

## Community Haven Receives Humanitarian Award Grant from Lakewood Ranch Community Fund



SARASOTA, FL – **Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc.** President and CEO, Marla Doss along with teacher Carolyn Johnson and student Bryce Burns were among the honored guests at the Humanitarian Award and Grants Reception Celebration last Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Lakewood Ranch honored the agency with a grant gift to be used to support the agencies learning activities with teens with disabilities who attend the Transitions program as well as the new McKay school on the Community Haven campus.

The Lakewood Ranch Community Fund Board of Advisors always says it is their favorite day; when their hard work and resulting funds are distributed to many worthwhile programs of the areas greatest nonprofit organizations.

Through these organizations' gift of time, talent and treasure – Community Haven can continue to provide programs and services that enhance the education, growth & development of individuals with disabilities in the Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

For more information about **Community Haven** or to schedule a tour of our 32-acre campus, please contact Director of Development Bethany Higgins at (941) 355-8808 ext. 213 or email [bhiggins@communityhaven.org](mailto:bhiggins@communityhaven.org).

### About Community Haven

Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc. is a 59-year-old (established 1954), community-based human service agency which includes the Selby Preschool (VPK, Childcare, Montessori Method); the Selby School (McKay Scholarship for kindergarten and grades 9-12); Transitions Services for Teens in local high schools; Community Living (four group homes serve 33 adult residents); Haven Industries (adult day training currently serving 130+); and Community Employment Services (supported employment & employment services). Annually, 700+ children, teens and adults with physical and developmental disabilities are served. The mission of Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc. is to empower children, teens and adults with disabilities, one person at a time. This is achieved by creating solutions with specialized services/programs that change the lives of consumers enabling them to become educated, self-sufficient, responsible community members involved in all aspects of everyday life. The organization fosters and promotes equal opportunities, a better quality of life and full involvement in the community for those served.