



## Members at Work

Read on to hear from our two members who are going strong in our Transitional Employment positions!

## New Board Members

Join us in welcoming our two newest board members!

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# KEY UPDATE

The Newsletter of The Key Clubhouse of South Florida



## The Key to a Brighter Future

The Key Clubhouse of South Florida recently held a Grand Opening for our new home. The new 5,000 square foot space was built to serve individuals living with serious mental illness. Built through a partnership with Carrfour Supportive Housing, The Key Clubhouse of South Florida is the only Clubhouse in the state of Florida offering supportive housing in the same building.

"We are proud to open this new Key Clubhouse at Northside Commons as it now enables us to serve more individuals in our community," says Debra Webb, executive director. "Currently, about 43 members are living in apartment units at the Northside Commons Clubhouse."

## ...enables us to serve more individuals in our community...

Key Clubhouse of South Florida is an accredited member of Clubhouse International, a worldwide network of more than 320 mental health Clubhouses on six continents. The organization's main mission is to bring positive change to the lives of those living with mental illness. We thank the donors who have helped sponsor our units at Key Clubhouse: Damodar and Lalita Airan, The Romero Family, the Alvin H. & Wyline P. Chapman Foundation, Laurie and Louis Appignani, Rotary Club of Miami Airport, CareerSource South Florida, TeamFootWorks, and so many more who have helped make this project come true!

## The New Date for Mental Health Luncheon:

March 5, 2023

We would like to inform our friends and supporters that we have made the decision to postpone our Luncheon due to an increase in COVID infection rates in South Florida throughout the past few months. It is in our best interest to keep our members, friends, and supporters safe during these complicated times.

We are glad to announce that we will still be having our guest David Granirer who is a mental health advocate who works through stand up comedy. He will give a workshop for our members to perform during the next luncheon! Hope to see you there!

# DeLuca Foundation helps The Key Clubhouse expand and offer more jobs to people living with mental illness.

We are excited to announce that The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation has awarded Key Clubhouse a grant to expand our pre-employment skills building and employment placement services. This grant will help more of our Clubhouse members rejoin the world of work. We are grateful to the DeLuca Foundation for this valuable assistance in expanding our program in our new facility.

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation was created in 1997 by the late Frederick DeLuca, co-founder of the global SUBWAY® restaurant chain, to provide youth and adults the tools to achieve independence and self-sufficiency. Since its inception, the foundation has provided educational scholarship opportunities and community based



organizations in the state of Connecticut. Today, the Foundation's impact has broadened to support artistic experiences, health awareness, and workforce development programs that enhance the lives of children and families throughout South Florida.



## Peacock Foundation Inc. A Longtime Supporter



Peacock Foundation Inc. has been a longtime supporter of The Key Clubhouse for over 10 years. The Foundation recently awarded Key Clubhouse a special grant to continue its support of our overall operations.

Peacock Foundation, Inc. has invested in Miami for 75 years. In 1947, a Gentleman by the name of Henry B. Peacock established Peacock Foundation to enhance and promote the good health and well-being of children,

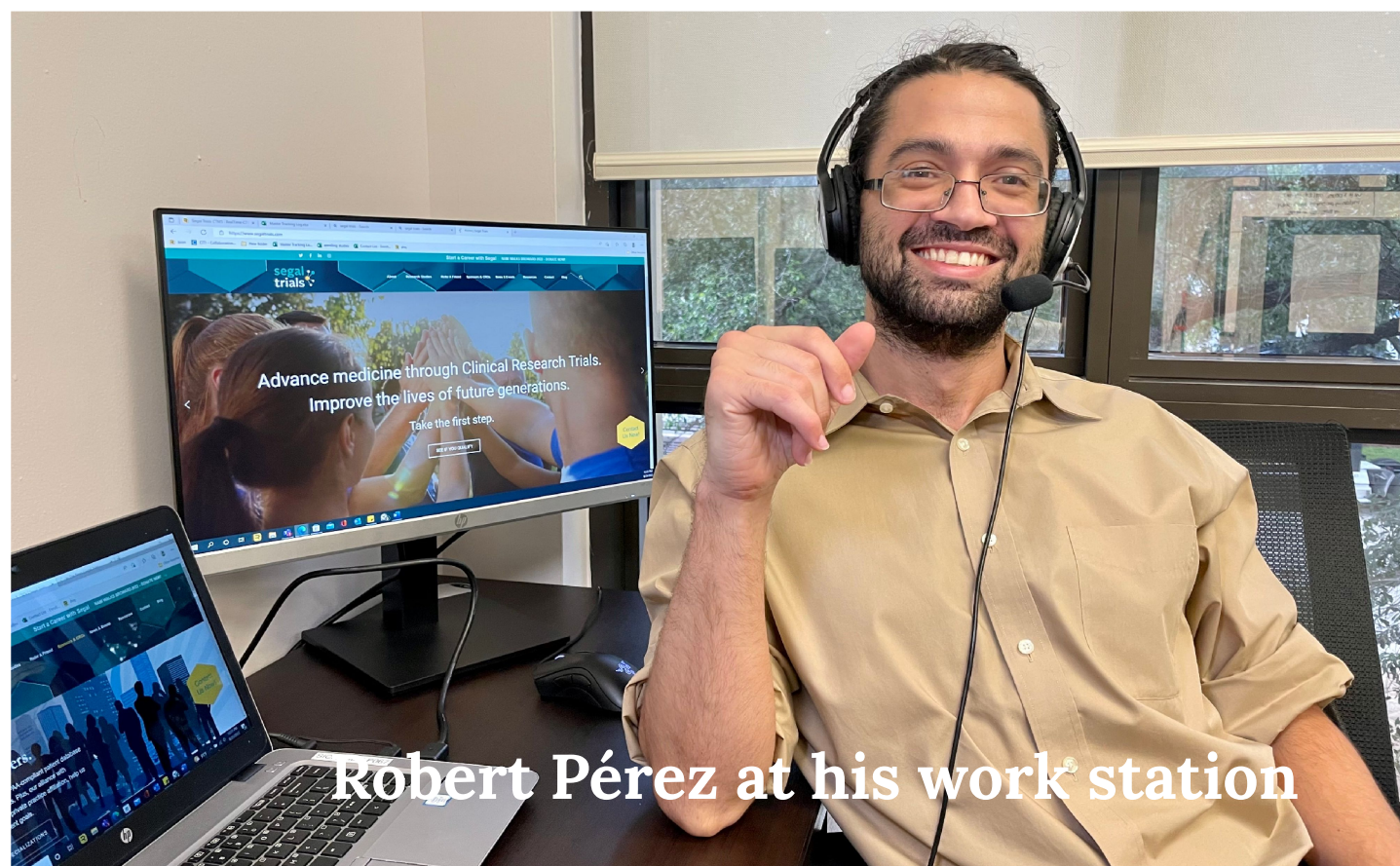
families, and underprivileged persons in Southeast Florida, through contributions, gifts, and grants to eligible nonprofit organizations.

A resident of Miami's Morningside neighborhood, he helped lead the Miami Heart Institute and the Miami Kiwanis Club. He was a founder of the Miami Kiwanis Youth Foundation and the Grand Jury Association. He was a lifetime member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Miami Command.

Upon Mr. Peacock's death in 1994 at age 91, a significant portion of his estate endowed the Peacock Foundation, Inc. to continue its good work for generations to come. Thank you, Mr. Peacock, – your legacy lives on!

# Transitional Employment Success: Members at Work

## Robert's TE at Segal Trials



Robert Pérez at his work station

I became a member of the Clubhouse in March and I am currently working a Transitional Employment (TE) position at Segal Trials with Fernando as my Placement Manager. I have been working there for three months now as a Call Center Representative. The position has helped me develop my skills as I talk to others and offer people help. The fact that my manager Danielle Recasens, my supervisor and my co-workers provide a supportive environment that has really helped me thrive in my position. I have advanced in my career development and I can see myself growing and reaching my career goals. Also, working with a Placement Manager has been fundamental and thanks to this opportunity, I am optimistic about my future!

## Tammy's TE at Fresh Start



Tamara Burch's receives first paycheck from Executive Director Sandra McQueen Baker

I am grateful to have gained enough experience at Key Clubhouse since I became a member back in April to be recommended by two Key Clubhouse staff members for the position. At Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc. I work in the drop-in center serving the members and facilitating their education and socialization in a group therapy format, as well as having other responsibilities in the area of outreach such as writing the newsletter and helping with empowerment in the community. One of the goals my employer is helping me to realize is becoming a peer specialist. They offer peer specialist and WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) training, so I'm very excited about it! I truly enjoy my work as I have had an interest in socialization, writing, and empowerment for a long time, along with the fact that I benefit greatly from interacting with Fresh Start members, community members, and my new coworkers. I look forward to the input of Mary Jane Francis, my Key Clubhouse Placement Manager, who helps to guide me towards more productive and better work on an ongoing basis.

## Dr. Delvena Thomas



Delvena R. Thomas is a champion for mental health and an expert in the development of evidence-based prevention and treatment strategies. Trained in medicine and psychiatry at the University of Maryland in Baltimore (MD), she is board-certified in psychiatry, neurology, and maintains a private practice in psychotherapy, psychopharmacology, and alternative health. Dr. Thomas holds key leadership roles on panel discussions and is called upon regularly as a mental health expert on NBC 6 Sunday show, "Voices." She is the author and producer of her own podcast "The Brain Love Podcast" which bears the name of her nonprofit organization, The DRT Brain Love Foundation formed in 2018.

## Mr. Eric Pinto



Eric Pinto is a civic minded individual who is focused on developing his self, team, and community. He enjoys giving back to the community by participating in events and helping organizations within the education and healthcare areas. As a Tax Partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers' Florida Private practice, he has served clients with focus and pride for the past 16 years. He has significant experience in public accounting, including experience with large multinational companies, private equity owned, family businesses, professional services, and entrepreneurial high growth businesses. He is a trusted business advisor for companies working with company management and stakeholders with their tax compliance and consulting needs.

## New Board Members

## About Us

*The Key Clubhouse offers an accredited "Recovery Through Work" program for adults, ages 18 and older, who have a diagnosis of a serious and persistent mental illness including bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, major depression, schizoaffective disorder, PTSD, and other serious mental illnesses. Membership provides ongoing support operating five days a week, holidays and special activities on some weekends.*

*Our membership is always growing, if you or one of your loved ones would like to join, please call 305- 693-3508.*

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## Support Us on Give Miami Day!

November 17th is Give Miami Day! Give Miami Day is an annual giving period that unites the nonprofits of Greater Miami and gives donors an opportunity to support their favorite nonprofits online. In the past, we have run successful campaigns thanks to our supportive group of donors! Can we count on your support? Scan the QR code below and visit the website for more information!



We would like to thank the ongoing sponsors of the Key Clubhouse!



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