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### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling for Bread Event & Food Drive Drew Hundreds of Supporters**

**Boca Raton, FL** (August 27, 2018)—[Boca Helping Hands](#) held its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling for Bread Event & Food Drive on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Over 400 kids and supporters attended the event and enjoyed pizza, burgers, wings and more, as well as prizes, clowns and, of course, bowling at Strikes@Boca. Guests brought 63 pounds of food to donate to the food drive, and the event benefited participating children's non-profits and their children's based initiatives.

This year's event sponsor was the Lee Pearlson Steinberg Foundation. Bowling for Bread was held in conjunction with Boca Chamber Festival Days and the For-Profit partner was First Citizens Bank.

Corporate sponsors included Gary Peters Family Foundation, Levitetz Family Foundation/Dolly's Dream, Integrated Technology, Marshalls, Raymond James, Summit Brokerage Services and Vertical Bridge. Food sponsors included Miller's Ale House, Rocco's Tacos, Tomasso's Pizza, and Lucille's Bad to the Bone BBQ. Many more organizations and individuals generously sponsored lanes, enabling underserved kids to attend the event.

Children from 14 different non-profits enjoyed the day, including 4KIDS, American Association of Caregiving Youth, Adopt-A-Family, Family Promise, Florence Fuller, HomeSafe, Jim & Jan Moran Boys & Girls Club, Place of Hope, Propel, Salvation Army, SOS Children's Village, Unicorn Children's Foundation, Youth Activities Center and the Boca Raton YMCA. These non-profits will also benefit from the proceeds of Bowling for Bread.

Boca Helping Hands (BHH) is a community-based non-profit located at the Remillard Family Resource Center, 1500 NW 1st Court, Boca Raton 33432. They feed those in need, provide job training, job mentoring, distribute medical and dental care vouchers and provide limited financial assistance to qualified Boca Raton residents in crisis.

The Food Center serves a hot meal six days a week with a Family Night Dinner on Thursdays. Meals are also delivered to homebound, disabled and elderly individuals. Boca

Helping Hands opened a Resource Center in April 2002 with an emphasis on providing help for Boca Raton residents in crisis situations (e.g., eviction, utility cancellation).

With an increased focus on client self-sufficiency, Boca Helping Hands continues to promote and highlight their Job Training Program. The Job Training Program offers free classes in Hospitality, Home Health Aide, CDL (Commercial Truck Driving), Customer Service Representative and IT Help Desk Technician.

The Job Mentoring Program provides coaching and guidance designed to help individuals who are seeking employment opportunities. These services compliment the Boca Helping Hand food and resource programs in a continuing effort to help its clients become self-sufficient.

Boca Helping Hands has partnered with Genesis Community Health to bring Medical and Dental services to the local community. Medical and Dental vouchers are available to qualifying, uninsured individuals for first time visits.

Charity Navigator awarded Boca Helping Hands a Four Star Charity for the 12<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year.

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