

## On the Scene

# Building a better future



Bank of America and Bomar Building play a big role in building a playground for foster children.

What does a large financial institution, a luxury residential builder, and local foster care nonprofits have in common? For one thing—they have a desire to make a difference in the lives of Broward County's foster children. Bank of America, Bomar Builders, 4KIDS of South Florida and ChildNet have joined forces to build a playground at SafePlace, the first place children go when they are removed from their home due to abuse, abandonment or neglect.

Children often arrive at SafePlace with no more than a small suitcase. Their young lives have been disrupted and often they are lonely and frightened. Many times these emotions are compounded as they transition to a new environment. Conscious of the need for a place for foster children to relax, play and simply be children, 4KIDS have been working with friends and corporate leaders Bank of America and Bomar

Builders to invest in creating an outdoor play area. Drew Greep, chairman of the Board of The Heart Gallery of Broward County approached Bomar Builders while Joel Ceballos engaged Bank of America to help fund the \$50,000 project.

Complete with TerraSoft safety flooring, a Kompan play unit, privacy fence, and shade awning, the 875 sq. foot area is a state-of-the-art playground complete with a city-scape mural.

"This playground project, in essence, is an example of Community Based Care in motion," said Emilio Benitez, ChildNet's chief executive officer. "With Bomar Builders and Bank of America joining their resources, individual donations, and services with 4KIDS and ChildNet, it shows that together we can better serve our community's foster children."

For more information, visit [www.childnet.us](http://www.childnet.us). ■



Children enjoy the new playground.