introduced the Indian's new head coach Rich Dombroski at a recent Immokalee Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

Coach Dombroski, former offensive tackle at the University of Georgia, made the most of his turn to speak to the group.

He was a high school All American and a graduate of University of Georgia. Football, he said, is his passion and he hopes the community will get behind him and its team.

He came to Immokalee from Estero High School and has been in Immokalee only a few weeks.

Still, he told the group, he came to talk about academics not athletics. He noted that the NCAA is putting more emphasis on academics, increasing its required minimum GPA from 2.0 to 2.3 in core curriculum.

This year, Coach Dombroski said, 65 percent

of all this year's student athletes would not qualify with the new rule.

He said his goal is, of course, to build a winning football team but more importantly he wants to get more students "out of Immokalee" to earn a free education. The hope is that they will learn, experience, and then bring it all back home to pass it along to young people here.

Football will end some day for these kids, he said. They have to have something else to base their lives on.

Very few will ever get to the top level of play and, even for those who do, the average NFL career is just 2.3 years.

"Your degree will carry you for the rest of your life," he tells his players. His own father told him, "Your brain will take you farther than your legs will."

And he found out for himself just how true that is.

Football can help them get better opportunities in life.

"Immokalee athletes coming back to

Immokalee with degrees - that's what I want to see. That's my goal. A state championship will be nice, but the education is what counts most."

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**Coach Rich Dombroski**

## Business women gain from monthly networking sessions

by **Patty Brant**  
Immokalee Bulletin

Area business women gathered once again for the Women's Networking luncheon June 12 at the One-Stop Center. The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event. Guest speaker and mentor Michelle Spitzer captured everyone's attention with her fascinating success story.

A successful entrepreneur, Michelle began her own cleaning service, earning extra money to attend Hodges University. She eventually transformed her successful company, Michelle's Classy Cleaning, into a national franchise for MaidPro.

She described how she built her business and how she managed to successfully make it through the years of economic downturn by making "the hard decisions." Since going through the rough business environment of recent years, she said she learned along the way,

faced challenges, made serious adjustments and even got help from retired business people in SCORE.

She said she now "watches the bottom line more and continues to save money, but is re-growing her business."

With over 70 employees, she services Lee and Collier counties, and plans to expand into Charlotte and Sarasota.

She told the group that her number 1 most valuable lesson was: Never quit.

Michelle said she gets most of her employees from referrals but suggested entrepreneurs "never stop recruiting."

She told the women, "Without integrity, nothing works."

Marie Capita, Director of the Immokalee Business Development Center, is looking forward to her organization becoming a non-profit, called IMBiz, in its own right.

She said at some point in the future she expects her organization to move to Immokalee

Airport or Hodges University.



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# National HIV Testing Day 'Take the test, take control'

Collier: June 27th marks the 19th annual observance of National HIV Testing Day (NHTD), which reminds all Americans that HIV testing is an important step in the pre-

vention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 14 and 64 take an HIV

test at least once a year. The decision to take the test is the first step in taking responsibility for your health and the health of others with whom you may be intimately involved.

An estimated 52,000 Americans each year are newly infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Approximately 8 percent of those new infections occur in Florida. New CDC data indicates that there are now over 1.7 million Americans living with HIV, and at least 25 percent of those do not know that they are HIV-positive.

In Collier County, we have over 1,500 reported cases of HIV/AIDS; our number of new cases for the past 5 years has been an average of 50 a year. Whether we realize it or not, HIV/AIDS is in our neighborhoods, and it affects all of us here in Collier County.

June 24: Free Rapid Testing Rapid HIV

Testing, Marion E. Fether Center 8-4 p.m.

June 25: Free Rapid Testing Rapid HIV Testing, Marion E. Fether Center 8-4 p.m.

June 26: Free Rapid Testing Rapid HIV Testing, Marion E. Fether Center 8-4 p.m.

Free Rapid HIV Testing & HEP Screening: DOH-Collier (Immokalee) 8-4 p.m.

June 27: Free Rapid HIV Testing & HEP Screening: DOH-Collier (Immokalee) 8-4 p.m.

June 28: Free Rapid Testing Rapid HIV Testing, Marion E. Fether Center 8-4 p.m.

For more information about these events, please contact

Nilda Proenza or Isidra Gomes at, Collier County Health Department, 239-252-2683.

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Sabado 24 de agosto 8 a.m. a 6 p.m. y domingo 25 de agosto 8 a.m. a 4 p.m. en las instalaciones de Guadalupe "Social Service Catholic Charities," 211 9th Street Door #7, Immokalee 239-657-6242.

## Collier Family Farms closed for summer

NAPLES, FL., -- June 13, 2013 – Collier Family Farms, the area's newest certified organic farm, will close to the public this summer.

During the months of June, July and August, the farmers will travel to various organic farms in the United States to share and learn new ideas for alternative, safe growing methods.

"Farming is constantly evolving, with new ideas and better practices introduced every day," states Lara Collier of Collier Family Farms.

"The open-door policy of many small, family-owned farms is a valuable conduit of information for the independent farmer. We plan to take advantage of the summer to explore new opportunities and prepare for the launch of our CSA program in the fall."

Collier Family Farms will begin taking reservations for a Community Supported Agri-

culture (CSA) program to begin in the fall.

Those interested in learning more about the CSA program can register online at [www.collierfamilyfarms.com](http://www.collierfamilyfarms.com).

Collier Family Farms is located on 45 gross acres in eastern Collier County, within the development of Ave Maria.

With a focus on locally-grown, pesticide-free, non-GMO produce and citrus, Collier Family Farms offers a variety of fruits and vegetables for sale.

Collier Family Farms is located at 5321 Ave Maria Boulevard in Ave Maria, Florida 34142.

For more information, please visit [www.collierfamilyfarms.com](http://www.collierfamilyfarms.com) and their Facebook page, or call 239-398-4157.



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## Coach

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He said he's seen many recruiters come to Immokalee and is focusing on looking for those District 2 and 3 colleges for most Immokalee athletes.

"That's where their best opportunities lie," he said.

To end his presentation, Coach Dombroski expressed his need for community support to help the program grow.

Earlier in the program, Mr. Allen made note of some of Immokalee High School Indian's highlights for this year.

He said IHS had the #2 Cross Country team in the state;

Soccer had an outstanding year; It was the best softball season of the school's history'

IHS sent two track team members to state; and IHS was in Florida's top five state athletics for 2012-13.

Mr. Allen noted that the 2013-14 athletic season is starting out with a bang. It will be the first time that an out-of-state team comes to Immokalee for the football season opener August 30.

It will be a team all the way from Maryland.

"I am an Immokaleean." Mr. Allen told the chamber group, adding that he wants to bring good staff to Immokalee to help build the team.

In addition, Fred Thomas noted that IHS has a top notch BETA Club that consistently ranks in the top 30 of the country.

# Community Briefs

## Get your athletic physical

The Immokalee Seminole League will be offering league participants sports physicals on Friday, June 28, at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce office located at 1390 North 15th Street Suite 200 from 5-8 p.m. Physical fee is \$20.

For more information call 239-867-1859.

## iGeneration

Coming this fall a new charter school (grades 6-12). Limited space - enrolling now! iGeneration Empowerment Academy, 1411 Lake Trafford Road. Call 239-304-1221 Irma Miller, Campus Director.

## Learn to land government contracts

The US Small Business Administration is holding a brown bag workshop to help small businesses in the area learn how to land government contracts.

This is your opportunity to learn how to win some of these government dollars. Friday, July 19, noon till 1:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Works Building (One Stop), 750 S. Fifth Street, Immokalee.

## Democrats to meet

The Democratic Club of Immokalee will meet on Tuesday, June 25, at 6:45 p.m., at Mi Ranchito, 710 W. Main Street, #A, Immokalee (239) 657-1766.

The club will discuss the Immokalee Votes campaign to increase voter participation in the electoral process. The meetings are open to all.

## South Park closed for construction

Immokalee South Park, located at 418 School Drive, is closed. A new community park building will be under construction throughout this summer and fall. Construction is expected to be complete by January 2014.

The new building will house programs such as voluntary pre-kindergarten, after school programs, summer camp, senior programs, arts and crafts, and special events.

The building will have classrooms and a community room for residents to enjoy.

For more information, contact Annie Alvarez at (239) 867-4121 ext 206, or (239) 252-4449.

## Conference at Ave Maria

All high school age youth from rising freshman to graduating seniors are invited to the 6th Annual Ave Maria University Youth Conference "BELIEVE" July 12-14, 2013. Join youth from all over the country for this dynamic, fun and faith filled weekend! The cost is only \$150 and includes conference fee, lodging and meals, PLUS a t-shirt! Speakers include; Catholic Answers, Matt Fradd, Founder of All4Him Ministries, Mary Bielski, FOCUS and nationally known abstinence speaker and author, Pam Stenzel.

The weekend will be hosted by Mike "Gomer" Gormely with music provided by Martin Doman and the Band.

Register today by visiting [www.avemariayouthconference.com](http://www.avemariayouthconference.com), email [conferences@avemaria.edu](mailto:conferences@avemaria.edu) or call (239) 348-4725 for more information.

## Colossal Coaster World

Immokalee First Seminole Baptist Church, 810 Church Lane, is putting on a Colossal Coaster World June 17-21 nightly from 6-8:30 p.m. The church would like you to join them for some fun, food and games.

For rides call Pastor Josh Leadingfox at 239-370-0230.

## Breastfeeding mothers group

Learn about the many benefits of breastfeeding, get advice and tips, speak with breast-feeding peer counselors Myda and Noemi, meet and share experiences with other breastfeeding mothers. Pregnant women welcome.

Come to the Collier County Department of Health Room 133 every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. For additional information call 239-252-7347 or 239-252-7312.

## Summer Programs provided

Providers of Immokalee youth programs are planning an expanded summer program through GPS, a youth initiative of the Naples Children & Education Foundation. GPS is looking for highly qualified teachers, artists and coaches who enjoy working with students and would like to share their special talents and skills during the summer.

If you are interested in applying, résumés should be sent to Jamie Scott by email at [jscott@sfdwb.org](mailto:jscott@sfdwb.org) or mail to 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, Florida 34142.

Résumés should include areas of expertise and fees, if applicable. Note that all applicants are required to complete a background screening prior to beginning work.

GPS programs offer a diversity of opportunities for Immokalee youth in out-of-school-time settings.

The new collaboration seeks to improve educational outcomes and provide students tools for life-long success. GPS Summer 2013 is the result of planning by Miracle/Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, RCMA, Parks and Recreation, Guadalupe Center, Immokalee Foundation, Boys

and Girls Club of Collier County, RCMA and Immokalee Housing and Family Services.

## Nance office in Immokalee

Collier Commissioner Tim Nance opened his new office in the Immokalee Government Center, 106 South First Street.

Regular office hours for Nance at the government center will be established soon.

# "Give Back - Fill a Pack" School Drive benefits young shelter participants

"Give Back - Fill a Pack" to help The Shelter for Abused Women & Children meet the back-to-school needs of children receiving services at the non-profit domestic violence center.

Running through August 1, 2013, the "Give Back - Fill a Pack" drive helps provide school supplies to children accessing services in August, when school resumes, and throughout the year ahead as they seek safety and support at The Shelter.

The Shelter offers several ways for individuals and organizations to become involved:

- Adopt a Student: Fill the back-to-school needs of one or more students. The Shelter will provide a basic back-to-school shopping list, the age and gender of student(s) "adopted"
- Back to School Wish List: Host a Give Back Donation Drive, or choose anything

from the Back to School Wish List to donate

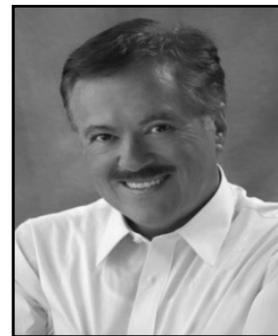
- Donate a Dollar: Stop by the register at Options Thrift Shoppe and donate a dollar to fill the small school house

The Shelter will be tracking the "Give Back - Fill a Pack" progress and invites the community to watch the "Ruler Rise" at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Avenue N, Naples.

Donations are due by Thursday, August 1, 2013, and can be dropped at Options between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

For more information on "Give Back - Fill a Pack," please call 239.775.3862, ext. 235, or email: [RThompson@NaplesShelter.org](mailto:RThompson@NaplesShelter.org)

To learn more about The Shelter, please call 239.775.3862, or visit [www.naplesshelter.org](http://www.naplesshelter.org).



## LARRY FORD IN CONCERT

Sunday June 23, 2013

10:45am - 12:00pm

First Baptist Church  
1411 Lake Trafford Road  
Immokalee, FL 34142

Larry has been a featured vocalist on many of the Gaither Homecoming DVD's, which regularly top the Bill Board charts. He was also a participant in Bill and Gloria Gaither's Grammy award winner, Homecoming at Kennedy Center in 2000. The Grammy-winning former pastor has made albums not just of hymns and praise music, but of patriotic American songs and Irish folk tunes. There is not cost for the concert but a love offering will be received. *Everyone is welcome.*

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## ECity Parade on June 29!

Historic Everglades City is always first - the first Collier County seat and now the first in the area to celebrate Independence Day. The annual family-fun festival to commemorate America's founding will be on Saturday, June 29, this year. The Opening Ceremony is at 10 a.m. on the steps of City Hall (the former county courthouse). That is followed at 10:30 a.m. by the Patriotic Parade, the theme of which this year is "Stars & Stripes." There are prizes for the best floats which may be anything from golf carts to swamp buggies. The fun continues in McLeod Park when booths open at 11:a.m. featuring hotdogs and sodas, bake sale, music, face painting, arts and crafts vendors, raffles, kiddies' best dressed contest and playground games. In the evening the grande finale is the dramatic musical fireworks display at 9 p.m. For information, phone Elaine at (239) 695-2695. DIRECTIONS: From I-75 (Alligator Alley) take Exit-80 south on SR-29 and travel about 18 miles. Cross US-41 (Tamiami Trail) and continue south on SR-29 for another 4 miles. The imposing Everglades City Hall will be on your right as you approach the Circle. McLeod Park, with its playground and tennis courts, is in the next lot.

## Keep kids safe this summer

TALLAHASSEE – As summer begins and children spend time in new settings with unfamiliar caregivers, it's an important time for parents to arm them with information to keep kids safe from sexual abuse. That's why the Florida Department of Children and Families and Lauren's Kids teamed up to provide new educational tools for parents, children and youth-serving organizations.

The summer safety push includes launch of a free online parent toolkit to help parents talk with their children about how to stay safe through videos, interactive scenarios and parent and kid tips. Also available is an online Web training and handbooks for youth-serving organizations to teach their staff and volunteers how to spot and report abuse, and protocols to keep children, staff and volunteers safe.

"Summer is an important time to open up the lines of communication and make sure children know they can come to their trusted adults with anything," said Lauren Book, M.S. Ed Founder and CEO of Lauren's Kids. "It's very helpful to run scenarios by children and help them imagine how they would handle different situations."

Parents also can benefit from the resources of the "Don't Miss the Signs" campaign, a comprehensive public awareness campaign that launched earlier this year that aims to educate Floridians about the signs of child abuse as well as their obligation to report

suspected abuse.

Ninety percent of child sexual abuse victims know their offender in some way.

"Sex offenders seek out places where children are, so youth-serving organizations need to keep their guard up and learn how to be a strong first line of defense against sexual abuse," said Department of Children and Families Secretary David Wilkins. "These resources give parents and caregivers important, new tools to help keep children safe."

To promote a safer summer experience, Florida requires all owners, operators, employees and volunteers who work more than 10 hours a month to undergo background screening for state and criminal histories. DCF wants to remind summer camp operators of Florida's background screening requirements and encourages them to add their summer camp listings to DCF's state-wide database.

Summer camp has long been a tradition for kids and is an important part of child development. It is crucial that parents ask questions and make sure any summer camp personnel are appropriately screened. Parents can also search DCF's database of summer camps whose personnel have confirmed background screenings. For more information and to search DCF's summer camp database, go to [www.dcfbackgroundscreening.com](http://www.dcfbackgroundscreening.com).

## Hot meals at schools

Free, nutritionally balanced, hot meals (breakfast and lunch) will be available to all children 18 years old and younger in Immokalee at the following sites:

Monday thru Thursday (4 days per week)  
Monday, June 17, and will close Thursday, July 25, at Lake Trafford Elementary – breakfast: 7:30-8 a.m.; lunch: 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

(3500 Lake Trafford Road, in Immokalee, 377-7300)

Monday thru Friday (5 days per week)  
Monday, June 10, and will close Friday, August 2:

• Immokalee High – breakfast: 6:45-7:30 a.m.; lunch: 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (701

Immokalee Drive, in Immokalee, 377-1800)

• Immokalee Middle – breakfast: 8-8:30 a.m.; lunch: 12:30-1 p.m. (401 9th Street South, 377-4200)

Monday thru Friday (5 days per week)  
Monday, June 10, and will close Friday, July 26, Pinecrest Elementary – breakfast: 8-9 a.m.; lunch: 12-1 p.m., 313 9th Street South, in Immokalee (377-8000)

The program is open to all children under the age of 18 whether enrolled in a summer school or not, and regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin. Be sure to call the site in advance and ask for serving times.

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## Christian music concert

Larry Ford will be in concert Sunday, June 23, 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1411 Lake Trafford Road, Larry has been a featured vocalist on many of the Gaither Homecoming DVD's, which regularly top the Bill Board charts. He was also a participant in Bill and Gloria Gaither's Grammy award winner, Homecoming at Kennedy Center in 2000. The Grammy-winning former pastor has made albums not just of hymns and praise music, but of patriotic American songs and Irish folk tunes. There is not cost for the concert but a love offering will be received. Everyone is welcome.

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# Teach all children how to swim

Or fence around your pool area for their safety urges the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

WASHINGTON- A new report out today from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reveals that children younger than age 5 represent more than 75 percent of all pool and spa submersion deaths and 78 percent of pool and spa submersion injuries in the United States involving children younger than 15 years of age. Government data also show that African-American and Hispanic children between the ages of 5 and 14 are at a higher risk of drowning.

"Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children between the ages of 1 and 4 and minority children drown in pools at an alarming rate," said CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum. "The lives of countless children can be saved this summer. Take simple safety steps today- teach all children to swim, put a fence around all pools, and always watch children in and around the water."

CPSC's Pool Safely campaign is focusing its attention on populations most at risk of drowning:

- Children between the ages of 1 and 3 represented 67 percent of reported fatalities and 64 percent of injuries.

- African-American children between the ages of 5 and 19 are six times more likely to drown in pools than white and Hispanic children that age, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Data from USA Swimming indicate that 70 percent of African-American children and 62 percent of Hispanic children cannot swim, making them more likely to drown.

The new CPSC Pool or Spa Submersions: Estimated Injuries and Reported Fatalities, 2013 Report shows annual averages of:

- 390 pool or spa-related drownings for children younger than 15 with 76 percent (296) of the victims being younger than 5;

- 5,100 pool or spa-related emergency department-treated submersion injuries for children younger than 15 with 78 percent (4,000) of the injured being younger than 5.

CPSC Chairman Tenenbaum presented the annual Submersion and Entrapment reports for 2013 at an event today at the

William H. Rumsey Aquatic Center in Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Hill neighborhood. Chairman Tenenbaum was joined by U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (Fla.-23); Suzy DeFrancis, Red Cross Chief Public Affairs Officer, and Katey Taylor, mother of entrapment victim, Abbey Taylor. Jesus Aguirre, Director of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, welcomed the group to the popular neighborhood pool.

"As we head into summer and families across the country are getting ready to take their kids to the pool, we must remind everyone how important it is to keep a careful watch on our children as they swim and ensure that their pools and spas have proper safety equipment," said Rep. Wasserman Schultz. "Working together, we can improve the safety of all pools and spas by increasing the use of layers of protection and promoting uninterrupted supervision to prevent child drowning and entrapment. With government programs like the CPSC's Pool Safely, people can learn simple steps to take to save lives."

"Learning how to swim saves lives," said Suzy DeFrancis, Chief Public Affairs Officer for the American Red Cross. "The American Red Cross encourages all families to enroll in Learn-to-Swim programs by contacting your local pool." Families can learn about

Red Cross programs and find water safety tips by going to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

New data from CPSC's 2013 Submersion Report compile information on reported pool or spa-related drownings between 2008 and 2010 and estimated pool or spa-related injuries from 2010 through 2012 for children younger than 15. The estimated averages for the three-year periods represented show:

- Residential locations dominated incidents involving victims younger than 5 years of age; 85 percent of the fatalities occurred at residential pools or spas. About 50 percent of the injuries and 73 percent of the fatalities involving children younger than 15 years occurred at a residence.

- Of the reported pool fatalities for children younger than age 15, about 60 percent (231) occurred in in-ground pools; 15 percent (59) in above-ground pools, and nearly 10 percent (37) in portable pools.

- There were no reported entrapment fatalities for 2012. The last recorded fatality of a child due to suction entrapment was in 2007. CPSC received seven reports of entrapment injury incidents during 2012.

For the complete reports see: Pool and Spa Submersions 2013 and Circulation/Suction Entrapments 2013. The years for reported injury and fatality statistics differ due to a lag in fatality reporting.

## Eye Centers of Florida introduces Davis Vision benefits

Fort Myers, Fla. – June 18, 2013 – David C. Brown, M.D., F.A.C.S., Founder and Medical Director of Eye Centers of Florida is pleased to introduce Davis Vision benefit coverage at its Immokalee office and its Hendry County offices located in LaBelle and Clewiston. The Davis Vision benefit plan is currently offered through several city, county and state government programs and covers comprehensive eye examinations with dilation, including coverage for eyeglasses and contact lenses, where prescribed.

"We're pleased to offer our Davis Vision insured patients in Clewiston, Immokalee and LaBelle an opportunity to now have access to our high quality vision care services as a new provider under the Davis Vision program," said Dr. Brown. "Davis Vision insureds will now have an alternative choice of professional eye doctors in the area, and we think that freedom of choice is important to families."

### About Davis Vision, Inc.

Davis Vision is part of the HVHC Inc. group of companies, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas that also includes Vision-Works of America and Viva International Group. Davis Vision has been providing comprehensive vision benefits for nearly 50 years and currently serves more than 55 million vision care consumers with vision care programs nationwide through a provider network of ophthalmologists, optometrists and dispensing locations at more than 37,000 points of access, in both private and retail settings. For more information, visit [www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com).



David C. Brown

### About Eye Centers of Florida

David C. Brown, M.D., F.A.C.S. founded Eye Centers of Florida in 1971, the most respected and experienced ophthalmology vision practice in Southwest Florida. It offers a broad array of vision care services for the treatment of eye conditions such as glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration. For more information, visit [www.ecof.com](http://www.ecof.com), call (239) 939-3456, or stop by any of their three south Florida locations that offer the new Davis Vision benefit: 820 W. Sugarland Highway, Clewiston, FL 33440; 555 N. 15th Street, Immokalee, FL 34142; or 870 West Hickpochee Avenue, Unit 1400, LaBelle, FL 33935. Eye Centers of Florida has nine other offices located in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres, Naples, and Port Charlotte.

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### Cancer Society

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# Register contact information before disaster strikes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The recent disasters in Oklahoma highlighted the need for law enforcement to have access to emergency contact information. Now as Floridians brace for the 2013 Hurricane Season and create disaster preparedness plans, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles encourages you to make sure first responders know who to notify if you are in an emergency situation. The Department offers Emergency Contact Information registration online at <https://services.flhsmv.gov/eci/> and in driver license offices (to include driver license offices operated by county tax collectors).

Floridians who hold a current driver license or identification card can enter up to two contacts into the ECI database. Even if you have registered your information previously, it is a good idea to update your contacts periodically, especially if you or your contacts have moved. It takes only a few minutes, and there is no fee to register. The information you register is only available to law enforcement officers in the event of an emergency.

“Registering your emergency contact information can provide families and loved

ones with added peace of mind,” said DHSMV Executive Director Julie L. Jones. “We are pleased that more than 7 million Floridians have registered their contacts, but that leaves nearly 10 million whose contact information is not available to police.”

“The Florida Highway Patrol has run into situations where a person involved in a crash had registered their emergency contact information but failed to update it,” said FHP Director Col. David Brierton. “Outdated information can significantly delay our efforts to provide quick notification to families and loved ones.”

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov), follow us on Twitter @FDHSMV or find us on Facebook.

# David Lawrence Center expands Crossroads Aftercare Services

Naples, Fl – The David Lawrence Center, Collier County’s only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce the expansion of Aftercare Services at Crossroads, the 18-bed adult residential substance abuse treatment program located at the main campus off of Golden Gate Parkway.

Crossroads Aftercare Services are free for alumni who have successfully completed the residential treatment program and are designed to keep the basics of recovery front of mind, prevent relapse, provide guidance and inspiration as they adjust to sobriety and help avoid common pitfalls so they can flourish in their daily life. The services include structured group meetings facilitated by Crossroads staff, onsite 12-step meetings and individual aftercare support sessions when indicated.

Crossroads Clinical Supervisor Nancy Dauphinais said, “Many relapses occur in the first three months following treatment. Our expanded Aftercare Services are designed to provide support, education and coping skills during this critical period.”

Aftercare group sessions are focused on promoting a positive lifestyle and continuing the stabilization process as clients return to living in the community. The program focuses on understanding dynamics of relapse, identifying and developing recovery maintenance skills, understanding internal and external triggers, learning about resources and support systems, developing an ongoing recovery maintenance plan, and addressing re-emerging symptoms. Treatment length is individualized and usually lasts four to twelve weeks.

Dauphinais adds, “We are dedicated to

supporting our alumni to further ensure their ability to achieve and sustain life-changing wellness. These expanded Aftercare Services are a beneficial influence in helping clients maintain the improvements they experienced during their stay in our residential treatment program.”

Expanding the Aftercare Services is one of several program enhancements made to the Crossroads program in the last year. Additional services implemented include onsite yoga, equine-facilitated psychotherapy, tobacco cessation groups, art therapy and enhanced family support services.

David Lawrence Center is the Southwest Florida-based, not-for-profit leading provider of behavioral health solutions dedicated to inspiring and creating life-changing wellness for every individual. The Center provides innovative, comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, residential and community based prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 30,000 people each year. For more information about David Lawrence Center call 239-455-8500 or visit [www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org).

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# Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida honored with award

North Fort Myers — Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida has been honored with a 2013 Advocacy Leader Award from Goodwill Industries International. The award recognizes a Goodwill® agency that has demonstrated leadership and commitment to advancing Goodwill's advocacy and policy efforts to further its mission of helping people secure employment and build stronger communities.

President and CEO Tom Feurig has placed a priority on relationship-building and regularly invites policymakers to tour the agency's operations including mission services, donated goods retail and contracts. State Senate Majority Leader Lizbeth Benacquisto (R-30) met with Feurig in August and toured the administrative offices, a Job-Link site, a retail store, the L.I.F.E. Academy charter school for students with developmental disabilities and Hatton B. Rogers Retirement Community. She returned in October with three of her staff members to volunteer at the Goodwill's Trailways Camp, a sleep-over camp for adults with disabilities.

Staff members from the offices of U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson also met with Goodwill staff to learn about the many ways that Goodwill strengthens families and communities.

"Tom and his staff have done an excellent job of keeping Goodwill's mission on policymakers' radar," said Jim Gibbons, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries Interna-

tional. "Site visits paint a vivid picture of the Goodwill's successful business and mission services model. They are to be commended for their diligence in advocating for policies that affect the people Goodwill serves."

About Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida:

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. provides programs and services to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome their barriers to independence. Supported programs include Goodwill Job-Link centers, disability-accessible housing, and the Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute. For more information visit [www.GoodwillSWFL.org](http://www.GoodwillSWFL.org).

About Goodwill Industries International:

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 165 community-based agencies in the United States and Canada with 14 affiliates in 13 other countries. Goodwill is one of Forbes' top 25 most inspiring companies. (Forbes, 2012) Goodwill agencies are innovative and sustainable social enterprises that fund job training programs, employment placement services and other community-based programs by selling donated clothing and household items in more than 2,800 stores and online at [shopgoodwill.com](http://shopgoodwill.com). To find a Goodwill location near you, use the online locator at [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org), or call (800) GOODWILL. Find us on Facebook: GoodwillIntl or follow us on Twitter: @GoodwillCapHill, @GoodwillIntl.



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## Business Loan

Immokalee Business Development Center participants received a micro loan from Metro Broward, a not-for-profit center that lends money to small businesses. Along with the Howards, two of our other businesses also received micro loans from Florida Community Bank and ACION to expand their business. This is exciting news for the center because when these businesses enrolled in the program, they couldn't obtain a loan for their businesses. However, while in the program, they worked on their credit, developed a business plan, and attended some financial wellness workshops for their businesses. The owners were able to sit in an interview with a financial person to answer questions about their business, thus at the end of the day, convincing the bank that their business was solid enough for them to make an investment. The program will continue monitoring these businesses to make sure that they are keeping up with payments and working hard on their businesses. The IBDC will soon become an independent not-for-profit entity. This new status will enable us to apply for an increased range of grant funding thereby, allowing the agency to increase its positive impact on the Immokalee business community. Pictured from left: Marie Capita, Sharon and Reginald Howard, and Michael Carn from Metro Broward.



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