



PRESS RELEASE

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Leadership Palm Beach County Participants Give Back to the Community

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Leadership Palm Beach County's Adult Program is an *interactive community leadership development program*, designed to provide participants with a foundation for life-long commitment to effective leadership. Delivered over a ten-month period, the thought-provoking curriculum provides leadership capacity-building skills, framed around countywide issues. Graduates can then join the Alumni Association in order to continue their life-long commitment to the program and to stay connected and encourage their colleagues to take part in this unique education experience.

Each year, a select group of persons residing or working in Palm Beach County is exposed to the social, economic, and political issues facing the county. Experiential knowledge is provided via lectures, site visits, discussions, simulations, and other leadership development activities. Discussions with key community leaders uncover the factors affecting critical decision-making on the future of our county.

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For more information about Leadership Palm Beach County and or to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the Class of 2005 project, contact Rebecca Cozart at 561-748-8182.

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DIGITAL PHOTO ATTACHED.

Class of 2005 member, Elena Contreras of Fidelity Federal Bank, watches as fellow classmates stir paint in preparation ready supplies and paint for the project.



EXTREME MAKEOVER

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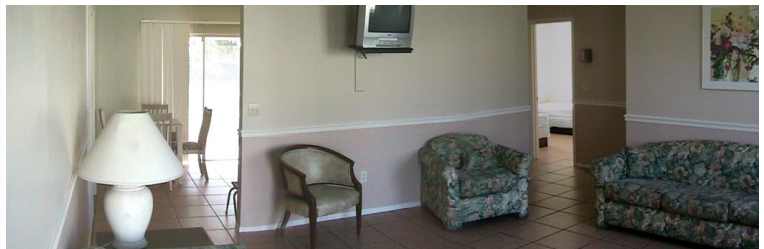
John Southard - suited up ready to paint the ceilings.



Elena Contreras takes notes as Jon Swergold measures the wall for the chair rail. The apartment is prepped and ready for painting with the fixtures and windows taped and a tarp covering the floor.



Class members supervise as John Southard stirs paint.



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