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**OVERTOWN'S LOTUS HOUSE WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER GETS
SPRUCED UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

CFH Group Refurbishes Gardens/Provides New Roof

MIAMI (Dec. 8, 2009) – Christmas came early for the [Lotus House](#) this year. The gardens and facility at the homeless women and children's shelter in Miami's historic Overtown, one of the poorest inner-city neighborhoods in the United States, were "spruced up" just in time for the holidays thanks to the helping hands of [CFH Group](#), a Miami-based real estate development and management company.

CFH's landscaping crews worked overtime transforming the grounds by trimming the aged oak trees, planting annuals, pruning and cleaning up ahead of the New Year. The company is also providing the Shelter with a much needed new roof for its maternity wing in addition to installing a replacement hood for the kitchen so they can get an educational permit for operations for the kitchen. They are also helping the Shelter with regular building maintenance issues.

"Our gardens provide a sanctuary where women and infants most in need can find a peaceful setting," says Lotus House President, Constance Collins Margulies. "The grounds and our buildings were in much need of some tender, love, and care and we are extremely thankful to the angels at CFH Group for providing it. There were many smiles on both sides."

"This is the season to stop and reflect on our many blessings and find ways to show our gratitude by helping those less fortunate in our community. There are few things in life that are as rewarding and uplifting as lending a helping hand in times of need," says [Tomas Cabrerizo](#), CEO of CFH.

Like many charities at this time of year, the Shelter has a long wish list of needs and companies like CFH Group are rising to the challenge. “Our needs are funding, funding and more funding, as government grants and foundation funding is strapped at a time when the demands on the shelter are greater than ever,” says Collins Margulies.

The Lotus House Women’s Shelter, founded in 2006 by Constance Collins Margulies is a unique resource center and residential facility serving homeless women and infants in the heart of historic Overtown, Miami. Lotus House provides free housing and wrap around support services with access to a wide range of resources to approximately 130 women and infants annually. Lotus House seeks to empower women to improve the quality of their lives on every level to achieve greater self sufficiency and transition to permanent homes off the streets.

A privately-held corporation, [CFH Group](#) acquires under-valued, under-managed, or physically distressed apartment communities and/or commercial properties in superior locations at a competitive price. Through CFH Group’s in-house renovation program, the company remodels, re-brands and repositions the properties, maximizing the value for the assets. Affiliates of CFH Group, Paramount Depot and Paramount Nursery are major suppliers of quality building materials, plants and trees and are an essential component of the CFH properties’ upgrading process and success.

The Miami, Florida-based company also provides a turn-key approach to property management that services investors and lenders. CFH Group currently oversees the day to day operations of over 5,000 units in their residential portfolio and over one million square feet of commercial property throughout the Southeast.

For more information on how to support the Lotus House Women’s Shelter, please visit the Web site at www.lotushouseshelter.org. Donations can also be made by calling or emailing Constance Collins Margulies at 305-365-2478 or president@lotushouseshelter.org.

Lotus House

The Lotus House (www.lotushouseshelter.org) as a prototype resource center and transitional housing facility for homeless women and children in the heart of Overtown, one of the poorest inner-city neighborhoods in the United States. The Lotus House Women's Shelter provides free housing for up to one year in addition to meals, clothing and a wide range of support services and resources.

About CFH

Since its inception in 1995, CFH Group has acquired and operated over 5,000 residential units and over one million square feet of commercial property throughout the Southeast. The company also provides a turn-key approach to property management that services both investors and lenders. CFH Group is headquartered at 3850 Bird Road, 8th Floor, Miami, Florida 33146 For more information, visit www.cfhgroup.com.