

Foster Parents

DAVE and LINDA FEARNLEY



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When Dave and Linda Fearnley first started fostering they hoped to change one child's life. Twenty-three years later they undoubtedly have left an indelible impact on the lives of more than 300 abused, abandoned or neglected children that have called their Plantation residence home.

After a young relative was a victim of abuse, Dave and Linda vowed to help children that may be in a similar situation. The couple prefers to foster teenagers because they connect better with this age group. "Dave and Linda are exemplary, not so much because of how long they have fostered but because they serve a population that is difficult to place in a foster home," notes Jennifer Smith, ChildNet's Foster Home Recruitment Coordinator. The Plantation couple has had their share of challenges but believe that consistent, positive discipline is vital to reaching teens. Keeping promises and showing that there is a consequence to every choice are guidelines by which they live. Their greatest reward is when a former foster youth visits or calls to say thanks for all that they have done.

Dave and Linda are forty-year residents of Plantation. They have two biological adult daughters, one adopted adult daughter, a 15-year old adopted son and three foster children. For more information about fostering, contact ChildNet's Recruitment Hotline at 954-414-6001.

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When severe weather threatens, tune to 1620 AM radio for City-specific updates on weather conditions, school closings, shelters, evacuations and more.

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Cultural CORNER

The Schacknow Museum of Fine Arts, Inc., located at 7080 NW 4th Street celebrate artists and their works of art at opening night receptions on October 25 and November 29 and January 31 at 6:30 PM. The receptions are free to Museum members and \$5 per person for the general public.

SUMMER EXHIBITS:

October 4 - November 22, 2008
PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART

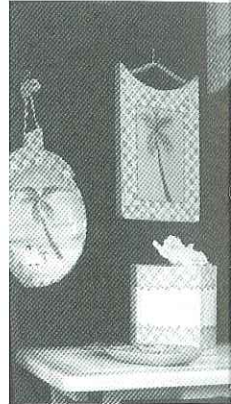
November 29 - January
CATS AND DOGS

ART IN THE PARK

LIBERTY TREE PARK
7421 N.W. 5TH STREET

FREE ADMISSION

October 25 & 26
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



For two days late in October, all eyes are on Plantation's Liberty Tree Park, located at 7421NW 5th Street, as the Plantation Junior Woman's presents the 42nd Annual "Art in the Park." This year the festival will celebrate life, with the theme of "Life, it's a walk in the Park."

130 artists from Florida and around the country gather to participate in this successful, juried fine art show, where a total of \$10,000 in prize money is awarded to the participants by independent judges. In addition to a wide variety of art, live music can be heard throughout the event, and children can enjoy crafts, entertainment and activities in the Kids Corner. A variety of food, snacks and beverages is available for purchase, with a seating area under shade trees.

Admission is free to this annual event, and there is free tram service to the Fashion Mall, provided by the Plantation Tram. Attendance is estimated at 75,000.

Proceeds from the event (raised through sponsorships and food, potluck and t-shirt sales) are returned to the community. Last year alone, over \$22,000 was donated to such worthwhile organizations as: Easter Seal Society of Broward County, Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library, Plantation High School, Plantation Historical Museum and Plantation Parks & Recreation Department. Money was also used to fund scholarships for two Plantation area high school seniors, provide holiday dinners for deserving families and support beautification projects throughout the City.

This year's event will be held October 25 and 26. For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, visit Plantationjuniorwomansclub.org, or call 954-797-9762.