

## September 2012 Newsletter

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With your help we have been able to award scholarships and create programming to further our mission of *helping young people develop into self-sufficient citizens and leaders through education, life-skills training, and community involvement.*

### Pass It On takes the 2nd STEP: Assisting Youth Transition to Independent Living



As part of the organization's mission to help youth succeed through education, *Pass It On* crafted *STEP* (Skills Training and Employment Program) as a tool for improving job preparedness and personal confidence in youth aging out of foster care.

Following up on the success of our first *STEP*, held in October 2011, *Pass It On* partnered with 4 KIDS, HOMES, inc., and JAFCO to bring youth transitioning to Independent Living together again for our second **SKILLS TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**. We met at the corporate offices of City Furniture on September 8th and 15th to present interactive workshops on career building skills, including resume writing and job interviewing. Industry speakers presented information about opportunities in their fields and what it takes to land a job in today's world.

We thank Janet Wincko of City Furniture, Susan Stutz of Sun Trust Bank, Nicole Willis of Atlantic Technical Center, as well as Nivea Lima of the Broward Sheriff's Office and the three officers who accompanied her for their excellent presentations.

This year's *STEP* was particularly exciting as we had so many high energy adult volunteer mentors from the community to work with the youth 1:1. When participants were asked for their feedback at the conclusion of the program, they commented that the knowledge they gained improved their skills as well as their self-confidence.

*Pass It On* Board Member, Steve Wernick, was the Chair of this year's *STEP* and also offered many real world examples of how to succeed as he taught the career skills component of the program. He and his committee of volunteers created a high quality learning experience for the youth, one that they recommended be offered to others in the future.



Special thanks go to our active partners, City Furniture for hosting *STEP* in their beautiful facilities, and to SunTrust Bank, for providing volunteer mentors as well as a program grant that enabled us to award a laptop computer to one of the *STEP* graduates.

Delicious food was provided by Popeye's Chicken and Panera Bread, who have each been lunch sponsors for the second year in a row. We greatly appreciate their contribution and applaud them for their community service.

*Pass It On* also thanks the BankAtlantic Foundation for their generous support of our programs throughout the year.



We welcome more volunteers for future programs. If you are interested in becoming part of *STEP* or for more information, contact Steve Wernick, at 786.208.0753, or Ellie Nelson-Wernick, at [enwernick@aol.com](mailto:enwernick@aol.com).



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*Pass It On's*  
**WINE & JAZZ EVENT**

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*watch for the date*