



# Crosswinds Youth Services

## Celebrating 35 Years

### 1974-2009



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### Dave Hemme Honored with First Crosswinds Lifetime Achievement Award

Dave Hemme started his career as a teacher with the Florida Department of Corrections in 1968, and served as Superintendent of three different major correctional institutions, including Brevard, before retiring.

Elected to the Crosswinds Board of Directors in 1995, Mr. Hemme served as Treasurer, Secretary, and President before retiring from the Board in 2008. He was instrumental in finding the property for Crosswinds' current campus on Dixon Boulevard in Cocoa and in obtaining government and private funding for construction of the Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter.



The Board of Directors chose to honor Mr. Hemme, not only for his passion, wisdom and dedication in service to Crosswinds, but for his lifetime of service. His outstanding community activities, along with his tireless efforts to prevent juvenile delinquency and reach out to youth in need, have earned him the first ever Crosswinds Lifetime Achievement Award. He has truly made a tremendous impact on the lives of the children, youth and families of Brevard County.



**Ron Jon Surf Shop Joins Safe Place**



Crosswinds Youth Services welcomes Ron Jon Surf Shop as its newest member of the Safe Place program in Brevard County. More than 120 businesses and community locations in the region, including Wendy's, YMCAs, Wal-Marts, and most fire stations serve as Safe Place sites where a young person can be safely connected to Crosswinds' services. "Many community partners and businesses work with us to make the Safe Place program possible," said Jan Lokay, President and CEO of Crosswinds.

Ron Jon Surf Shop's flagship store in Cocoa Beach is the world's largest surf shop. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, which makes it the perfect business to host a Safe Place program. Retail Operations and Human Resources Manager Jennifer Noonan is excited about hosting the program, saying, "This is great for our kids and our community, and Ron Jon is proud to be a major part of this program."

For information on the Safe Place program, contact Raylene Coe at Crosswinds, telephone 452-0800 ext. 309, or email [raylenecoe@crosswindseyouthservices.org](mailto:raylenecoe@crosswindseyouthservices.org).

### Volunteers Are Vital at Crosswinds

The holidays were brightened for the youth in Crosswinds' programs, along with other children in their families, by the generosity of many groups and individuals who prepared and hosted special dinners and parties, wrapped gifts, and gave gifts, gift cards and funds for gifts, food and entertainment. Crosswinds' staff and clients say a great big THANK YOU to all of you!

Volunteers play many vital roles at Crosswinds, not just during the holidays, but throughout the year, including tutoring, clerical and administrative support, grounds and building maintenance, arts and crafts, music, special projects, and the annual Great Brevard Duck Race. "You get a real feeling of accomplishment in helping these kids at Crosswinds," says volunteer Lynn Woolard, who has accepted the new role of Volunteer Coordinator. Contact him at 321-452-0800 ext. 161 or [LynnWoolard@crosswindseyouthservices.org](mailto:LynnWoolard@crosswindseyouthservices.org) to see how you can be a part of the good things happening at Crosswinds.

11th Annual  
Great Brevard Duck Race  
At the Indian River Festival  
Sunday April 19th, 2009

Duck Season Begins  
March 12th



"All You Need  
is a Duck  
and a Dream!"  
Watch for information on how to  
adopt ducks for the big race!

**OUR MISSION: Creating Opportunities For Young People To Succeed!**

# CROSSWINDS NEWS



## Crosswinds Launches Two New Programs: Street Outreach Independent Living Services



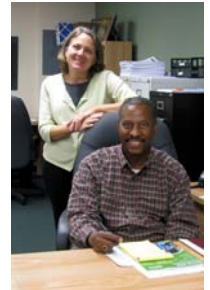
Recently, Crosswinds launched two exciting new programs. **Street Outreach** targets the needs of runaway, homeless and at-risk youth by providing services on the streets of Brevard County. Reaching out to runaway and homeless youth has been a significant part of Crosswinds' history, as it was founded in 1974 in response to a tragedy in Brevard County in which several runaway teens were murdered.

The goal of Street Outreach is to move youth out of street life into stable housing and connect them with community resources and services which provide them with opportunities to succeed in life. Crosswinds' Outreach Team is on the streets four or more nights a week, connecting with youth where they are, building rapport and trust and providing immediate assistance. They talk to youth about shelter options and hand out snacks, clothes and hygiene packs. Youth can receive these services without questions. They are also given information and referrals for other needed services, including medical clinics, food banks, GED assistance, and job training programs.

The Program Coordinator for Street Outreach is Raylene Coe, a former public defender in Brevard County. For information or to arrange a community presentation about the topic of homeless and runaway youth, contact her at 321-452-0800 ext. 309 or raylenecoe@crosswindseyouthservices.org

Crosswinds' second new initiative, **Independent Living Services**, supports foster youth leaving the state's dependency system to improve their success in transitioning to adulthood. Through a contract from Community Based Care of Brevard, Crosswinds works with these young adults to prepare them for the challenges and opportunities ahead, teaching self-sufficiency through employment, education and good decision-making. Youth learn how to define and reach their school, career or vocational goals, and develop interpersonal skills and problem-solving abilities. Teens who are expecting or parenting young children are trained in positive parenting skills, nutrition and child development.

Crosswinds welcomes back returning staff members Christine Barker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, who is the Program Director for Transitional Living and Independent Living Services, and Jim Davis, Case Manager. For information on Independent Living Services, contact Ms. Barker at 452-0800 ext. 216 or christinebarker@crosswindseyouthservices.org.



Crosswinds has opened new office space in South Brevard County, through a collaboration with Connected by 25 Brevard.

Crosswinds' New Office in Palm Bay:  
4961 Babcock Street NE, Suite 7, Palm Bay, FL 32905  
Office Hours by Appointment — Call 452-0800

### Staff and Volunteer Recognized

Photo on Left, l. to r.: Mary Mitcheson, Dale Carnegie Award for professionalism and positive thinking; Judy Patterson, 5 years of service; Janet Jacupke, Tortoise Award for talent, perseverance and commitment to quality; Thais Kleinhans, Program of the Year—Juvenile Assessment Center; Pamela Albright, Volunteer of the Year; Erika King-Youmans, Employee of the Year; Suzanne Beacham, Program of the Year—Juvenile Assessment Center.

Photo on Right: Karen Locke, President's Award for Leadership and Excellence



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