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Charity Works to Host 18th Annual MONOPOLY® Night Event
Presented by
Prescription Weight Loss Clinic/Dr. Bill Blackshear
and Decker Ross Interiors
and
Community Chest Sponsor, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

What: MONOPOLY® fans participate in a 90-minute round of the world's most popular proprietary board game.
When: Saturday, May 12, at 6 p.m.
Where: Belleair Country Club, Belleair, Florida

CLEARWATER, FL (April 27, 2018) -- Get ready to roll the dice and test your real estate skills. It's the 18th annual Charity Works MONOPOLY® Night where players compete in the fun and excitement of a fast-paced championship match for high-priced properties like Park Place and Boardwalk. Or worst-case scenario: Go to jail! It all happens Saturday, May 12, at Belleair Country Club. The Honorable Jim Coats and his wife Cat have been selected as this year's Honorary Co-Chairs. "We cannot think of a couple more deserving of the honor," said Charity Works CEO Chris Renfrow.

Spectrum Bay News 9 evening anchor Veronica Cintron returns for a third year as MONOPOLY® Night's celebrity host. She'll emcee the event and guide players through the spirited competition. When the dice settle (or roll to a stop), the top three players will receive spectacular prizes provided by *Tampa Bay Magazine*. The event also includes live, silent and chance auctions.

Ticket prices range from \$150 to \$275 for individual players and \$125 for non-players. Included is an opulent buffet dinner with dessert at the prestigious Belleair Country Club. And this encouragement from event co-chair Suzan Decker Ross, designer/CEO of Decker Ross Interiors: "As a legacy co-presenting sponsor of Monopoly Night, I invite you to attend this annual unique and fun event. Everyone leaves smiling knowing they have supported a good cause that touches so many in our community through its mission of *Helping Those Who Help Others*."

Jim Coats, who rose from a young deputy in the flight unit to be elected Pinellas County's sheriff in 2004, retired Nov. 7, 2011, after 40 distinguished years of service. The U. S. Air Force veteran who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI Executive Institute, the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, the Secret Service Dignitary Protection School, not to mention the National Aviation Academy; he holds a commercial pilot's license with instrument and multi-engine ratings. Jim, with a passion for helping others, has served on numerous boards throughout his years and for the past 28 has been on the executive committee for the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Cat has also served on numerous boards and continues today as co-founder of the Beth Dillinger Foundation. And when they are not donating their time and expertise, Cat and Jim who've been married 45 years, travel often and for long periods of time on their 58-foot yacht *Cat's Life*. Jim, a longtime member, is on the Clearwater Yacht Club's board of directors.

Other major sponsors of MONOPOLY® Night include OUTFRONT Media, PureLife Medi-Spa by Dr. G. Joseph Fitzgerald, DO, Straighten Up Orthodontics, Dignity Memorial, Tampa Bay Magazine, Dimmitt Automotive Group, and ProVise Management Group, LLC. Reserve your seat to play, witness the games or serve as one of over 100 volunteers that participate at the championship match.

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About Charity Works, Inc.

Charity Works, Inc., headquartered in Clearwater, FL, is an IRS §501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is *Helping Those Who Help Others®*. Since 1996, the organization has been providing purchasing advisory services to benefit charitable and educational nonprofit organizations.

The organization operates a wellness-medical aid program called GIVE HOPE USA® that provides economically disadvantaged individuals and families with health and wellness packs which are distributed through its network of participating nonprofit agencies and schools. During the holiday season special gifts, including toys and clothes are also distributed to eligible children and adults.

Charity Works also provides job skills training for students and displaced workers in its "Teach & Reach program" and operates a fringe benefit program called CaringPerks® that provides individuals with rewards for their community service and encourages active volunteerism.

The programs and services of Charity Works are designed to promote a more efficient cycle of giving by developing relationships among and between donors, vendors and nonprofits.

For more information or to make a donation contact Chris R. Renfrow, President & CEO at (727) 447-2064 or visit online at www.charityworks.org.

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