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Moran Challenge Grant Announced for Women In Distress Expansion

Jan Moran, philanthropist and advocate for issues affecting children and families, today announced a special Moran Challenge Grant of \$500,000 to assist with the Project Safe Place expansion campaign of Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. (WID) for the new Jim and Jan Moran Family Center campus that will be located in Deerfield Beach.

Jan Moran will match all new contributions to the capital expansion campaign, pledging a dollar for every three dollars in new contributions, up to \$500,000, from now until the end of 2010.

Longtime supporters of Women In Distress, Jan together with her late husband Jim, provided the lead gift in 1995 when the agency opened the current Jim and Jan Moran Family Center in Fort Lauderdale. For more than 20 years, they have supported programs aimed at helping adults and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

Earlier this year, the agency announced plans to expand to a new Jim and Jan Moran Center in Deerfield Beach. The Project Safe Place campaign seeks to raise a total of \$5 million; approximately \$1.6 million has been raised to date. Renovation is currently underway on the six-acre site that in-

cludes five buildings. When completed in the spring of 2010, the new Jim and Jan Moran Family Center will allow the agency to better meet community demand for services and increase the number of emergency shelter beds from the current 62 to 100.

In addition to its headquarters and shelter operations, Women In Distress provides services at outreach centers in various areas of Broward County, including Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale, Plantation, Coconut Creek and Pompano. It also has a thrift store located at 1372 N. State Road 7 in Margate. These will continue at their current locations. Three buildings owned by the agency are up for sale.

Women In Distress, founded in 1974, is the only fully certified domestic violence center serving all of Broward County. Currently, it provides counseling, outreach, education and advocacy programs; operates a 62-bed emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse; and provides a 24-hour crisis line. All services are free and open to all who are victims of domestic violence.

For more information, contact WID president and CEO Mary Riedel at 954-760-9822 or mriedel@womenindistress.org.

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Date: 17th January 2010

Location : Ralph V. Chisholm Regional Park
4700 Chisholm Park
Trail Saint Cloud, FL 34771

India Fest

Organized annually by ICEC of Gainesville, Florida, a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of the community it serves. Some of the activities include:

Indian Dances o Delicious Indian Cuisine

o Indian Jewelry o Photo-op o Indian Paint-ings, Art & Culture o Traditional Indian Attire o Games for Children o Raffle

For more information, please contact:

Vendors: Lalitha Ganesh 352-377-2844

Cultural Show: Mathura Alladi 352-372-4545

Volunteers: Kim Gokhale-Deodhar 352-377-8636

General Information: Uma Sethuram 352-514-4477



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