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LEAVE A LEGACY[®] AWARDS ANNOUNCED

STUART, FL – Glenna DeMichael, president of the **Treasure Coast Planned Giving Council** (TCPGC) presented the **2005 LEAVE A LEGACY[®]** awards to recipients **Herman E Gottfried**, nominated by Martin Memorial Foundation, for the *Living Legacy Award* and **Mimi Towl**, nominated by Council on Aging, Martin County, was honored posthumously with a *Lasting Legacy Award*.

Presented at the 11th Annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon hosted by the Treasure Coast chapter of the **Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)** on November 18th at the Sailfish Point Country Club in Stuart, award recipients are individuals who have left a planned gift in their will or estate plan to local charities on the Treasure Coast.

An outstanding philanthropist, **Mr. Gottfried**, generously supports many local charities including Martin Memorial Foundation, Martin County Library Foundation Lyric Theatre, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and the Treasure Coast Concert Association. After serving in the Navy and working for the City of New York as an acquisitions attorney, Herman became self-employed, specializing in environmental law, where he says he “made all his money”. He moved with his wife Margaret to Martin County in the late 1980’s. In 1993, Herman, and his now late wife, set up a Charitable Remainder Trust to benefit several local charities. His history of giving back to the community has helped to improve the lives of many individuals. Mr. Gottfried remains very active in the community attending many charity events, and at age 95, still plays golf twice a week.

There are a handful of people you meet in life that you know you will always remember. The late **Mimi Towl** was one of these special people. Mimi adopted

compassion for children, she adopted Hibiscus Children’s Center. Because she felt concern for seniors who struggle with ill health and limited finances, she adopted the Council on Aging in Martin County. Because she was empathetic with those who fought with cancer, she adopted Martin Memorial Cancer Center. Because she cherished the companionship of pets, she adopted the Humane Society. And, because she understood the need for dignity and comfort in the last moments of life, she adopted Hospice.

Past recipients of the Lasting Legacy award are: **Myra Schroeder, Joseph Kordick, Katherine Dunscombe** and **Joseph Ottaviano**. A Living Legacy award was instituted in 2003 honoring **Grace Keller Jones** who passed away this year.

The Treasure Coast Planned Giving Council sponsors the local program with support from First National Bank & Trust Company and other strategic partners, in cooperation with the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Treasure Coast Chapter. For information visit the web site at www.LeaveALegacyFlorida.org or call Glenna DeMichael at 334-9311 ext 104 or gdemichael@hcc4kids.org.

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