

Three Local Leaders Selected for Hospital Foundation Board

Benji Dees, Jennifer Howell and Russell Kirshy have been appointed to the Bon Secours-St. Joseph Foundation Board of Directors.

Benji Dees, is a local Certified Public Accountant and Managing Partner of Dees & Dees CPA. He is a member of the Florida and American Institutes of Certified Public Accountants. Benji is a long time resident of Charlotte County and is past treasurer of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Charlotte County, Punta Gorda Block Party and Punta Gorda Little League. He is currently active with the Peace River-Harbor Heights Rotary Club. Benji and his wife Debra have two children, daughter Lacy who is a senior at Florida State University and a son, Bryan, a junior at Charlotte High School.

Jennifer Howell is an Attorney at the Farr Law Firm, practicing in estate planning and elder law. Jennifer is currently President of the Charlotte County Estate and Tax Planning Council, a member of the Charlotte County Bar Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is a graduate of Leadership Charlotte Class of 2000 and is involved with Leadership Charlotte Alumni. Jennifer and her husband Josh have a son, Kaden who is two years old.

Russell Kirshy has a private law practice and is Past President of the Charlotte County

Bar Association and a Trustee of the Charlotte County Law Library. Russell coaches soccer, baseball and is currently a member of Leadership Charlotte 2003. Russell and his wife Angela have two sons, K.J., age 12 and Thomas, age 5 and a daughter Abigail, age two.

Current Directors of Bon Secours-St. Joseph Foundation include: Linda Bishop Wilson, Darryl Casanueva, Joseph Celico, Jeanette Deptula, Judy Jirout, Rev. Nicholas McLoughlin, Tom Pinder, Linda Pizarro, Florence Ruggiero, Jane Sturges, Frank Weikel, Rev. Thomas Zedar and Sister Marie Lucille Summers, CBS.

Officers include: Richard Schmith, Chairman, Todd Katz, Vice Chair, Bob Mungovan, Treasurer, Sister Mary Catherine Rogers, CBS, Sister President, and Michael Harrington, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Bon Secours-St. Joseph Healthcare Group.

The Foundation is chartered to secure a legacy of giving in support of healthcare programs and services and provides philanthropic opportunities for donors who choose to make a lasting investment in the future health of our community. For more information on the Foundation, contact Betsy Gamber, Executive Director at 766-4288.

