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## South Florida Traders Raise \$20,000 for Charity

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BRADENTON, Fla. — The South Florida Bond Traders Association raised \$20,000 for charities during its 2014 conference, the organization announced Feb. 24.

The conference, held in early February in Boca Raton, attracted more than 350 fixed-income professionals from across the country and included sessions of interest to municipal bond market participants for the first time in the three years the group has sponsored the event.

It offered attendees the opportunity to participate in discussions on current issues facing the securities trading industry, and to attend networking events, organizers said, adding that part of the SFBTA's mission is to support south Florida charities.

"We are pleased to be able to support these organizations that have a positive impact on our community," said George Barbar, association president and senior managing director in institutional sales and trading at Mesirow Financial Inc. "A portion of the proceeds from our conference enables us to generously support their work."

Groups that received donations are Angel's Pediatric Heart House, HelpHOPELive, an organization raising liver transplant funds for SFBTA friend Jayme Mirsky, Inspirit, which brings performing arts to people in isolated or restricted living environments, and Place of Hope at The Haven Campus, which recently expanded to provide family style residential foster care.

The SFBTA is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose members are investment and trading professionals in South Florida, which is generally defined as Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties.



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