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OUR LATEST INITIATIVE OFFERS PEACE OF MIND

"CORALGABLES@HOME"

Seventy-six million Baby Boomers are reaching retirement age, and according to a recent AARP survey, 90% want to **stay in their own home as they age**. A revolutionary trend toward creating community-based programs that provide home-based services has begun. Coral Gables@Home is the first such non-profit membership organization in Florida, designed to support superior, at-home living. "A Coral Gables@HOME membership offers peace of mind for a more secure, fulfilling, and fun lifestyle," says Foundation Chair **Jeannett Slesnick**.



For Gables residents over 50, life just got a little more fabulous!

The best gift you can give yourself or your loved ones this holiday season, is a CoralGables@Home membership.

"Living independently has never been easier," says CoralGables@HOME Chair, **Betty Jimenez, R.N.** "With just one phone call, members can get dependable assistance with everything from transportation to home repairs."

An introductory annual membership fee of \$500 per household is available to the first 100 members. Membership services will officially begin on February 2nd, 2009.

Through generous donations from all sorts of corporate and community sponsors, including a major contribution from **The Kirk Foundation**, the Coral Gables Community Foundation has now raised over \$300,000 to launch CoralGables@HOME.

Membership is open to Coral Gables residents who are **50 years of age and older**. Members will receive a Member Resource Guide with important Coral Gables phone numbers and information on membership benefits. For full membership benefits, please vis-

it us on the web, in person, or call:

Marli Lutz, Executive Director
CORALGABLES@HOME
305.443.4011
3001 Ponce de Leon Boulevard
www.gablesfoundation.org

Fundraising GALA set for January 30th

The annual "Greening of the Gables" GALA will take place on Friday, January 30th, at 7:00 PM. The evening begins with a black-tie reception with open bar and silent auction, and then dinner & dancing in the Country Club Ballroom at the Biltmore Hotel. We hope you will attend. This is *the* major fundraising effort for the Foundation, and we really need your support! **Tickets are on sale now** at \$500 per person. Proceeds benefit the initiatives of the Community Foundation. **We welcome contributions of auction items**. Please call **305.446.9670**, and ask for Jacqueline Coleman. (photos below from last year)





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NEW Clock Tower

City Founder George Merrick's master plan called for seven great entrances into the Gables. Merrick was unable to complete all seven, but the women of the **Coral Gables Garden Club** are complet-



ing that task, one grand entrance at a time. Headed by Mrs. J. William Box, President, and Mrs. Larry Adams, Chair, Adopt-an-Entrance Project, the Garden Club recently completed the **new entrance at Ponce de Leon Boulevard and SW 8th Street**. This beautiful site consists of two arch walkways and a clock/bell tower on the median. The bell tower clock tolls every hour on the hour.

The Garden Club paid for the entrance with private donations. The architectural firm of **Revuelta, Vega, Leon** worked pro bono, and the construction company completed the project for a fraction of the cost!

Coral Gables Garden Club
 Post Office Box 141463
 Coral Gables, FL 33114-1463



OLD SPANISH VILLAGE



CORAL GABLES

NEW OFFICES for The CGCF!

The Coral Gables Community Foundation is now located at 3001 Ponce de Leon Boulevard. We would like to thank developer **Ralph Sanchez and the Old Spanish Village** for generously donating office space for a period of 2 years. (This saves the Foundation \$60,000 a year in rent that can be used for supporting our initiatives.)

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THE CORAL GABLES MUSEUM . . . COMING SOON

2008 has been a great year for the Coral Gables Museum. In addition to breaking ground on the restoration of 285 Aragon Avenue, and on the construction of the new gallery (funded by a major donation by **Robert and Marian Fewell**), the Museum has presented a number of very successful Community Events and Educational Programs, such as: May's Demolition "**Denim and Diamonds**" Celebration, the **Oral History Project** (awarded a grant by the Florida Humanities Council), the **Gables' History Lecture Series** (presented by Arva Moore Parks), the **1st Annual Gingerbread House Contest**, the **Florida Masters' Art Exhibit and Show**, and seminars on "green" design and LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). **The Museum project will be LEED certified**, and is one of 20 projects nationwide implementing LEED certification in a federally designated historic structure.

The Museum is **on schedule to open in 2010**, and will feature a campus-like setting with six galleries, a community room, a 5,000-square-foot plaza, and a courtyard. The 285 Aragon building will also house Museum offices, the City's Historical Resources Division, archives, and a public research library.

Current Museum programs include:

- The **Preview Exhibit "Celebrate"** at the historic building at 2901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard showcasing Coral Gables history and the Museum's architectural model (through the continuing support of Old Spanish Village);
- The **"First Fridays" Architecture and Design Lecture Series** (awarded grants by Miami-Dade Co. and the City of Coral Gables, and sponsored by Cuesta Construction);
- The **"Building A Dream" Project**—a photographic and literary study of the Gables' architectural heritage (with the help of students from Miami-Dade County Schools' "Museum Magnet Program"); and
- The Museum has joined forces with the American Institute of Architects for their **"Architects in the Making" Summer Camp** for under-served youth.

The great response to these events, and the corporate and community support garnered, is proof that the Museum's Mission to **Celebrate the Civic Arts** is relevant, and that the Museum will continue to be a wonderful cultural asset to the City Beautiful for generations to come!

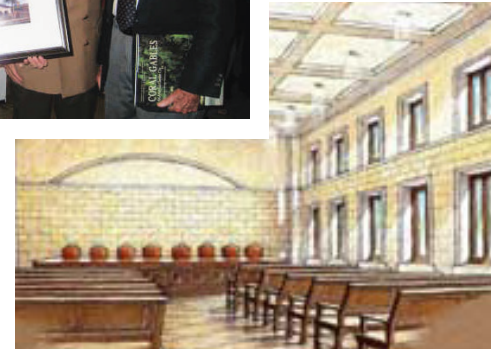
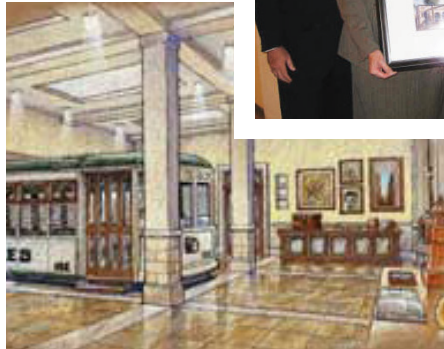
We urge you to join our distinguished group of over 200 Museum Founders. For a \$1,000 contribution, your name, your family's name, or your company's name will be displayed in the Museum's lovely lobby area in perpetuity. **A Founder donation makes a wonderful gift.** Room naming opportunities are also available. For more information, please contact **Christine Rupp, Director of Operations** at 305-910-3996, or, visit the Coral Gables Museum website, www.coralgablesmuseum.org.



L-R Zeke Guilford,
Jeannett Slesnick,



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and Robert Fewell



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THE CITY BEAUTIFUL IS MEDIA-SAVVY . . .

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The Villagers' Cookbook "Cook It Like A Native" is now available at various locations in town, such as Books & Books, and at the Foundation offices. The quality of the printing is exceptionally beautiful and it makes a great gift. Along with super delicious recipes, the cookbook offers a fascinating look at Dade County's colorful past and showcases the Villagers' efforts to preserve the spirit and face of yesterday for the enjoyment of tomorrow. Stop by 3001 Ponce de Leon Blvd., or call the Foundation at 305.446.9670 www.thevillagersinc.org



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A Coral Gables Public/Private Project

Coral Gables enjoys the reputation of being one of the most desirable places in the world in which to live. While all great cities have unique and defining characteristics, often their parks and public spaces best reflect their commitment to a higher quality of life for their residents. An alliance between private citizens, corporate citizens, and City government, **PARKNERSHIP** was created to underwrite improvements and acquisitions to parks and green spaces in the City Beautiful. **Matching City funds double the impact** of your contribution, and sponsors enjoy tax benefits and permanent recognition at City Hall. (pictured at left, Fewell Park)



We hope you will join our efforts to ensure **green and open spaces** for a better quality of life for all of us, today, and, for future generations. For more information, please call Jeannett Slesnick at the Foundation at **305.446.9670**.

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Join The Coral Gables Community Foundation

For the past 17 years, the Coral Gables Community Foundation has served the residents of Coral Gables. As the premier community-based philanthropic organization, your CGCF membership funds represent a sound investment in your community. By joining the Coral Gables Community Foundation, your support will enable us to continue to disburse scholarship funds, enhance green areas, preserve parks and historical landmarks, support cultural resources (like the **Cinematheque** and the **Coral Gables Museum** projects), create programs like **CoralGables@HOME** (specifically designed to enhance the quality of life of our senior community), as well as support a variety of charities in the community at large.

As a member, you will receive the following benefits:

- ▶ Our Newly Established **Coral Gables Connections** Newsletter
- ▶ Recognition in Foundation Printed Materials and in our Annual Report
- ▶ Invitations to Foundation Social Events
- ▶ Discounted Rates to Special Events in the Gables Sponsored by Foundation Partners

Our Members are the driving force behind all our efforts, providing the leadership and resources to support our operations, as well as fueling our capacity to be an honest and objective broker in facilitating the charitable and creative giving of our donors. Your membership also affords the Foundation the opportunity to participate in high-impact philanthropic and community development opportunities—all in an effort to enhance our quality of life.



Irela Bague
Chair, Membership Committee

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