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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHARLEE Homes for Children benefits from a "Redesign" at one of their Group Homes by **COCONUT GROVE GALLERY & INTERIORS**.

Aida and Larry, house parents working with CHARLEE Homes for Children for over 18 years and who have cared for hundreds of foster children, were very excited about the redesign of their living room area where the six foster children who live with them spend most of their time. Aida was amazed at how the rearranging of the same furniture could make the room so much larger and more spacious.

Janel Kuhl, Managing Designer for Coconut Grove Gallery & Interiors organized the redesign for CHARLEE as a kick off of another event which will benefit more children in CHARLEE's care, some of the 160 young adults that have aged out of Foster Care. These young people are taking that next big step towards self sustenance.

On November 7, 2009 from 1PM to 6 PM – Coconut Grove Gallery & Interiors is hosting a special event , "Wild for CHARLEE", at their location, 2884 Bird Ave. in Coconut Grove. The community is asked to donate furniture to help furnish the apartments of our children aging out of Foster Care. A tax donation receipt together with a discount from the Gallery will be provided for those that donate usable furniture. Featured will be a backdrop with wild animals in a jungle atmosphere, free beer samples from the Titantic Brewery, a popular brewpub located near the UM campus and food from one of Miami's top restaurants catering to the downtown crowd, Rigatti's Café.

CHARLEE Homes for Children appreciates the support from local organizations such as Coconut Grove Gallery & Interiors. They offer a wide array of services in the South Florida area from simple furniture placement, interior decorating, custom framing and home renovation - they truly do the whole house – start to finish!

Join in the Fun and Help out Children in this event that is free to the public!

*****CHARLEE Homes for Children*** is a not-for-profit social service foster care agency providing for the needs of abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk children in Miami-Dade County for 26 years.

Our Goal: To empower each child and family to succeed – Our Vision: Restoring a hopeful and safe future.

For more information about **CHARLEE** , the nearly 1,000 children in its care, upcoming events, additional funding and volunteer opportunities, please check out our website www.charleeprogram.org or contact Marilyn March, Development Director @ 305-779-9795.

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