

## HC HONORED



The **National Alliance to End Homelessness** has showcased the Homeless Coalition and Palm Beach County as a “best practice” example of how private and public organizations can work together effectively.

The NAEH says this partnership between government and a private nonprofit has not only strengthened fundraising for the cause, it has also resulted in a stronger message.

## SUCCESS STORY



As an educated woman in a two income household, M.S. says she could have never predicted that she, her husband and 5 year-old son would become homeless. Now she knows anyone can experience homelessness.

The 26 year old was working as a nursing assistant and attending nursing school when she suddenly collapsed. Emergency surgery for gall stones and a long recovery cost M.S. her job. With only one income the family could not maintain their rent, car payment and daycare costs. They had to move out.

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## Real Change Movement



If you live in or visit downtown West Palm Beach you may have noticed the bright orange parking meters with the smiley faces. The Homeless Coalition is launching **The Real Change Movement** in collaboration with the City of West Palm Beach.

The Real Change Movement allows the public to easily get involved with ending homelessness in our community. There are ten meters scattered around downtown where people can donate their change or use a credit card. All funds generated from this initiative will be used to help those who are homeless in the City of West Palm Beach. The Real Change Movement is a national initiative launched in Pasadena by Flintridge Center and the Pasadena Housing and Career Services Department.

Please join us and West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio for the ribbon cutting on **Thursday, June 30th at 10am at the orange meter on the waterfront on Flagler Drive at the floating dock.**

[Click Here to Learn More About Real Change](#)

## Project Homeless Connect



The Homeless Coalition hosted Project Homeless Connect in June at Gaines Park & Community Center. More than 40 agencies gathered for the event to offer information and help. More than 100 people who are experiencing homelessness attended. Five people were assessed and placed in housing by the Palm Beach County Homeless Services Program.

Along with distributing a free meal, clothing and toiletries, the Homeless Coalition also provided mosquito repellent. The repellent was purchased thanks to an anonymous donation to help protect the homeless against the growing threat of the Zika Virus.

The next Project Homeless Connect is **Friday, July 15** at the American Polish Club in Greenacres. [Click Here to Volunteer](#)

the Homeless Coalition's *Creating Housing Opportunities* program, the threesome was able to move into an apartment. A year later, M.S. is working full-time and has gone back to school. Her husband also has a new job and they have been able to buy a car. Their son, now age 6, is thriving in kindergarten.

*Creating Housing Opportunities* is funded through grants, donations and fundraisers like the Great Charity Challenge.

## Paving the Way Home



This summer marks four years since the **Senator Philip D. Lewis Center** opened in Palm Beach County. On May 3, the Homeless Coalition hosted the 5th Annual Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon at the KravisCenter to celebrate the center's accomplishments. More than 28,000 men, women and children have found help to end their homelessness through the Lewis Center.

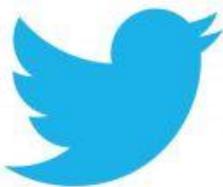
This year's event featured the next generation of homeless advocates. The "Glocalizers," a team of students from Rosarian Academy, outlined their vision to eliminate youth homelessness.

Guests also applauded community organizations and residents who consistently tackle the issue of homelessness. GL Homes received the Community Partner of the Year Award. Ezra Krieg received the Champion of the Homeless Award. Former Palm Beach County Human Services Director Claudia Higgins Tuck was honored with the Public Service Award and Diana Stanley, the CEO of The Lord's Place, received the first ever Extra Mile – Homeless Service Provider Award.

[Click Here to see more photos from the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon](#)

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## Great Give 2016



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Homeless Coalition during the Great Give. The Homeless Coalition raised \$5,753 through the bonus pool. That means we can help more men, women and children end their homelessness.

We appreciate your patience if you experienced any delays or difficulties with the donation website or call line. You helped change lives in Palm Beach County.

