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### ***2018 Women of Grace Nominee Deborah Dowd***

Delray Beach, FL (May 3, 2018) – On May 17, 2018, The Bethesda Hospital Foundation will be hosting a special reception to introduce the 2018 Women of Grace Nominees. We are pleased to announce that a member of our Operational Board, Deborah Dowd, has been nominated for this prestigious award.

Deborah moved to Delray Beach in 1974, and started a very long career with the Palm Beach School district, including teaching elementary students, training teachers and then a District Coordinator of ESOL. Deborah has recently retired from the school district, and received a Master Gardening Certification. As a Delray Beach community activist, Deborah has volunteered for over 30 years in many organizations and served on various city boards, most notably the Site Plan and Review Board for four years, as well as the Planning and Zoning Board for another four years. Deborah has been honored to be an integral part of the development of The Village by the Sea, and served on both winning All America City committees.

As a member of our own board at Achievement Centers for Children & Families, Deborah spends countless hours volunteering her time for not only our community events and board meetings but with the children from the center as well. We are truly blessed to have such a passionate educator amongst our organization.

We wish her luck in her nomination and look forward to hearing the outcome in the fall. To find out more about Women of Grace visit:

[www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.details&content\\_id=85](http://www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.details&content_id=85)

#### **ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS:**

The Achievement Centers for Children & Families is a non-profit community-based, social services agency that provides a safe, nurturing environment for children living in poverty while meeting their academic, social, emotional and physical needs. Their award-winning services and nationally accredited programs serve over 700 children aged 1-18 years and 500 families. The Centers' campus is located at 555 NW 4th Street in Delray Beach, the Village Academy campus is located at 400 SW 12th Avenue, and the newest location at Pine Grove Elementary School located at 400 SE 10th Street. For more information, call (561) 266-0003 or visit [www.AchievementCentersFL.org](http://www.AchievementCentersFL.org).

