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## **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY UNITES FOR A CAUSE**

**CAPE CORAL, August 13, 2009** – The Cape Coral facility of Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) is receiving a much needed facelift, thanks to the efforts of the Cape Coral construction community.

The Cape Coral Construction Industry Association (CCCIA) has organized a group of industry professionals to assist in the smoothing, painting and landscaping of the building, located at 1105 Cultural Park Blvd (just between City Hall and the current police and fire headquarters). The SWFAS facility houses the United Way Resource House and Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI), in addition to providing substance abuse treatment for adults and youths.

Representatives from all three non-profits and CCCIA will attend the Cape Coral City Council meeting on Monday, Aug. 24, to recognize the companies who made the improvements. Total value of the makeover is \$17,500 in labor and materials.

The companies contributing to the efforts include Balfour Beatty Construction, Service Painting Florida, Color Wheel Paint, H & E Equipment Services, King Landscaping & Sod, and SignMart.

When CCMI moved into the space to service their growing clientele in the Cape, they approached the CCCIA about improving the building's appearance, so those in need of assistance would feel good about visiting the office.

A few phone calls later and the building was being spackled, paint was picked out, equipment was delivered, and a sign was posted on the site. The work

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continues, with landscaping plans being prepared and touch up details completed.

“This is a perfect example of what this industry is all about,” says Becky Swift, CCCIA President. “Even in challenging times, this industry gives back to the community over and over again. We were happy to help.”

## **About Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc.**

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**Southwest Florida Addiction Services ([SWFAS](#))** is the most comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention program in Southwest Florida, serving 6,000 people per year from ages 9 to 90. SWFAS offers outpatient and residential programs for both adults and youngsters from five locations in Lee County and two in Hendry County. In addition, SWFAS provides detoxification services for adults, prevention programming, and an Employee Assistance Program for about 60 Southwest Florida businesses.

SWFAS recently opened a new 44,000 square-foot **[Detoxification and Outpatient Treatment Center](#)** on Evans Avenue in Fort Myers that also offers prevention services and group therapy. **[The Vince Smith Center](#)** on Prince Street in Fort Myers is a residential facility for teens recovering from substance abuse.

**[The Transitional Living Center](#)** in central Fort Myers now provides residential treatment for 42 men and women with drug and/or alcohol problems in either a short-term residential program (one month) or in a four to six-month transitional living program. Permanent supportive housing also is offered for an additional 34 individuals and up to two families in a variety of duplexes on the TLC campus that stretches from Dixie Parkway to Grand Avenue in central Fort Myers. Residents of permanent supportive housing are expected to live a drug-free lifestyle, obtain work, and pay monthly rent that is based on their income. The facility is supported by 24/7 staff on the TLC campus and medical management is available, as needed.

SWFAS services are not free. Fees are charged on a sliding scale, based on family income. In many cases, private insurance is accepted. SWFAS is a United Way agency.

## **About Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc.**

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**Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI)** was incorporated in 1984, and has long been a driving force in the Fort Myers community, providing food to homeless and nearly homeless, as well as emergency groceries and affordable childcare to the working poor. In July of 2006 the agency expanded its mission and outreach to Lee County by merging with agencies that had historically provided home delivered meals to the homebound hungry ([Meals on Wheels](#)), and transportation services to the frail elderly ([Faith In Action](#)). This merger created an agency that is able to provide comprehensive, unduplicated services to the homeless, nearly homeless, homebound, seniors and children more effectively, more efficiently and with greater compassion than at any other time in the former agencies histories.

CCMI is dedicated to providing nutritious meals, groceries, transportation, affordable childcare and referral services to the homeless, homebound, seniors, working poor, children and the frail in our community. The populations we serve have been identified as some of the neediest in Lee County.

Our clients are primarily elderly, homeless and/or working poor, including children.

In Dunbar where the [Soup Kitchen](#) and our new United Way House is located, 30.4% of the population lives in poverty. The most recent Homeless Survey conducted by Lee County Human Services projects that there are over 3,000 homeless residents in Lee County with a majority living in the downtown/Dunbar area. There can be no doubt that these segments of the population will only grow and become needier in time. In addition in 2005, 22.7% of the population in Lee County was over the age of 65, and as baby boomers age up the demand for services for the elderly will be even greater. Our agency is positioning itself to deal with the increased community need.