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Martin County Healthy Start announces 2012 – 2013 board

Stuart, FL (Sept. 7, 2012) –The Martin County Healthy Start Coalition is proud to announce its 2012/2013 board of directors who will help steer the nonprofit organization that offers support and education to pregnant women and mothers with infants.

Dale Martinez, of Seacoast National Bank, was recently appointed as board President, having served on Healthy Start’s board of directors since 2007. In addition to her involvement with Healthy Start, she is also actively involved in many other aspects of the community including serving on the board of directors of Keep Martin Beautiful (KMB) and House of Hope.

“I love our community and enjoy being a part of it through my service on the board of directors of some fantastic nonprofit organizations. Whether it’s through my involvement with environmental stewardship through KMB to supporting Martin County Healthy Start’s efforts to ensure that every baby is born healthy, I receive a tremendous amount of fulfillment being a part of these organizations,” said Martinez.

Healthy Start also welcomes the addition of two new board members, Emerald Jamison and Christine Demetriades. They join Martinez and the rest of the returning board members including Kevin Youngblood, Teena White, Kim Major, Elizabeth Hawn, Jane Hallick, Jason Berger and Jim Dragseth.

One of the youngest members of the board, 23-year-old Emerald Jamison brings a new perspective to the board and represents the East Stuart community. Currently a student at IRSC studying Human Services, Emerald has had personal experience with the Healthy Start program.

“When I was pregnant with my son four years ago I sought the help of Martin County Healthy Start. The services the organization offers are very valuable to pregnant mothers and I know their assistance helped in the healthy birth of my son,” says Jamison.

Another new addition to the Martin County Healthy Start board is Christine Demetriades, CEO for United for Families. With 25 years of experience in the social services field and a background in children and family services, Demetriades brings extensive knowledge to the Healthy Start board. Demetriades has previously worked for the Department of Children & Families.

“It’s wonderful that all of our board members come from different walks of life, have different backgrounds, yet we can collectively work together to fulfill the mission of the organization which is to ensure that every baby is born healthy,” said Martin County Healthy Start Coalition Executive Director Scott Berry.

The Martin County Healthy Start Coalition functions under the objective of increasing the number of mothers seeking prenatal health care in an effort to prevent infant mortality. Martin County Healthy Start offers mothers many different services and programs such as infant health screenings, childbirth education, counseling services and parenting education classes.

Suggested Photo Caption: Dale Martinez of Seacoast National Bank has been appointed as the 2012-2013 board president for the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition.

About Martin County Healthy Start Coalition

Martin County Healthy Start Coalition is a community-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that offers support and education to pregnant women and infants. Prenatal and infant health screenings, childbirth education, counseling services, and parenting education classes are available to families to ensure that all babies are born healthy. All information provided to Healthy Start is kept confidential. Eligibility for services is based on the presence of risk to the health of the mother or infant, not on income level.

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