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**DELRAY BEACH HOME TOUR RAISES A RECORD
\$130,109 FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

What: 17th Annual Delray Beach Home Tour
Why: Benefitting: Achievement Centers for Children & Families
Where: 7 homes and 1 garden Palm Trail area, Delray Beach
Who: 700 guests and 110 volunteers
When: March 15, 2018
Amount Raised: \$130,109
Sponsors: Seagate Hotel & Spa, Delray Buick GMC, Ocean Blue Custom Homes

DELRAY BEACH, FL (MARCH 19, 2017) – Over 700 guests enjoyed the 17th annual Delray Beach Home Tour hosted by the Achievement Centers for Children & Families Foundation on March 15th. Seven beautiful homes, one garden and over 130 volunteers raised a record \$130,109 for the agency's programs and services providing early education and child care to low-income children and families in Delray Beach.

The Home Tour began in 2002 with board members Anne Bright and Barbara Murphy leading the program. This year's returning Chairpeople were Kari Shipley and Noreen Payne, both long-time supporters of the Achievement Centers.

Since its inception it has become a widely popular event attracting people from South Florida and beyond. Each year the event showcases a different Delray Beach neighborhood. The 2018 event was held in the Palm Trail area of Delray and featured homes with a variety of design styles. Everything from old Florida cottages to stunning waterfront estates, the homes catered to everyone's tastes and interests. Molly's Trolleys transported guests to the homes and to the catered waterfront luncheon that was provided by Carefree Catering. The event also offered a silent auction featuring one of a kind artworks by local artists, exquisite jewelry and luxurious spa services.

Thank you to our sponsors: Presenting Sponsor, The Seagate Hotel & Spa, Auction Sponsor Ocean Blue Custom Homes and Luncheon Sponsor Delray Buick GMC were joined by Trolley Sponsors Lost Craft Builders, Ocean Properties Hotels Resorts & Affiliates, Search Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Eaton. Home Sponsors included: Corcoran Group, Engle & Voelkers, Premier Estate Properties: Pascal & Antonio Liguori, Seaside Builders, The Fite Group, and Blue Venture Group. Parking Sponsors included: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Walsh (Ocean Properties). Tour Sponsors included: Coldwell Banker, Mrs. Gerry Ehrlich, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cruz, Stuart & Shelby Development Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Michael Neal, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Michael FitzSimons, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Finn, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Tomenson, Jr., The Colony Hotel, Lisa & Michael Tiernan, Williams Financial Services – Chip Williams. Golf Cart Sponsors included: Jag Insurance – Ray Jones and Premier Estate Properties: Kim & Judi Lukens. Friend Sponsors included: Beach Property Owners' Association, Inc., Tom Carney/Carney Stanton, PL, Deborah Dowd, Delray Garden Center, Island Air Conditioning, Kevin McNally, Steve & Stephanie Miskew, Amy Stark Snook & Noreen Payne – All About Florida Homes/Keller Williams, Stacey & Dave Reilly, Ringdahl Pest Control, Terry & Warren Roy, Dr. Allan & Mrs. Dina Schwartz, Mr. & Mrs. John

Shipley III, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Thistle, Stephanie Reubins & Michael Padavano, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Snyder, Mouw Construction, Mrs. Barbara Weldon.

The Delray Beach Home tour also kicked off the “Spring to ACCF Tour Challenge” during which a donor has offered to donate \$100 to ACCF for every person who attends a free 40-minute tour on 3/27, 3/29, or 4/3.

ABOUT ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS: The Achievement Centers for Children & Families is a community-based organization dedicated to serving low-income children, youth and families. Our mission is to ensure school readiness, provide skill building opportunities, promote academic achievement and support healthy lifestyles. The affordable, nationally accredited programs allow families to work increasing economic stability. To learn more visit www.AchievementCentersFL.org.

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