

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Colonial Bank fulfills 150 children's Christmas wishes this season

Colonial Bank employees and customers joined forces to make the holiday season brighter by providing gifts to 150 children through the Children's Home Society of Florida.

Colonial Bank hosted Angel Trees at several area offices asking employees and customers for donations of toys for children living in foster care. Donations for all 150 children were collected well in advance of the program deadline for delivery to the foster care families before the holidays.

"Especially in light of the challeng-

ing economy, it was uplifting to see our employees and customers react so quickly and generously to provide holiday gifts for disadvantaged children," said Harlan C. Parrish, retail president and CEO of Colonial Bank's Florida West Coast region.

The Southwest Division of the Children's Home Society of Florida serves families in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties. The organization focuses on prevention and intervention to help decrease the incidence of child abuse and neglect. ■

### Master gardeners hold workshops for public

A series of free public workshops presented by master gardeners will give expert advice and practical application for use around the home and garden. Stay around afterward for a personal tour of the Florida Friendly landscape gardens from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday.

The workshops begin on Wednesday, Jan 14, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park (the former Rutenberg Library building), 6490 South Pointe Blvd., Fort Myers.

The workshops are free, but registration is required for each session at 432-2163

**Upcoming workshops are:**

**Jan. 14** - Saving water in your backyard - Pat Rooney

**Jan. 21** - Designing your butterfly garden - Peg Gutman

**Feb. 4** - Palms for Southwest Florida - Donna Cressman

**Feb. 11** - Worm composting in your home - John Kiseda

**Feb. 18** - Perennial Herbs - Cindy Dekun

**Feb. 25** - Inviting wildlife to your backyard - Warren/Joan Bush

**March 4** - Butterfly gardening - Gayle Edwards

**March 11** - Landscaping without grass - Martha Kendall ■

## Create A Holiday Miracle.



Bernice was on her way to visit family in Iowa and rushing to her flight. Struggling to catch her breath, she knew something was wrong.

After an appointment with her primary care physician and a series of tests, she was scheduled for double bypass surgery and correction of her mitral-valve. Six hours of surgery *saved* Bernice's life.

Now 83 years old and going strong, Bernice is looking forward to spending the holidays with her family.

Your donation to cardiac care, or another area you feel passionate about, makes an incredible difference in the lives of people in our community.

Please consider a gift of lifesaving care this holiday season.

Make a gift.  
Make an impact.



Your miracle is waiting. Call 239-985-3550 or visit [www.leememorial.org](http://www.leememorial.org)

### Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas

It's the best time of the year!

Seniors stay active and happy in our Senior Day Program while caregivers take a break or fulfill holiday obligations.

- Social programs
- Art, music, pet therapy
- Nurse on staff
- Supervision as needed
- Medication assistance
- Light exercise
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