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Helping People Succeed – A Gift Of Song

Congrats To Helping People Succeed On Its Memorable 50th Anniversary

Celebrating Helping People Succeed's 50th anniversary, almost 300 guests turned out for an evening of music, featuring the talent of two internationally known songsters, as well as bringing the joy of music to audience participants at *A Gift of Song*.

The special concert was presented at The Pittenger Center at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on East Ocean Boulevard in Stuart.

"The event delivered on its promise of an extraordinary musical event to raise visibility for Helping People Succeed with new local constituencies, generate significant new

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known for her folk, jazz and poetry songs, composed by Schmidt for concerts and recordings.

"Each was visibly eager to help Helping People Succeed, succeed and delighted by the artistic opportunity to stretch themselves professionally through their collaboration," Browne explained.

Helping People Succeed staff, volunteers and program



Helping People Succeed participants and their family members are: Ralph Jamison and his daughter, Dana Jamison, and Julie Medeiros and her mother, Patricia.



Two internationally known singers Terry Barber and Claudia Schmidt brought down the house with their individual singing programs and duo performances at the Pittenger Center in Stuart. They closed the concert with audience participation of Schmidt's song, A Promising Sky.

funds and gather together the Helping People Succeed family for a memorable evening of celebration," said Bliss Browne, coordinator of A Gift of Song community event.

Counter-tenor Terry Barber, founder of Artists for A Cause in Stuart, kicked off the evening with a number of classical and musical theatre genres, followed by singer/songwriter Claudia Schmidt

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participants were honored, as were community partners and friends at the gathering. By the end of the evening, all were singing together Schmidt's *Promising Sky* creation. The refrain of this final song, *Walking Under A Promising Sky*, said it all, Browne added.

Helping People Succeed is a nonprofit organization that serves more than 4,500 families in Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties. Among the programs are Baby Steps, Music & Movement, Healthy Families, adults with disabilities and more recently, after-school classes for students with autism spectrum disorder.



Suzy Hutcheson, Rev. David and Rosemary Prior, Phyllis Gillespie.



A Gift of Song guests are, back row: Nancy Squires, Rich Ross, Mary Jeanne Jones and Forrest Page; seated at left Yvonne Ross and Mary Kay Buckridge.

