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MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PERSON AT A TIME

Women In Distress 6th Annual Starfish Luncheon Presented by Wells Fargo
Honors Community Leaders Making a Difference

Fort Lauderdale, FL - (February 8, 2012) – On May 9, 2012, 500 community supporters will join Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. at the 6th Annual Starfish Luncheon Presented by Wells Fargo. Proceeds from the event will help families affected by domestic violence.

Chaired by **Gale Butler** (AutoNation, Inc.) and **Jen Klaassens** (The Wasie Foundation), the 6th Annual Starfish Luncheon Presented by Wells Fargo will honor special supporters who have made significant contributions to Women In Distress through their time, talent, and resources. Inspired by the popular starfish story by Loren Eiseley, the event recognizes individuals in the community, making a difference one person at a time.

The 2012 honorees are:

- Jason and Katina Taylor
- The Community Foundation of Broward
- The Sunshine Lady Foundation and the Women's Independence Scholarship Program
- James A. Cummings, Inc.
- A survivor of domestic violence will be presented with a special Starfish award.

"We are so pleased to be recognizing this amazing group of individuals and organizations so committed to issues affecting families and children. Each has contributed, in significant and different ways, to making our community a safer place, providing opportunities for a new start to those affected by domestic violence. They are indeed making a difference one person at a time," said Mary Riedel, President and CEO of Women In Distress.

In addition to presenting sponsor Wells Fargo, event sponsors include: AutoNation, Inc., Comerica Bank, JM Family Enterprises, Inc., SE Toyota, Signature Grand, and the Wasie Foundation.

The agency strives to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone, through intervention, education, and advocacy by providing free services at the agency's Jim and Jan Moran Family Center in Deerfield Beach, including the 24-hour crisis intervention through hotline and emergency shelter, counseling and support for victims and their children, as well as education and professional trainings on domestic violence and related topics.

For more information on the 6th Annual Starfish Luncheon Presented by Wells Fargo or to purchase tickets online, visit <http://www.womenindistress.org//starfish.html> or call 954-760-9800 x 1244.

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About Women in Distress

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. (WID) is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County. Our mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy. We strive to accomplish this mission by offering services that include 24-hour crisis intervention through our hotline and emergency shelter, counseling and support for victims and their children at various locations throughout Broward County, as well as education and professional trainings on domestic violence and related topics. For more information on Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc., please call (954) 332-3459 or visit www.womenindistress.org