

## What Are You Doing To Celebrate National Grandparent's Day? Forever Family's 'Bella's Group' **Plans Free Skating Party for Kids & The Grandparents Raising Them!** Presenting Complimentary Book... "Got Kids... Take Notes" By Norma Smoker

Grandparents have played a special role in the lives of Isabella and Gabriella Glazer, founders of Forever Family Bella's Group, a support organization for children being raised by family members that are not their parents. The girls started the support group when they couldn't find one that dealt with their circumstances, i.e., being raised by their grandparents, Drs. Ira and Marietta Glazer. They were in the fourth and third grades respectively.

Over the years, the girls have constantly expanded their outreach, starting with several free parties each year for the kids... and for the family members raising them; thanks to generous benefactors in the community that applaud and support their efforts, including Philanthropist Linda Von Allmen and the Watts Foundation.

They will continue that tradition with a "Salute To Grandparents" that will include a free Skating Party on National Grandparent's Day, Sunday, September 7th! The event takes place at Galaxy Skateway, 3737 N. Dixie Highway Extension in Hollywood, from 1:30

p.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to having a number of representatives from various social service agencies offering information and support, Isabella and Gabriella will be presenting each grandparent with a red rose and a copy of Norma Smoker's



Book Cover - Got Kids... Take Notes by Norma Smoker

book, "Got Kids... Take Notes!"

"Giving these books to grandparents raising their grandkids could offer them some valuable advice and insight for raising 21st century kids!" Isabella said. Norma is an amazing, self-empowered woman who is a much sought-after speaker at seminars, churches, schools, workshops, corporate offices as well as mothers' and couples' groups. Her topics range from

> family issues, education, relationships and organizational skills. From 1997 to 2004, Norma hosted a weekly radio program where she had the enviable opportunity to interview more than 300 best-selling au-



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thors, doctors, psychologists and internationally known speakers.

As a special 'extra', each child will receive a "Bella's Bag" which will include a stuffed animal, a back-toschool snack and school supplies, compliments of Kids Care. In addition to being National Grandparents Day, September is National Preparedness Month, so in conjunction with "Save the Children", each grandparent attending the Skating Party will receive free First-Aid-Kits!

At Isabella and Gabriella's request, Norma will also be donating a number of books to the Pantry of Broward, which provides 55-pound boxes of food supplies to seniors living on low fixed incomes and grandparents raising their children. The next delivery to grandparents will include a copy of Norma's book.

To attend the skating party, call (954) 893-8240 or e-mail miluilu@bellsouth.net by Friday, September 5th.



**Broward Workshop Donates** \$100,000 to Citizens for Broward's **Children Business Leader Group Supports Children's Services Council Reauthorization** 

The Broward Workshop, comprised of leaders of Broward County's major businesses, contributed \$100,000 to the Citizens for Broward's Children (CBC). CBC is the nonprofit organization created to support the reauthorization of the Children's Services Council of Broward County on the November ballot. The Children's Services Council was created by Broward County voters in 2000 and, for 14 years, has effectively served the children of Broward County by providing a wide variety of programs.



The Children's Services Council must be reauthorized by voters on the November 2014 ballot in order to continue operating.

"This is the single biggest issue facing our county today," said Charles Caulkins, Chairman of the Broward Workshop. "The Children's Services Council provides more than \$60 million in financial support to virtually every children's services organization in Broward County. Failure to achieve this reauthorization will impact well

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over 100,000 of our children."

Broward County voters must support the Children's Services Council through a YES vote in November in order for the organization to continue operating. "Should the Children's Services Council cease to exist," said Caulkins, "it would be impossible to recreate. The Broward Workshop and its members urge every business and individual to join them in committing to getting a YES vote in November."

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