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## Mending Broken Hearts with Hope 2011

The Shelter's 11th annual *Mending Broken Hearts with Hope* luncheon was full of surprises, from a switch in keynote speakers and some amazing new aspects to the silent auction, to an announcement about further support from Founding Signature Sponsor Chico's FAS, Inc.

As always, the event was lively with nearly 870 guests participating in a silent auction, general reception, drawing and the ever popular two-day Designer Boutique.

Our keynote presenter, Tiffany Carr, President/CEO of the [Florida Coalition of Domestic Violence \(FCADV\)](#), was anything BUT a stand-in as she moved the audience from laughter to tears and then redemption during her keynote address.

Beyond sharing her exceptional experience serving as the lead advocate for all victims of domestic violence in Florida, Tiffany also told her personal story of growing up in a violent home.



*Tiffany Carr, President of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, shares her personal story of being raised in violence with the audience.*

Although a 'silent victim' as a child, she managed to escape abuse (due to her mother's valiant efforts) and, as an adult, uses her experience to give voice to thousands of other victims of abuse through her involvement with FCADV.

Chaired by Jacquelyn Pierce, the event also featured The Shelter's Executive Director, Linda Oberhaus, announcing that Chico's matched their Founding Signature Sponsorship support, dollar-for-dollar, to help underwrite the cost of our Domestic Violence Task Force.

Also deserving of applause: Signature Sponsors Arthrex and Shelly Stayer/Johnsonville Sausage (oh those tasty Deli Bites!); the 2011 Honorary Chairs Joyce & Bill O'Meara; Patron Reception Hosts Terry & Bob Edwards; the event sponsors, Table Hosts, Committee, volunteers and, of course, our guests.

The 85 gift-box centerpieces, filled with toiletries and other 'necessities', were created by the [Naples Woman's Club](#) and donated to The Shelter. These 'welcome baskets' are being handed-out to residents entering our 60-bed emergency shelter.

Truly a spectacular event that not only raised much needed funds, but clearly demonstrated the importance of our efforts to prevent abuse before it begins, protect victims and survivors, as well as continue our work to prevail over violence in our homes, neighborhoods and communities.

To learn more about The Shelter's life-transforming programs and services, including ways you can support our ongoing efforts, [please click here](#), or call 239.77.5862, ext. 205.



*Shelly Stayer, Joyce & Bill O'Meara, Tiffany Carr, Terry & Bob Edwards, Jackie Pierce and Linda Oberhaus (seated) at the 2011 Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon.*



*Some 870 guests helped mend broken hearts with hope during The Shelter's 11th annual signature luncheon.*

[The Shelter for Abused Women & Children](#), Collier County's only certified domestic violence center, has served more than 57,000 individuals since 1989, providing programs and services designed to prevent domestic violence before it begins; advocating for societal changes to end domestic violence in our community; and meeting the immediate and long-term needs of victims and survivors.

The nonprofit organization is included in a list of the 14 top-rated domestic violence centers across the United States by America's premier independent charity evaluator, [Charity Navigator](#), and has received their coveted 4-star charity rating for two consecutive years.



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