



Gifts from the heart

JARC'S 24th Annual Gala Dinner Dance

To Benefit Extraordinary People Living Ordinary Lives

Join Us
In Celebrating Gifts From the Heart
and JARC's Future
at the
24th Annual Gala Dinner Dance

Honoring
CLAIRE ABRAMS

March 14, 2010
Cocktails six o'clock p.m.
Dinner seven-thirty p.m.

Boca West Country Club

Judy Levis Markhoff
Gala Chair

Jacket & Tie

"Anticipate charity by preventing poverty;
assist the reduced fellow man, either by a consid-
erable gift or a sum of money or by teaching him
a trade or by putting him in the way of business
so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not
be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out
his hand for charity. This is the highest step and
summit of charity's golden ladder."

~ MAIMONIDES

EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE LIVING ORDINARY LIVES

JARC Mission Statement

The Jewish Association for Residential Care, a non-sectarian organization provides group homes, apartments and vocational training for adults with developmental disabilities. We strive to assist each individual in becoming all he or she is capable of being and we encourage this growth in a caring, nurturing environment. It is our mission, in partnership with the families of our clients, to promote independence, dignity and self-respect in order to create more fulfilling lives.



CLAIRE ABRAMS

Claire Abrams dedication to a lifetime of achievement and her commitment to JARC is the inspiration for honoring her at our 2010 gala, "Gifts from the Heart." This is what Claire has done her entire life, giving to her family, friends and community.

Born to an affluent family in Poland, while visiting Claire's uncle in Toronto the family remained in Canada because her mother felt that Europe would not be safe for Jews in the future. Claire credits her mother's vision in saving the family's lives.

An avid golfer who has no intention of slowing down, she is also an award winning realtor. This multi dimensional dynamo is fluent in seven languages, is an accomplished musician and songwriter.

Claire has been a supporter of JARC's for many years, joining the board in 2008. Claire was the brains behind the idea for our 2010 golf tournament, charging the event with long time friend and golf partner Billi Marcus.

We are delighted to honor Claire Abrams who is truly a gift to JARC and our vital mission on behalf of men and women with disabilities and their families.



JARC is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that currently operates ten group homes for adults with developmental disabilities and an apartment complex for those who do not require 24-hour supervision. JARC provides vocational training programs that include supported employment services and numerous enrichment programs designed to meet the needs of adults with special needs in our community.

The organization was created in the mid 1980s in response to the needs of families with developmentally challenged adult children. Led by a committed group of individuals focused on providing a service that did not exist, a private fund-raising initiative was undertaken, leading to the opening of JARC's first home, the Barry Clayman House, in 1987.

The organization was accorded agency status with the local Jewish Federation and began a rapid period of growth that saw it open three more homes -- the Rockoff House in 1990, the Brumer House in 1991 and the Melvin Rosenblatt House in 1997.

In the Spring of 2001, JARC opened two new group homes, the Thelma and Morris Sampson House, and the Estelle Edelstein House. In 2009 Jarc opened four new homes on the Rales campus.

In addition, JARC has opened the doors on a landmark project, the Mel and Elaine Stein Living and Learning Center. This state-of-the-art facility is the first of its kind in South Florida and a model for similar agencies around the country. It houses the Adolph and Rose Levis Apartment Complex, supported living for adults who do not require 24-hour supervision in order to live as valued members of the community, and the Mel and Edith Clayman Training and Resource Center which offers the latest in occupational, educational and vocational training and supported employment, as well as social and recreational programs -- not only for the residents of JARC but for those in need within the community.

JARC's administrative offices and the Morris Lipson Library are also located in the Mel and Elaine Stein Living and Learning Center in Boca Raton, Florida. The organization is run by a professional staff and a volunteer board of directors.

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