

## Newest members announced for Diamond Volunteer ranks

The 2014 Diamond Volunteer Award winners have been announced by Kelly Capolino, founder of the program that recognizes three nonprofit organizations each year based on exceptional volunteer dedication and positive influence made in the lives of others. The newest winners are:

- Angels Undercover of Collier County
- Immokalee Housing & Family Services
- Shy Wolf Sanctuary

Each organization receives a cocktail reception for 25 of its volunteers and honored guests. The 2014 receptions will be held at The von Liebig Art Center, home of the Naples Art Association, in January, February and March.

"Each year gets more difficult, as there are so many wonderful nonprofits in Collier County," Ms. Capolino says. The real estate agent with Keating Associates adds, "My career goal is to deliver the best results, care about my clients and get the job done ... and while doing that, I pass along information about all these great nonprofits to everyone I come in contact with.

"I have recruited volunteers and donors for so many organizations by just talking about their mission," she says. "The power of networking is full circle in Naples."

### About the winners

**Angels Undercover** was established in 2010 to provide underwear, socks and school uniforms to elementary-school children who would otherwise come



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Diamond Volunteer Award program founder Kelly Capolino, second from left, with Nancy Smith of Shy Wolf Sanctuary, Susan Golden of Immokalee Housing & Family Services and Jackie Bennett of Angels Undercover.

to school inadequately dressed. Giving them the basic clothes they need helps them arrive at school ready to learn.

**Immokalee Housing & Family Services** was established in 1985 to address the deplorable housing conditions that existed for farm-working families in Immokalee. The mission is to provide decent, safe and affordable rental housing and supportive social and educational services for farmworkers and other low-income families.

**Shy Wolf Sanctuary**, founded in 1993, provides rescue and refuge for exotic animals and finds new homes for those better suited to family life.

For more information about the Diamond Volunteer Award program, contact Ms. Capolino by calling 877-6700 or 262-6606, ext. 319, or e-mailing Kelly@Naples.net. ■