



Sheriff Roth receives valor award

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Spottswood, Santiago, others also honored*

Monroe County Sheriff Rick Roth received a community service award Thursday at a benefit that raised more than \$100,000 for a women's and children's shelter.

The Man of Valor Award, sponsored annually by the Spottswood Companies, was handed to Roth for the work he has done with the Florida Keys Children's Shelter and Samuel's House, an emergency shelter for homeless women and their children.

The gala was a benefit to raise funds for Samuel's House.

At the beginning of the event, developer Pritam Singh challenged attendees by offering to match donations up to \$54,000. By the end of the night an equal amount was raised, and Samuel's House benefited to the tune of \$108,000.

Roth was just one of the recipients of the annual "Women of Integrity and Men of Valor" awards. Other recipients included:

- Mona Santiago and Bill Spottswood for philanthropy
- Louie and Cristina Scaramuzzi for their service to the homeless
- Zach and Mary Bentley for service to the homeless
- Pastor B.J. Hicks and Kristina Hicks for faith-based community service
- Jay Gogin and Jimmy Wray for their contributions through teaching and the arts
- Paula Ciavolino and Kenny Knowles for their service to kids.

"Although our honorees are very different in passion and pursuit," said the event's master of ceremonies, Bill Becker, "the common thread is the personal sacrifice each has made to improve life in our Florida Keys. Honor, goodness, decency and caring are just a few of the words to describe our women of integrity and the men of valor."