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PROMISE FACILITATES BLANKET DONATION FROM BIMDA TO HOMELESS

BREVARD COUNTY — Homeless organizations from throughout Brevard County received a special donation last week supplied by the Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association (BIMDA) and its national organization, the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI); in collaboration with Promise, Inc.

Staff from Promise in Brevard, along with several Promise residents, hand-delivered more than 100 brand new fleece blankets Jan. 8 to the Brevard Homeless Coalition, Genesis House, Nana's House, Family Promise of Brevard and the South Brevard Sharing Center to be dispersed among their clientele. With the recent waves of cold weather, the timing could not have been better.

“This was such a great community effort from all parties, and we are thrilled to have been a part of it,” said Jeff Kiel, President/CEO of Promise, Inc. “We are excited to partner with BIMDA, as its members seem to truly understand the needs of the community and actively seek out ways to give back.”

In addition to the blankets, BIMDA presented each organization, including Promise, with a generous monetary donation.

“BIMDA feels very humble to have the opportunity to provide outreach to such amazing organizations,” said Dr. Devin Datta, Orthopedist & Spine Surgeon and Chairman/President of BIMDA. “Promise in Brevard fills such an important need in Brevard County as do all of these wonderful organizations.”

“BIMDA is truly pleased to collaborate with AAPI and its president Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda, and Promise in Brevard on this special project,” added Glad Kurian, Hon. Executive Director of BIMDA. “Philanthropy is alive and well in our community, and I am so happy that we can all make a positive contribution to our fellowmen.”

Dr. Sue Mitra, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and a longtime Board Member of BIMDA, shared the sentiments of her associates regarding BIMDA and the timely community effort.

“Having volunteered my time and leadership at BIMDA for more than 20 years, I am proud to belong to this nonprofit, physician-driven association that has served as a role model in building a strong community, bringing together all local hospitals, physician practices, doctors, dentists, and allied health professionals to raise funds for worthy charities, while also enhancing continuing medical education, scientific advancements and deeper understanding between all professionals,” Dr. Mitra said.

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About BIMDA:

BIMDA is a not-for-profit membership-based organization of 225-plus physicians and dentists serving Brevard County and East Central Florida since 1999. BIMDA is a tax-exempt 501-c-6 organization dedicated to Medical Education, Physician Leadership Development, Community Service and Philanthropy. For more information please visit www.bimda.com.

About Promise, Inc.

Established in 2009, Promise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to provide affordable, independent housing for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities utilizing public and private partnerships to develop a model community. For more information about Promise and its mission of providing opportunities for individuals with special needs, please visit www.promiseinbrevard.com.

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Jeff Kiel, CEO of Promise, Inc.; Dr. Sue Mitra, past president of BIMDA; Glad Kurian, Hon. Executive Director of BIMDA; Dr. Devin Datta; Chairman/President of BIMDA; Melissa Vandett, a Registered Clinical Social Worker Intern at Genesis House; as well as Madison Van Buskirk and Josh Howard, residents of Promise in Brevard (front); show some of the blankets that the Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association (BIMDA) donated Jan. 8 to five homeless organizations in Brevard County.