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Kelly E. Capolino announces 2014 Diamond Volunteer Award Winners

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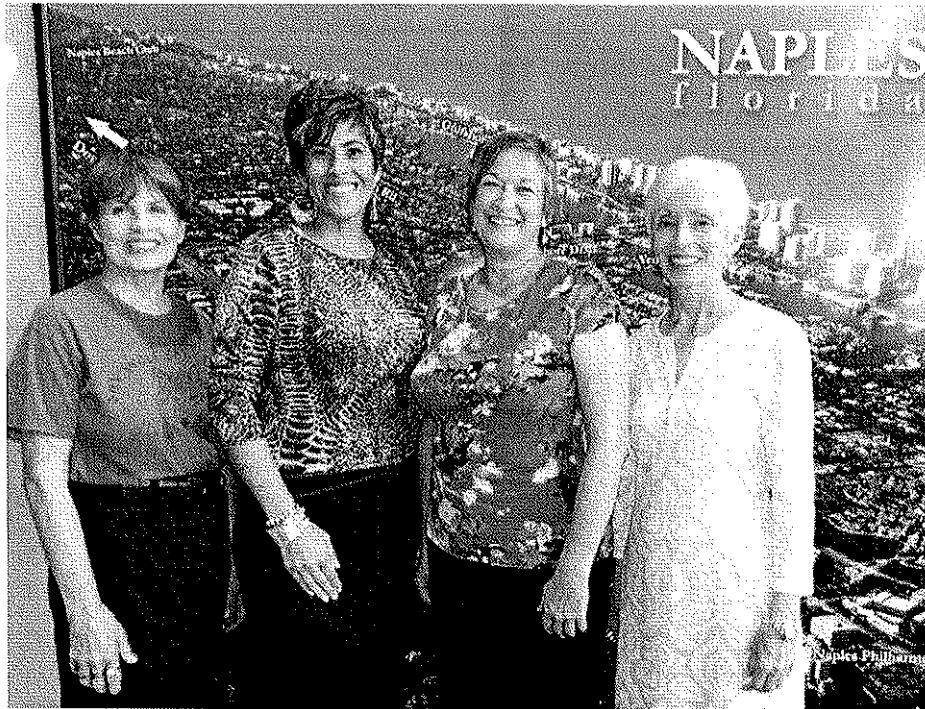
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2014 Diamond Volunteer Award winners with program founder, Kelly Capolino: From left to right - Nancy Smith, Founder Shy Wolf Sanctuary; Kelly E. Capolino, Founder of the Diamond Volunteer Program and local Real Estate Professional, Susan Golden, Executive Director of Immokalee Housing & Family Services; and Jackie Bennett, Founder and President of Angels Undercover.

The 2014 Diamond Volunteer Award winners have been announced by Kelly Capolino for their exceptional contributions to the community. Capolino, local real estate professional with Keating Associates, founded the program in 2009 and

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selects three non-profit organizations each year based on their exceptional volunteer dedication and the extraordinary positive influence that they make in the lives of others.

The 2014 winners are: Angel Undercover of Collier County, Inc., Immokalee Housing and Family Services, and Shy Wolf Sanctuary.

Since the inception of the program, there have been 13 non-profit organizations who have received the award. This year's winners will bring the total to 16, as there was a tie in 2011 and four groups were honored.

Each organization selected will be given a private cocktail reception for 25 of their volunteers and honored guests. They will each receive a press release written about their group, photos of the award reception submitted for press coverage, and a framed Diamond Volunteer award. The receptions will be held again this year at the Naples Art Association's von Liebig Art Center during the months of January, February and March.

"Each year gets more difficult as there are so many wonderful non-profit organizations in Collier County," said Capolino. "As I have said before, my personal goal is to help not-for-profits grow and prosper and it all goes back to my real estate career, which is the driving force behind everything. My career goal is to deliver the best results, care about my clients and get the job done... and while doing that I can pass along information about all these great not-for-profits at the same time to everyone I come in contact with. I have recruited volunteers and donors for so many organizations by just talking about their mission – the power of networking is full circle in Naples."

Angel Undercover of Collier County, Inc., established in 2010, promotes education by providing clothing (underwear, socks and school uniforms) to those who would otherwise come to school inadequately dressed. By giving the children school clothing and undergarments, we help 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 farm workers and other low-income families.

Shy Wolf Sanctuary, founded in 1993, provides sanctuary for exotic animals in need of rescue and refuge, while screening and re-homing those better suited to family life. The mission is to educate the global community about the needs of these animals, how they come to be in rescue, and the role and importance of their wild counterparts in order to create empathy and understanding of the lessons they have to teach, and how each person can make a difference in the world around us.

Local real estate professional, Kelly E. Capolino, founded the Diamond Volunteer Program in 2009 as a way to honor hardworking volunteers of non-profit organizations. Besides sitting on several non-profit boards, chairing fundraising committees for others, she is also a volunteer for other organizations and knows the importance of being thanked. As founder of the Diamond Volunteer Program and one of the organizers of the Thinking Outside of the Box seminar series, Capolino realizes that many non-profits do not have the funds to thank their volunteers. This is the very reason she founded her programs, both, promote, educate and aid non-profit

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St. John the Evangelist Church

Business Network International: 7:15 a.m.
Neapolitan Networkers Chapter
St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church

Shelling trips in the Ten Thousand Islands 8 a.m.
Goodland Boat Park - 750 Palm Point Drive, Goodland, FL

ULI hosts a behind-the-scenes look at the evolution of the Naples Zoo, Dec. 12 8 a.m.
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