

Orbis, Shepherd's Way and Volunteer Broward host Community Service Event

Orbis, a nonprofit organization for young, South Florida business professionals, teamed up with the Wilton Manors-based community outreach organization The Shepherd's Way, in conjunction with Volunteer Broward, for a community service event on Sept. 8. The Shepherd's Way provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, childcare, rent assistance and other services for homeless families. Through program offerings, The Shepherd's Way empowers homeless families to make the permanent lifestyle changes essential to breaking the cycle of homelessness.

During this Saturday morning community service event, members of Orbis volunteered at The Shepherd's Way to host a picnic lunch for the 'residents' of The Shepherd's Way, and will also provide much needed support by planting a garden, repairing and painting the shelters

and lending a hand wherever it's needed.

David C. Scleppi, an attorney with the Fort Lauderdale office of Gunster Yoakley and co-founding member of Orbis noted that this activity launches a new element to Orbis - its community service programs. "We are pleased to be working with Volunteer Broward and The Shepherd's Way to showcase how the strength of people working together toward a common goal can make a real difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in our community," he said. Orbis is dedicated to reaching out to the community in order to bring awareness and resources to local organizations. Most recently, Orbis also hosted "An Aviation Experience," an evening reception co-sponsored by Riverwalk Trust and the BACH (Benefactors advancing Covenant House), and "An Evening at the Grape", which benefited Camp Good Grief, a camp for

children who have lost a loved one.

Orbis is committed to offering a variety of opportunities for young professionals to develop their personal and business relationships while helping build an energetic South Florida. Periodically, Orbis sponsors social gatherings, panels, and speakers to which the entire South Florida business community is invited. Nicole Flier of James A. Cummings Inc., Alec Lindnauer of UBS, Craig Moskowitz of Automatic Data Processing (ADP), and Allyn G. Thomas of RBC Centura Bank are also board members of Orbis. Commit! tee members of Orbis include: Mauricio Bayon of Systems Solutions Group, Kelly Edwards of Grant Thornton LLP, Allison Greenberg of Curran & Connors, Inc., and E. Jay Robins of Benchmark Mortgage. ■