

Pinnacle Kids

National Board Certified Career and Technical Education teacher Deena George leads by example, inspiring her students to set goals, and then work hard to achieve them.

Pinnacle Kids recently donated funds to help send students at Independence Middle School's Pre-Business IT Academy to the FBLA State Conference in Orlando

The Academy, which hosts an FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter of more than 140 students, teaches sixth through eighth graders computer, business, management and career skills, and allows eighth graders to earn high school credit and industry certification as an Internet Business Associate.

State funding only covers the program's basics such as software, computers, and industry certification, but according to Ms. George, "our students are achieving at such a high level that they want to compete at the district and state level, and that's where fundraising comes in."

Lang Realty

Lang Realty raised more than \$10,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society as part of its annual "In the Pink" campaign, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"I am proud of our team who rallied in support of such a great cause," said Scott Agran, president of Lang Realty. "Many of our own agents and staff have personally battled this disease or have gone through this with loved ones."

Half of the donations were raised through a percentage of each closing in October, and more than \$5,000 was raised through pledges made for employees participating in the annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walks in Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Port St. Lucie.

As part of the month-long promotion, Lang's branding and advertising turned pink and offices were decorated with pink décor and pink-themed events took place throughout the company.

Allied Capital and Development of South Florida

Jupiter Community High School received a \$50,000 check during its homecoming game to support the construction of new athletic facilities.

The check was presented by Allied Capital and Development of South Florida LLC and its new Harbourside Place development.



Ernie Cox, left, Anthony Mastroianni and Sarah Lott

The donation kicks off the school's fundraising initiative for a new track and field, the first part of a comprehensive five-year athletic facility plan that will cost \$750,000. The new facilities will enhance athletic opportunities for students and residents, as well as give the school the opportunity to host athletic track meets.

National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI)



NCCI employees Heidi Mangum, Judy Joffe, and Nadege Bernard-Ahrendts

NCCI's United Way fall campaign featured fundraising events with a "Lights Camera Action - Let's Play Our Part" movie theme and raised more than \$259,000.

NCCI also hosted an "Agency Forum," where 35 United Way-supported agencies set up booths in NCCI's atrium to let employees know how their donated dollars were at work in the community.

Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County



Rabbi Josh Broide

The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County announced that Rabbi Josh Broide has joined its professional staff as the organization's first director of community engagement.

Most recently, Rabbi Broide was the outreach rabbi for Boca Raton Synagogue, where he previously served as executive director and as the youth and teen rabbi. Broide also served as local director of the Jewish Student Union and as rabbi at Hillel of Broward & Palm Beach.