



The Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation

Good Deeds



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What is the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation?

The Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation is a 501 c (3) tax-exempt, non-profit corporation.

Since its inception in April 2002, the Foundation has raised over \$500,000 through the generous hearts and spirits of the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate agents, associates, business partners and affiliates. The funds are primarily used to help Keys' residents whose critical needs are not being met through other means. Over \$470,000 of these funds have been distributed in the Keys to qualified applicants to bridge a financial gap caused by some unfortunate, yet temporary, situation.

100% of the contributions made to the Foundation are distributed in the Florida Keys, with no administrative costs borne by the Foundation. Gifting is based on need and each request for funds is reviewed and researched before it reaches the Foundation board for a vote. The board meets on the second Tuesday of each month to determine funding approval.

The Reasons We Exist...



Keys' People Are Saying

Not Just Because It's the Right Thing To Say... We are so grateful for the generosity of the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation. Thank you so very much. The check has helped pay for my wife's chemotherapy medicine. The drug companies have greatly reduced their

fees and the doctors are helping a little with theirs. It's the help from folks like you that mean the most. I'm not saying "thank you" because it's the right thing to say – we truly mean it from the bottom of our hearts. We hope someday to be able to return the favor.

- CBSCF Recipients, Big Pine Key

So thoughtful of you... I am overwhelmed at the generosity of the community, especially your Foundation. In the past, I've suggested to others in need to contact you – never knowing that one day it would be me on the receiving end. Thank you all so much. You have such wonderful hearts.

- CBSCF Recipient, Marathon

Heartfelt Thanks ... I would like to express my gratitude for the assistance Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation has provided for me in my time of need.

This foundation made it possible for me to recover from two surgeries without worry of paying my household bills. I don't know what my two children and I would have done if people like these had not stepped in to help my family.

- CBSCF Recipient, Marathon

Foundation Helps the Most Vulnerable The Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation has risen to the occasion many different times when we, the Center for Independent Living of the Keys, have contacted them regarding the needs of truly disadvantaged consumers with disabilities. In many instances, they have made the difference between someone being able to continue to live independently or not. The folks at the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation are true Samaritans, without whom we would be forced to turn away consumers when our resources were not sufficient to assist them. A big thanks to the Foundation for continuing to be an amazing community partner in helping meet the needs of our community's most vulnerable population.

- Center for Independent Living

Your Kindness Was Most Appreciated. This is to thank you for your kindness. We never know when things out of our control can happen, but with people like you, things don't get as bad as they could. My family and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts! I will certainly "pay it forward" when I am able.

- CBSCF Recipient, Key Largo

Giving back to those less fortunate is the fuel that drives this group of committed hearts

Partnering with Florida Keys Charitable Organizations

There are many charitable organizations in the Keys, many are small in size and funding. Not unlike the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation, (CBSCF) these other charities' goals are to serve as many qualified applicants as possible.

In the past, and as we continue into the future, the CBSCF is committed to working with other groups to help stretch the funding dollars to assist as many needy families and individuals as are qualified for the funding. For instance, we have partnered with KAIR, the Keys Area Interdenominational Resource center which offers food and clothing programs to fulfill the most basic of human needs to Florida Keys residents.

We have also worked together with the Florida Keys Electric Co-op "Operation Round-Up" which is the charitable arm of the utility co-operative from the 7-Mile Bridge through Key Largo. Their funds are collected with the authorization of many of their customers by having the Co-op "round up" customers' electric bills to the next dollar. The difference between the actual bill and the next dollar provides a substantial resource for their charitable trust from which to draw for qualified applicants. The CBSCF has joined with Operation Round-Up a number of times to help

when neither charity could do it alone.

Donor Highlights

ANNUAL TIFFANY & CO. FUNDRAISER BRINGS \$50,000 TO COLDWELL BANKER SCHMITT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

Tiffany & Co., the exquisite jewelry store, once again co-sponsored the third annual "Keys for a Cause" fundraiser for the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation on Saturday, March 24, 2007. As in the past, this event was a huge success. With so many guests having attended for 3 consecutive years, attendance increased to 200 this year with the addition of new faces. Hawk's Cay Resort has been the venue of choice for both aesthetic and security reasons. We sold out of Tiffany "keys" to raise \$50,000 for the Foundation, and our guests enjoyed an evening of food, drink, and valuable prizes. We are most grateful to Tiffany & Co. for helping to raise funds which helps make the Foundation possible. 100% of the proceeds are used by the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation to assist needy residents of the Florida Keys.

Fishermen's Hospital Association, Board of Trustees served as a Platinum Sponsor for the 2007 Tiffany & Co. "Keys for a Cause" fundraiser on March 24, 2007. The Association's board recognizes the important work which the CBSCF performs on behalf of the community from Key Largo to Key West. The sponsorship helped the Foundation to raise \$50,000 toward the ongoing needs of Keys' residents.

John J. Wolfe, P.A., for the third consecutive year, John Wolfe, Marathon real estate attorney, participated in the Tiffany event as a Gold Sponsor.

Coldwell Banker Corporate Headquarters, NJ, for the second year provided support to the Foundation in their sponsorship of "Keys for a Cause". It is the corporate philosophy to be part of the solution for each community.

Orion Bank, Marathon, FL is another faithful and committed partner with the CBSCF in recognizing the essential needs of the community in which it resides. Their three year participation with us is proof that good will promotes a healthy environment for everyone.

Hawk's Cay Resort, although recently having changed ownership and management, the CBSCF reputation for good deeds is well known. Even new faces in town understand the value of partnering with the Foundation. Hawk's Cay Resort has been the venue for the Tiffany sponsored event since the beginning. We are delighted to have their support.

Thomas D. Wright, P.A., real estate attorney in Marathon, once again, helped by sponsoring the "*Evening with Tiffany's*" to the benefit of many local area residents who struggle to provide for their families in the Keys.

Coldwell Banker Schmitt Agents & Staff. Over 90 Agents and 5 Staff gave back with each transaction or through payroll to support the Foundation in 2006.

Meet our Board of Directors



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**S. Colleen Repetto,
Secretary/Treasurer
Marathon**

A resident of Marathon for 12 years, Colleen has extensive experience working with charitable organizations. Most recently in the Florida Keys, she has been on the board of the CBSCF for over four years. Prior to that, she was a board member of Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys and the American Red Cross. She has been a "Take Stock in Children" program mentor for seven years at Marathon High School, and is on the board of a grassroots organization, FIRM, fighting to lower windstorm insurance rates in Monroe County. Colleen serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation Board.

S. Colleen Repetto, Secretary/Treasurer, Marathon, Ed Anderson, Coldwell Banker Schmitt General Manager, Marathon

***These are the people who review all the applications for funding
and have given back over \$470,000 to our community***

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- CBSCF is helping a single mother with her household bills. She has Stage 3 ovarian cancer and has two sons, one deployed in Iraq, and the other a sophomore in Coral Shores High School. At the end of April, she traveled far to receive a stem cell transplant, which has been her last hope to overcome the cancer. Her high school aged son is a great student/athlete and has been taking off school every Friday to take his Mother for chemotherapy treatments. The Foundation Board has contacted other organizations and agencies to bring the most comprehensive assistance available to this family.
- The Foundation is assisting a gentleman from Big Pine Key who had a severe boating accident while he was working. His business is farming tropical fish which are sold to a Keys' distributor. His accident was almost fatal. He is recovering, however, and expects to be self-sufficient again in about 3 to 6 months.
- A request was made to CBSCF to fund two severely handicapped residents to attend the Easter Seals Camp Challenge in July 2007. The camp resides near Orlando and gives people with physical and mental disabilities a chance to socialize, participate in sports, games, pool activities, hay rides and talent shows. Campers come from all over the United States and this event gives them the opportunity to get together with old friends each year. The Foundation is proud to offer financial assistance to help bring some joy to their lives.
- The Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation was tapped to provide assistance to a woman who has helped others on a regular basis. This Lower Keys resident has been very active with the Easter Seals organization over the years. Recently, she suffered a brain aneurysm and needed help with her utility bills. This request came through Vocational Rehabilitation. Although her condition has severely impaired her speech, she continues to work to help other less fortunate residents find assistance for their needs.

If you would like to make a donation to the Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation, please call (305) 289-6503 or visit www.RealEstateFloridaKeys.com for more information

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"Our Business is Homes"

"Our Passion is Helping"



