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Cover Story

Here's to a job well done!

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The Living Legacy Award was presented to Howard and Elaine Cook, who were nominated by the Martin Memorial Foundation. The Cooks have generously donated to Treasure Coast Hospices, the Martin County Library, the Lyric Theatre, United Way of Martin County, American Red Cross and Martin Memorial.

The John Carroll High School Anchor Club was honored with the Outstanding Youth Group in Philanthropy. The Anchor Club is part of a national organization for young ladies, sponsored by Pilot International. Members have supported Hibiscus Children's Center, Abbiejean Russell Care Center and many other causes, all while keeping their high academic standards.

Three young people received the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Awards: Cierra Johns, a senior at Treasure Coast High School, Sashel Marquis-Wedderburn of Treasure Coast High School, and Jane Plummer of John Carroll High School. These three young women have shown extraordinary commitment to the community through personal giving.

Charles Cuomo, nominated by the Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County, was the recipient of the Unsung Hero of the Year award. An educator in St. Lucie County schools for more than 30 years, Charles is dedicated to serving youth, touching the lives of thousands of students. And his work doesn't stop in the classroom, volunteering each day as a mentor, promoting literacy or helping out in other ways.

The Outstanding Group Supporting Philanthropy award went to Mariner Sands Country Club. Accepting the award was Tony Lang, president of the residential group that has supported 43 nonprofits in Martin County with \$3.3 million since 1983.

Kinane Corporation Commercial Printing was the recipient of the Outstanding Small Business Philanthropist award. Owner Sue Kinane said, "What you get from your community depends on what you're willing to give."

The Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist award was presented to Tropicana Products, Inc. Employees are encouraged to support their communities through volunteerism and financial contributions. Tropicana, which is a division of PepsiCo, matches employee contributions dollar-for-dollar.

Chuck White, Publix manager, was the recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award. Chuck is credited with raising more than \$300,000 for the Arc of Martin County.

Economic expert Knight Kiplinger was the recipient of the Outstanding Individual Philanthropist award, given in recognition of his support to numerous Martin County agencies. "If you put down roots in a community, then you owe that community," said Mr. Kiplinger.

The final award of the afternoon was presented to Bud and Dot Adams. The President's Award, this year sponsored by Jack and CeeJay Heckenberg, is awarded by the entire judging committee to the honoree with the highest combined score of all nominees. Each year, the Adams provide support to more than 50 area nonprofits throughout the Treasure Coast area.

Cover photo by Bob Dobens of Photo Fantasies: (Standing) Frances Bigay, Rebecca Dempsey, Charles Cuomo, Millie Wood, Knight Kiplinger, Jane Plummer, John Ekuftu, Sashel Marquis-Wedderburn, (seated) Cierra Johns, Tony Lang, Ann Decker, Dot Adams, Bud Adams, Elaine Cook, Howard T. Cook and Sue Kinane

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