

Wildcat Charitable Foundation–News Flash– (To Be Placed in the ROAR)

The Wildcat Charitable Foundation Board has been hard at work determining the selection of those grassroots, non–profit organizations whose needs fit with our mission statement. Since our last report, in the spring, we have responded to the requests from several organizations.

PINEWOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: \$1,000 to provide for children in need, with schools supplies and/or clinical needs.

WINGS of SHELTER: \$210 to purchase a key board for a female resident of one of their SAFE HOUSES, who was rescued. Her main wish was to learn to play the piano. In addition, we recently gave an additional \$200 for teen girls Christian Books & DVD's.

GABRIELS HOUSE: This is a new selection for our community outreach. A 501–C(3) they welcome abandoned and displaced children. A donation of \$1200 was made to sponsor a child with emotional issues, but who is excelling academically with a 4.0 GPA.

HUMAN TRAFFICING AWARENESS PARTNERSHIP (HTAP): “Our mission is to prevent human trafficking by empowering individuals through education and collaborative action in Southwest Florida. Our vision is to be the community leader and trusted resource for human trafficking prevention in Southwest Florida”. The Wildcat Charitable Foundation Board elected to provide \$7000 to this organization for their ARTREACH Prevention Programs. This program uses art to teach at–risk youth, ages 8–18 about the dangers of human trafficking and to raise their awareness of this horrible crime. ARTREACH works to inspire our future leaders to teach others about human trafficking. The artwork created by these youths are reproduced and exhibited all over the community and the United States. Train the Trainer Programs are available. Other programs available through HTAP are Trafficking Interactive Prevention Simulation, Point of Contact, Point of Rescue Community and School Programs and printing of TIPS for Trafficker Avoidance Techniques and TIPS for Parents to Protect Kids.

The Board continues to interview, visit and review each of the non-profit organizations to ensure that they meet the criteria of our mission statement and who has the greatest need.